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## **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **A. PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES**

CCF's project "Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children" is aimed at reducing the number of children in Belarus being institutionalized in state-administered orphanages and boarding schools. The program's goal is to prevent institutionalization in selected communities of Belarus by supporting a cultural environment conducive to at-home family care and also to move children out of institutions into less restrictive environments when prior circumstances necessitate removal from their family home. The project targets 'social orphans,' i.e., children whose parents are living, but are unable to provide proper care, or children who have been denied parental rights. The project's activities focus on working with families and social service professionals to maintain and reintegrate children within their original family units.

This component has three main objectives:

- To improve access to and further develop an integrated system of community-based prevention and rehabilitation services for families as well as institutionalized and at-risk children.
- To improve the quality of training and education available to social service providers and awareness of community members surrounding the development of favorable family environments for children.
- To provide technical assistance to the Belarus Ministry of Education (MOE) in order to strengthen the national regulatory and methodological base promoting de-institutionalization and to disseminate key learning's of the project throughout Belarus to build a foundation for replication and sustainability.

### **B. PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

This quarter was characterized by increasing community role in management, service provision and decision making. Management, coordination, and implementation of some activities like Parenting Skills Enhancement program, Health education/ Substance abuse prevention that have been introduced and managed by CCF become the responsibility of community-based institutions. It was achieved through project-oriented approaches towards services delivery. Community Advisory Boards played a leading role in this process providing a strategic vision, needs assessment and planning of new services.

Series of on-going projects implemented this past quarter provided synergetic effect in the targeted communities and led to improvements in the child protection system. Due to extensive public awareness campaigns on child abuse and neglect in the targeted communities the number of the reports and complaints about child maltreatment increased three times in comparison with the same period of the previous year. Multidisciplinary approach and improved capacity of services providers trained through CCF projects helped to conduct proper investigation and case management. Approximately 90% of all the reports were substantiated, protective measures for children provided, and rehabilitation services for parents suggested.

Multidisciplinary teams consisted of education, health, law enforcement and social work representatives continued training programs on early detection, investigation, family engagement and rehabilitation. In total **135 specialists** from Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin and Volozhin representing **92 organizations** were trained the past quarter on this subject.

Implementation of PRIDE model for foster and adoptive parents continued. Six (6) groups of prospective parents (67 people) were in the training the last quarter. Community information campaigns to recruit new resource families supplemented PRIDE projects. The number of children using alternative types care is going to exceed its annual target. So according to semi-annual PMEP in the first six months of Year 3 the number of children using alternative family type care reached 674 people (92% of its annual target). Two communities (Chausy and Zhodino) stopped putting their children into institutions (0% of new enrollement into institutions), the others has significantly decreased it.

Prevention programs such as Life Skills Education Programs in orphanages, shelters, social-pedagogical centers continued in Orsha, Zhodino and Kobrin communities. Service utilization increased significantly. According to

*"Community services to vulnerable groups" Quarterly report January-March 2008*

PMEP data the number of visits by vulnerable groups to new community-based services in the first six months reached **14, 247** (68% of its annual target). Numbers of meaningfully served children also exceed its planned semi-annual level and reached **1,354 people** (69% of the annual target).

This quarter CCF advocated for the development of the national quality standards on child protection and family type care for orphans. Series of meetings with Ministry of Education, UNICEF and other partners and stakeholders resulted in acceptance of CCF Action Plan where list of standards, resources and main actors identified. According to the agreed Plan CCF Task Group has started working on national Standard on Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect.

In summary thus far:

- **Twenty four (24)** small grants were in the process of implementation;
- **Fifteen (15)** new community-based services started within small grant scheme in 5 project sites;
- **8 new projects** for the total amount of **67,110 USD** were awarded this quarter, two of them have been registered, the others are in the process of registration;
- **217 people** took part in 13 capacity building events;
- The total number of project **direct beneficiaries** having access to prevention and rehabilitation services as well as training program for local specialists this quarter is **1, 424 people**;
- The total number **beneficiaries** reached by Information campaigns was **145, 956 people**;
- New **Call for Proposals** on Domestic Violence services is announced.

#### **CHALLENGES/ CONSTRAINTS**

- One of the constraints for successful de-institutionalization process is lack of understanding and commitment of local administrations who decide about the budget to support the development of alternative forms of family type placement (fostering, adoption, etc). In some communities number of foster parents that could be supported through local budgets is only 1.5 people while the number of orphaned children and trained prospective resource families significantly more – there is a need for advocacy on the local level in order to change priorities and increase support to family type care for orphans.
- Call for proposals for NGOs showed their lack of capacity and understanding of risk factors and NGO role in de-institutionalization process. It was revealed in the poor quality of their proposals – there is a need for a specialized training program for NGOs in order to mobilize their resources.

#### **B. LESSONS LEARNED**

- Communities with strong leadership demonstrated better results. All project assisted communities have equal opportunities for the different type of support from CCF. Nevertheless the palette of services that have been developed in every community varied and depended on the interest and enthusiasm of community specialists, their ability and desire to improve local child protection system.
- Recruitment of prospective foster and adoptive parents through information campaign needs more careful planning of follow-up to incoming calls. Frequent monitoring showed that the designated specialists lack adequate skills to answer telephone calls following public awareness and information campaigns in the communities. Proposed solutions are training on answering telephone calls and development of the written tips/ recommendations.
- Introduction of project-oriented approach and implementation of small grants became a new challenge for the state partner organizations. They require support and technical assistance from CCF-Belarus program specialists in order to maintain project quality. In order to do it CCF program specialists need training on effective coaching. Networking and regular experience exchange between certain groups of community professionals (“communities of practice”) would be a great help too.

**II. ACTIVITIES**

**OBJECTIVE 1**

*To improve access to and further develop an integrated system of community-based prevention and rehabilitation services for families as well as institutionalized and at-risk children.*

- *Seven (7) community based **prevention services** programs such as Life Skills, Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk, volunteer activity, home visiting for children with disabilities, computer course for children with disabilities, and toy library for children with disabilities were continued in project sites.*
- *Fifteen (15) new community based **prevention and rehabilitation services** were provided in 5 communities as a result of **small grants** implementation. Among them self-help groups for alcohol addicted and co-dependant relatives, information dissemination about alternative care for orphans as well as child abuse and neglect prevention, mobile toy library and respite care for children with disabilities, club activity for parents of children with disabilities, self-help groups for parents with children who have disabilities, trainings for Child protection specialists, PRIDE training program for prospective foster and adoptive parents, trainings for specialists working with victims of domestic violence, trainings on family values for evening school pupils, Parenting skills Enhancement Program and playgroups for children in Orsha.*
- *1, 424 **people** (parents, orphans and children at risk) benefited from prevention and rehabilitation services*
- *145, 956 **people** were reached through public information campaigns*
- *456 orphans and children at risk were enrolled in Life Skills training program, social apartment, sewing and carpentry workshops activity.*
- *77% of orphans reporting improvement of knowledge and skills related to Life Skills trainings.*

**Parenting Skills Enhancement Program**

Parenting Skills Enhancement program was introduced to the targeted communities in 2005-2007 by CCF specialists. Within the last two years CCF helped local communities to develop its own expertise and set of managerial skills in order to manage and delivery it independently.

*As a result:*

*Four (4) projects from Kobrin, Orsha, Chausy, Volozhin were supported this quarter to expand this program to new locations like kindergartens and schools for the total sum of \$45, 063. The projects are submitted for registration to the Department of Humanitarian Aid.*

*Eight (8) groups of parents (97 people) attended the Program this quarter*

*50 % of groups were implemented through the small grant*

<b>Activity: Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino and Orsha</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Eight groups (8) of parents (90 people) take part in Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino and Orsha.</p> <p>Participation will improve parents' competence and develop parenting skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Eight (8) groups of parents (97 people) have been working on Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino and Orsha* in schools and kindergartens) this quarter. Three (3) of them were completed.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Among them 53% (52 people) were parents from the risk group*. This program helps to integrate them into joint activities and to learn positive models of parent-children relationships.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>80 % of parents better understand the reasons of children's misbehavior and cope with it without violence; 82% of trained parents assessed themselves as "responsible parents"; 78% of parents maintained optimal emotional contacts with their children; 74% of parents started using methods of stress management and self-regulation.</i></p>

Critical notes:

\*Parenting Skills Enhancement Program dissemination in Orsha was continued within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20.

Reports about Parenting Skills Enhancement Program group activity including lists of the participants, analyses of pre-post evaluation forms are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.

Parents say:

A mother of 7 year old girl:

“... I have never really understood that it is very important to listen to the child...Every time my daughter come home she started talking about her day at school and I interrupted her with my comments about dirty shoes or unzipped coat...The classes helped me to understand that I showed low interest towards problems and interests of my daughter...Now I listen to my daughter...her stories are 2 minutes long but both of us are happy... Comments can wait for more appropriate time. ...”

A father of 7 year old girl:

“.... My daughter is very obstinate... if I shout at her she will not do anything at all... I stopped punishing her and try to give her time to think over her behavior...Once I asked her to bring the materials for the teacher... she has forgotten but told me that she did it...From my conversation with the teacher I realized it...I did not criticize her but just tell her about my feelings when someone lies and asked about hers... I came to say her good night and found her crying...She told me the true story and about her feelings...I am absolutely sure she will never ever lie me in the future...Such classes should be started earlier (probably in the kindergarten) when parents face the problem with children the first time...It will help not to prevent children misbehavior....”

Trainers say:

“... A father who had been released from the prison 2 months before participated in the training program...he has never seen his seven-year old daughter before and had no parenting experience... Attendance of this program was good start up for him for building positive relationships with his daughter... he realized that violence is not a good method of bringing up the children...he applied everything he learned in the classes at home and as the grandmother said got became very successful...”

<b>Activity: Playgroups for typical children and children at risk.</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 80 typical children and children at risk (9 groups) take part in playgroup activities.	<b>Eighty two (82)</b> children including those at risk were involved in <b>10 playgroups</b> , creative and development activities in Zhodino and Orsha* while their parents were at Parenting classes. <b>Thirty six (36 %)</b> of participating children were from risk groups, (those who are under close supervision of social services and police because of their asocial behavior, and/or removed from the family). Integration of children at risk into joint activity with their peers helps to discover their talents, practice communication skills and develop appropriate patterns of behavior.
<u>Critical notes.</u>	
* Playgroups for typical children and children at risk supplemented a Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Orsha which was continued within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20. Trainer's reports and developmental programs are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.	

A playgroup trainer says:

Angela, trainer from Zhodino: “...In my group there were several children experienced abuse and neglect in their families...During the classes children expressed their feelings, talked sincerely about the most acute needs...Roma, 7 year-old boy, was very upset as his parents often quarreled with each other...He was dreaming about joint visit to the circus or just joint walk with both father and mother...He expressed it on his picture...I showed the picture to his parents. They got very surprised as they have never even thought about it”

## Life Skills Program for orphans

<b>Activity: Life Skills Program for institutionalized children in Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Thirteen (13) orphaned children, and children at risk (150) took part in Life Skills Program in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin.</p> <p>65 % of enrolled orphaned children reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.</p> <p>Approximately 250 institutionalized children will practice life skills in social apartments, sewing and carpentry workshops in Orsha, Zhodino, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin</p>	<p>▪ <b>Eighteen (18) groups</b> of orphaned, sheltered children and children at risk (<b>216 people</b>) have completed Life Skills Program in Zhodino, Orsha*, Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin this quarter.</p> <p><b>As a result of the Life Skills course 77%</b> of teenagers learned how to define personal positive characteristics; learned about interconnection between values, decisions and behavior; master effective communication; learned about defining and achieving goals, effective decision making and particularities of gender roles; formed the attitude towards parenting; practice methods of stress management how to say ‘no’, how to criticize effectively, how to solve conflicts.</p> <p><b>Two hundred eighty six (286) institutionalized children</b> have continued life skills development classes in Zhodino, Orsha, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin using equipment purchased for these purposes. As a result children keep up sewing and carpentry sills, repaired old clothes and created new ones, practiced cooking.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes.</u></p> <p>*Self-assertiveness course for children at risk was conducted within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20</p> <p>Reports about Life Skills Program activity including lists of the participants, analyses of pre-post evaluation forms and reports of the trainers are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

### *Children say:*

#### *Sergey from Divin says:*

“... I was afraid to loose my friend and we were always late for football training... After training on self-assertion I told my friend that I don’t like his being late and I feel ashamed ... the first positive changes have been achieved... I will never be afraid of arguing other people’s opinion and saying about my feelings...”

#### *Rita from Zhodino says:*

“...I was moved to the family from the boarding school a year ago but only now I realized how lucky I am having such a mother....She always asked about my opinion and listen to what I say...The classes helped me to understand how to behave in the family, with friends and teachers... We became closer with my mum...”

#### *Rita’s Mother says:*

“...Rita and I did not understand each other before, quarreled very often...We read training handouts together at home...after classes we started listening to each and do not offend each other any longer..”

## Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention program was introduced to the targeted communities in 2006-2007 by CCF specialists. Replication of the Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program on the community level was supported within small grant scheme.

**Three (3) out of six (6)** projects submitted to CCF-Belarus for funding were supported for the total sum of **14, 147\$**. Two of the supported projects are in the process of registration in the Department of Humanitarian Aid. One project has just been registered.

<b>Activity: Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Zhodino, Volozhin and Chausy.</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Twelve (12) groups of schoolchildren (160 people) take part in Health</p>	<p>▪ <b>Twelve (12) groups of children (163 people)</b> have completed training program on Health Education and Substance Abuse</p>
<p>“Community services to vulnerable groups” Quarterly report January-March 2008</p>	

<p>Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Zhodino, Volozhin and Chausy.</p> <p>75% Schoolchildren participating in the program report improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.</p>	<p>Prevention Program in Zhodino, Volozhin and Chausy this quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As a result <b>88,1% of</b> schoolchildren participating in the program reported improvement of knowledge and skills on HIV/AIDS issues, men's and women's reproductive health, drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, about the consequences of abortion and pregnancy prevention.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Critical notes.</u> Report about the Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention program including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

### **Care and Support for disabled children and their families**

*Services for families* of children with disabilities have continued its development in Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino and Chausy. Self-help group activity, mobile toy library have been continued within small grant of Kobrin Branch of NGO BelAPDiMI supported by CCF-Belarus. Such services as toy library was highly appreciated and demanded by parents and children in Zhodino, Orsha, Chausy and Volozhin. Special computer for children with disabilities in Zhodino gives more developmental opportunities for children with special needs.

<p><b>Activity: Volunteer activity to support families with children who have disabilities</b></p>	
<p><i>Expected results</i></p>	<p><i>Actual targets achieved</i></p>
<p>Seven youth volunteer groups in targeted communities provide support for children with disabilities and their families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Seven volunteer groups</b> continued its activity in Kobrin, Orsha, Volozhin, Chausy and Zhodino.</li> <li>• <b>Eleven (11) cultural/leisure activities</b> for children with disabilities were conducted by <i>seventy nine (79) volunteers</i> from Volozhin, Chausy, Kobrin, Zhodino and Orsha schools. Disabled children (<i>121 children</i>) were active participants of such activities as Christmas plays, concerts for Mother's day, games and playing activities, theatre performances, and assistance in life skills development.</li> <li>• <b>Home visits for 2 children</b> with disabilities were organized by <i>five (5) volunteers</i> on a regular basis in Kobrin.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Critical notes.</u> Volunteer group leaders' reports are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.</p>	

<p><b>Activity: Volunteer Camp (27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> of March)</b></p>	
<p><i>Expected results</i></p>	<p><i>Actual targets achieved</i></p>
<p>At least 40 volunteers and 7 volunteer group leaders will take part in volunteer camp to exchange the experience and keep up professional skills required to work with children with disabilities.</p> <p>Volunteers will exchange experience and develop communication skills, leadership and display their talents</p>	<p><i>Forty (40) volunteers</i> and 7 volunteer group leaders from Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin participated in the Volunteer Camp activity.</p> <p>Volunteers exchanged their experience, improved communication skills, leadership ability to defend the own point of view, self-assertiveness, demonstrated positive traits of character as a result of participation in such trainings as debates, effective communication, myths and stereotypes, conflict resolutions.</p>
<p>Report about the Volunteer Camp including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request. <i>For more information, please, see Annex E</i></p>	

### **Prevention and Rehabilitation services through the small grants**

- **24 small grants** awarded in the Year 2 and 3 were in the process of implementation this quarter, 1 of them has been just started by NGO partner this quarter
- **15 prevention and rehabilitation services** introduced within small grants.
- **8 new projects** for the total amount of **67,110 USD** were selected and awarded (now in the process of registration)
- **New Call for Proposals** for development of domestic violence prevention services was announced
- **Number of beneficiaries (general public)** reached through **information campaigns is 145, 956.**
- **The total number of beneficiaries** who got access to new prevention and rehabilitation services is **411.**

Among them:

Prospective foster/adoptive parents - 67;  
 Orphans placed into foster/adoptive families - 11;  
 Parents – 46;  
 Parents of children with disabilities– 8  
 Children with special needs – 58  
 Children - 140;  
 Alcohol addicted – 28;  
 Co-dependant relatives - 53

*For more information, please, see Annex C.*

\*CCF sub-grantee's quarterly reports are available at CCF-Belarus' office upon request.

#### ***Results of small grants implementation.***

- To raise public awareness *information campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention* is going on in Volozhin, Zhodino and Kobrin. This quarter information booklets, posters on child abuse and neglect issues were published and disseminated in the communities. Audio clip was developed.

- On the average in all cities the number of individuals reporting child abuse and neglect cases **has increased three times** compared with the same period of time before the information campaign was started. Approximately 90% of all complaints about child abuse and neglect have been proved by investigation of child protection services. Children were provided with safe placement, rehabilitation plans for these families developed. *For more information, please, see Annex E.*

- *Alternative family type care has been developing through PRIDE model.* Training program for prospective foster/adoptive parent based on PRIDE methodology was continued in Chausy, Orsha, Zhodino and Volozhin communities. It helped to increase the quality of selection, preparation and recruitment of prospective foster/adoptive parents and maintain the platform for alternative care development. Training program is supplemented by campaign recruitment *information campaign on alternative care development* to inform the population of the local communities about alternative care for orphaned children. As a result 56 *prospective foster and adoptive parents* completed PRIDE training program and 11 *orphans* have already been placed into the family from boarding schools or shelters. Do we have anything to report specifically on adoption? Very few cases- still a problem...

- Children and youth at risk are one of the small grants' target groups. 65 *children* from Zhodino evening school become active participants of a *training program on family values* and got *individual counseling* on the most acute questions within NGO "Focus Group" small grant. A workshop for 9 *specialists* working with children at risk was organized to develop their practical skills on family values formation among teens.

- *Parenting Skills Enhancement Program* dissemination in Orsha was continued within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20 that partner with local schools and kindergartens and coordinate the program on the local level. As a result 46 *parents* participated in Parenting Skills Enhancement program as well as 75 *children* attended playgroups for children and self-assertiveness course for teens.

- As a result of small grant allocated to Kobrin branch of BelAPDIIMI 58 children with special needs as well as 8 parents of children with disabilities got access to such new services as respite care, mobile toy library and trainings for parents.

- 12 steps AA programs were continued in Orsha, Kobrin, Zhodino and Volozhin within small grant to NGO “Mothers against drugs”. The project is oriented at parents with drinking problem to avoid child removal from the family or to support their rehabilitation while the child is staying in the shelter. As a result 28 alcohol addicted people and 53 of co-dependant relatives participated in the program. It is a unique opportunity for the community to rehabilitate parents while children are staying in the shelter. By the decision of local authorities participation in AA program became obligatory for alcoholic parents and integral part of Family Rehabilitation plans.

### **CCF-Belarus Technical assistance**

CCF program specialists supported small grants implementation with their technical assistance, coaching through 13 M&E visits, elaboration of joint action plans for improvements, providing expertise and consultations for the development of high quality information materials. Series of consultations on project design and writing proposals were provided to guarantee the quality of received proposals.

### **CABs activity.**

Strategic planning process on de-institutionalization was started in Kobrin (28-29<sup>th</sup> of February) and Zhodino (25<sup>th</sup> of March) this quarter. CCF specialists provided its technical support to CAB members. **Twenty eight (28)** CAB members from above mentioned cities took part in the training on Strategic Planning and defined community priorities to be addressed in the sphere of deinstitutionalization as well as objectives, indicators and related action plans. The final version will be ready next quarter. It is expected to approve the strategic plan in both communities by the local Administrations.

### **OBJECTIVE 2**

***To improve the quality of training and education available to social service providers and to raise awareness of community members surrounding the development of favorable family environments for children.***

- **217 participants** took part in **13 capacity building events** (International workshops on Portage, Toy Library, PRIDE in-service; additional capacity building for CAB and trainers team working on Child protection, trainings for volunteers, etc.)
- **160 community specialists** representing **92 organizations** were trained through the small grants
- **98.6 %** (against 85% planned) of the participants reported improvements of specific knowledge and skills regarding training topic.

<b>Activity: International Workshops “Portage” (14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008)</b> (The workshop was financed through SDC-funded project )	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>

<p>At least 15 specialists from Habilitation Centers will take part in the International Workshop on Portage.</p> <p>Local service providers working with children with disabilities will get new techniques used in services provision for children with disabilities.</p>	<p><i>Eighteen (18) specialists</i> working with children with disabilities in Habilitation Centers in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin, Bykhov and Chausy were acquainted with Portage methodology.</p> <p>Irene Westerman and Jane Willis, trainers accredited by the UK National Portage Association, introduced Portage and covered such basic topics as the portage home visit and holistic assessment; helping children to learn; using clear language; planning for success; steps to learning; the importance of play.</p> <p>This is the first occasion on which the use of the basic Portage Model has been delivered in Belarus by accredited trainers, and therefore it forms a sound, quality-based professional input for ongoing development in accordance with up-to-date Portage practice reflecting the situation in Belarus.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u> Report about the workshops including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Activity: International Workshop “Toy Library” (12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008)</b> (The workshop was financed by SDC-funded project)</p>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 20 specialists from Habilitation Centers from local communities will take part in the Workshop.</p> <p>Local service providers working with children with disabilities and their parents will better understand the principles and guidelines for the Toy Library establishment.</p>	<p><i>Two-day Workshop</i> led by an international expert John Harris (UK) was organized for <i>twenty one (21) participants</i> including specialists representing Habilitation Centers from Bykhov, Orsha, Volozhin, Chausy, Zhodino as well as <i>8 (eight) parents of children with special needs</i> in order to agree the principles and guidelines for the establishment of a Toy Library.</p> <p>As a result of the Workshop 100% of participants obtained knowledge on principles of Toy Libraries establishment, its operation and administration as a part of Early Years Educational Provision, with targeted support to address specific needs of each child and each family.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u> *Report about the workshop including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<p align="center"><b>Activity: International training on alternative care development “Supporting foster parents” (PRIDE in-service program) - 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of March 2008</b></p>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 15 representatives from the targeted communities will take part in PRIDE in-service Workshop.</p> <p>Trainees will obtain knowledge on the foundation of meeting the developmental needs of children at risk, using discipline to protect, nurture and meet developmental needs of children in</p>	<p><i>Sixteen (16)</i> local community specialists implementing PRIDE training program for prospective foster and adoptive parents within small grants, local community specialists working on alternative care development as well as representatives of the higher educational institutions took part in the <b>Workshop “Supporting foster parents” (Module 1-2, PRIDE in-service program)</b>. It has opened PRIDE in-service training program consisting of 11 Modules.</p> <p>As a result 100% of the participants reported obtaining both knowledge and practical skills to support foster parents in understanding the relationship between child’s needs and behavior, to assist child needs responsibly using discipline techniques for promoting positive behavior; to assist foster parents in</p>

foster care.	understanding factors affecting self-esteem and create necessary conditions for positive self-esteem development.
<i>Planned activity for the next quarter:</i> Series of trainings on PRIDE in-service program will be continued next quarter. Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

<b>Activity: Additional capacity building for the Child Protection Trainer's team</b> (28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> of January, 2008; 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> of February, 2008).	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 13 trainers from 5 communities implementing projects on Child Protection capacity building will take part  Adapted curriculum for teaching Modules 2, 4, 6 and learning labs ("Engaging families in Child Protective Services" "Assessment in child protective services", "Case planning and family centered casework") is designed. Trainees will improve their trainer's skills and tools	<b>Sixteen (16)</b> trainers disseminating family-centered approach to child protective services among local multidisciplinary teams within small grants took part in additional capacity building workshop for the child protection trainers' team.  As a result participants developed a curriculum for the Module 2, 4, 6 and learning labs (Engaging families in Child Protective Services, Assessment and Case planning in Child Protective Services) and keep up different trainers' skills.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

<b>Activity: Additional capacity building for volunteer groups in Orsha, Zhodino and Kobrin.</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 30 participants will attend additional capacity building events.  Volunteers will develop knowledge and skills on organizing holidays for children with disabilities  Trainees will apply new knowledge and skills into their volunteer activity.	<b>Thirty two (32)</b> participants attended additional capacity building trainings for volunteers on <b>organization of leisure activities for/with children with disabilities</b> in Zhodino (25-26 <sup>th</sup> of January) and Kobrin (25-26 <sup>th</sup> of January). The participants were acquainted with particularities of organizing holidays for children with special needs, developed skills in planning the holiday, program design.  As a result 5 programs and contests were developed and showed for 93 children with disabilities and their parents.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

<b>Activity: Social Interactive Theatre (SIT) in Orsha, and Kobrin.</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 30 participants will attend additional capacity building events on Social Interactive theater and Child Protection training.  Volunteers will develop knowledge and skills on organizing Social interactive theatre performances and writing the scenario on child abuse and neglect issues.	<b>Thirty (30) schoolchildren</b> attended training on <b>SIT</b> supplemented with <b>training on child protection</b> in Orsha (22-24 <sup>th</sup> of February, 2008) and Kobrin (29 <sup>th</sup> of February - 02 <sup>nd</sup> of March, 2008).  The knowledge on types, symptoms and consequences of child abuse and neglect became the platform for development of the scenario for Social interactive theatre performance in Orsha and Kobrin schools.  The performances will be showed up in local communities next

	quarter.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

### **Training programs through small grants**

- Dissemination of *family-centered approach to child protection* services through training programs for community *multidisciplinary teams consisted of the specialists from health, education, social work and law enforcement* were started in 5 project sites. As a result **135 child protection specialists representing 92 organizations** in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin and Volozhin have been trained. To introduce the program Round tables have been conducted in each community. Community child protection organizations expressed high interest to the program and highly appreciated the content of the training.

*Irina trainee from Zhodino says:*

*“... Thanks to the trainings I understood that I need to know more to protect the child from abuse and neglect...I have never even thought about the complexity of the problem of child abuse and neglect and its influence on child’s development...”*

- To support *services development for victims of domestic violence* a training program for 25 community specialists has been conducted by NGO “Radislava”. It is a unique opportunity for local specialists to get knowledge and practical skills of services provision for domestic violence victims such as hot line counseling, individual and group counseling, self-help group activity.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

***To provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Education in Belarus in order to strengthen the national regulatory and methodological base in the area of de-institutionalization and family support and to disseminate key learning’s of the project throughout Belarus to build a foundation for replication and sustainability.***

This quarter CCF-Belarus focused its efforts on promotion of project achievements and innovative approaches on the regional and local levels through:

- Series of 3 round Tables in Orsha, Chaussy and Zhodino towns.
- National Round table on integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families was conducted on March 19<sup>th</sup>. As a result Ministry of Education made a request for national wide expansion of CCF model of community support for families with children who have disabilities. Great!
- Eleven (11) articles as well as 9 radio and 1TV broadcastings covered the results of the small grants implementation and project activity.

### **Advocacy and technical assistance to strengthen child protection system**

- Ministry of Education accepted CCF plan for the development of quality standards in child protection. Main actors, roles and responsibilities agreed. Among them are CCF, National Adoption Center and Department of social work of Ministry of Education.
- CCF Task Group started elaboration of National Standards of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases.

<b>Activity: National Round Table on integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families * (19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
The Round Table on family-centered model in services provision for families raising children with special needs will be conducted	National Round Table was organized for <i>eighteen (18) specialists</i> working with children having special needs in Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino, Bykhov, Chaussy and Vologin, representatives of Belarus Ministry of Education and National institute of Education. Specialists from Kobrin and Bykhov presented community-based family-centered model developed to support

	<p>families with children having special needs. Such elements of the model as Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, partnership between parents, specialists and children through Family File, integration of children with special needs via volunteer activity, social interactive theater were highly appreciated by the other communities and Belarus Ministry of Education.</p> <p>It was decided that holistic approach to support families with children having special needs should be disseminated on regional and national levels.</p>
<p><i>Critical note.</i> *The Round table was financed by SDC-funded project</p>	

<b>Activity: Technical Task Group activity</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 1 meeting of the Task Group will be conducted.</p> <p>The action plan for National Standard on Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect created.</p>	<p>One meeting of the Technical Task group was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2008. The final version of the <i>Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases</i> was presented and discussed with the participants.</p> <p>During the Task group meeting the standards designed by The Public Services Association of OHIO were presented and discussed. The action plan for National Standard for Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases was developed.</p>
<p><i>Critical note.</i> It is expected that the first draft of the Standard will be presented at the Task Group meeting next quarter.</p>	

### **III. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION**

#### ***• Coordination with stakeholders***

Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Country Director, and Marina Ananenko, CCF-Belarus project manager, took part in series of meeting (20<sup>th</sup> of February, 04<sup>th</sup> of March and 19<sup>th</sup> of March 2008) with Belarus Ministry of Education, UNICEF and Stockholm University aimed at elaboration of the national strategy of child protection standards development.

#### ***• Cost-share and leveraging***

SDC sponsored such *Workshops as “Portage” and “Toy Library” as well as National Round Table on integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families* organized by CCF-Belarus for community specialists working with disabled children and their families. The total cost-share with SDC for this quarter was **\$5,793. USD**

### **IV. PROJECT MANAGEMENT & STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

CCF-Belarus has held weekly project review meetings in Minsk. These meetings strengthened project management, performance, and integration leading to enhanced cooperation and communication between project staff.

CCF-Belarus carried out a *Meeting of Project Advisory Board consisted of the community coordinators and partner NGOs*, and CCF-Belarus project staff on 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. Four (4) NGOs shared their achievements and obstacles they face implementing small grants. As a result of the meeting community coordinators and NGOs developed an action plan to minimize the obstacles and get synergetic effect of different projects inn the targeted communities. The meeting helped community coordinators to understand the role and capacity of NGOs in solving community problems.

On 27-29<sup>th</sup> of February 2008 Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Country Director, took part in PRIDE International Round Table organized by Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) in Washington DC, (USA). She presented CCF-Belarus experience of PRIDE program implementation in Belarus. CCF-Belarus experience

and strategic approach towards alternative care development got high assessment from international expert community. New trends, training programs for kinship care and life skills for orphans were obtained from the colleagues from the different countries. Professional links established with counterparts from Russia, Serbia, and Poland. Opportunity for experience exchange visit to PRIDE implementers in Russia discussed.

#### **V. BUDGET**

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## DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ORPHANS IN BELARUS

### BASELINE AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

	Indicator	Definition & Unit of Measure	Community	Baseline		Planned Targets	Achieved Targets	<i>Planned Targets</i>	Achieved Targets
				Year	Value	2006	2006	<i>2007</i>	2007
	Overall project impact	<b>Prevention of institutionalization in selected communities of Belarus by supporting a cultural environment and care and removal of children out of institutions into less restrictive environments when prior circumstances near their family home.</b>							
I	Number of children using alternative care	Number of children using alternative care as a result of community based prevention and rehabilitation services initiated by the project	Zhodino	2005	335	340	561	660	658 (incl. 97 children during Year 2)
			Orsha						
			Kobrin						
			Chausy	2006	126	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin		85	n/a	n/a		
II	# of children returned to biological family	Number of children returned to biological family as a result of community based prevention and rehabilitation services initiated by the project	Zhodino	2005	125	130	101	120	126
			Orsha						
			Kobrin						
			Chausy	2006	16	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin		35	n/a	n/a		
III	Ratio of institutionalized children	Percentage of institutionalized children after being sheltered	Zhodino	2005	6% (2 of 40)	n/a	n/a	n/a	4% (2 of 50)
			Orsha		30% (25 of 84)	n/a	n/a	n/a	28% (23 of 81)
			Kobrin		22% (11 of 49)	n/a	n/a	n/a	13% (6 of 49)
			Chausy		2,3% (1 of 43)	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,4% (1 of 73)

			Volozhin	2006	16% (13 of 77)	n/a	n/a	n/a	12% (6 of 50)
1	Objective 1	<b>To improve access to and further develop an integrated system of community-based prevention and rehabilitation well as institutionalized and at-risk children</b>							
1.0.	Number of children (sex-disaggregated) that have been meaningfully served	Number of vulnerable children who received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis	Zhodino	2005	n/a	n/a	44 (25m/ 19f)	300	428 (235m/ 193f)
			Orsha	2005	n/a	n/a	30 (17m/ 13f)	250	424 (203m/ 221f)
			Kobrin	2005	n/a	n/a	97 (58m/ 39f)	250	603 (317m/ 286f)
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5 (0m/5f)
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40 (22m/ 18f)
			Other com-ties (involved through small grants)						
		<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>171</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>1500</b>	
1.1.	Number of visits of community members including families, orphans, and children at risk for new prevention and	Number of visits by target groups for new community based prevention and rehabilitation services that appeared during the period of CCF project implementation	Zhodino	2005	n/a	0	44	200	2529
			Orsha	2005	n/a	35	45	200	3899
			Kobrin	2005	33	150	191	200	3334
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	480
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4

	rehabilitation services	implementation	Other com-ties (involved through small grants)						
		<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>10246</b>
1.2.	Number of visits by children and adolescents with disabilities for new education and social services	Number of visits by children, adolescents with disabilities, including related visits by their care-takers, for new education and social services that appeared in communities during the period CCF project implementation	Zhodino	2005	n/a	0	8	200	714
			Orsha	2005	n/a	0	9	150	129
			Kobrin	2005	n/a	40	128	200	591
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	12
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	4
			Other com-ties (involved through small grants)						
		<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>40</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>1450</b>
1.3.	Number of community-based services provided in targeted communities	Number of community-based services by type provided in targeted communities	Zhodino	2005	20	20	22	27	42
			Orsha	2005	21	21	22	28	35
			Kobrin	2005	21	21	25	28	40
			Chausy	2006	20	n/a	n/a	25	24
			Volozhin	2006	20	n/a	n/a	25	22
		<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>102</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>163</b>
	Number of orphaned	Number of orphaned children	Zhodino	2005	n/a	0	0	150	251
			Orsha	2005	n/a	0	0	150	141

1.4.	children enrolled in life skills development programs.	enrolled in life skills development programs as a result of the project.	Kobrin	2005	n/a	40	12	200	220
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	n/a
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	30	40
		<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>40</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>652</b>
1.5.	% of enrolled orphaned children reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.	Percentage of participants reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.	Zhodino	2005	0	n/a	n/a	55%	92%
			Orsha	2005	0	n/a	n/a	55%	91%
			Kobrin	2005	0	n/a	n/a	55%	84%
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	55%	63%
		<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>55%</b>	<b>83%</b>	
1.6.	Community-based electronic system for better surveillance of families at risk and vulnerable children	Community-based electronic surveillance system that provides structured and valid information to specialists dealing with the issues of families at risk and vulnerable children	Zhodino	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Orsha	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Kobrin	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<b>Sub-total</b>							
	Number of community child protection organizations/	Number of community based organizations and services for families at risk, orphans and	Zhodino	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Orsha	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

1.7.	Organizations/ services integrated into the community-based electronic surveillance system	families at risk, orphans and vulnerable children, which are integrated into the community-based electronic surveillance system in their work	Kobrin	2005	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<b>Sub-total</b>							
1.8.	Number of Community Advisory Boards established in project targeted communities	Number of Community Advisory Boards established in project targeted communities. Community Advisory Boards will include variety of community stakeholders including authorities, specialists, parents and youth.	Zhodino	2005	0	1	1	1	1
			Orsha	2005	0	1	1	1	1
			Kobrin	2005	0	1	1	1	1
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
		<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
1.9.	Number of community members participated in Community Advisory Boards work	Number of community stakeholders participated in Community Advisory Boards work. Community Advisory Boards will include variety of community stakeholders including authorities, specialists, parents and youth.	Zhodino	2005	0	5	13	7	13
			Orsha	2005	0	5	9	7	14
			Kobrin	2005	0	5	8	7	8
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	10
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	15
		<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>60</b>	
2	Objective 2	<b>To improve the quality of training and education available to social service providers and awareness of community development of favorable family environments for children</b>							

2.0.	Number of both the individuals and organizations assisted by OVC project to increase their technical capacity/ability to advocate for/provide services to vulnerable children	Number of individuals and organizations assisted by OVC project that received need-based equipment and/or attended educational events that directly filled in the identified gaps and made it possible for them to apply the acquired knowledge and skills to advocate for/provide services to vulnerable children	Zhodino	2005	n/a	n/a	36 (0m/ 36f)/ 9orgs	15 people/ 12 org	66 (2m/64f)/ 22orgs
			Orsha	2005	n/a	n/a	34 (1m/ 33f)/ 13orgs	25 people/ 13 org	39 (3m/36f)/ 15orgs
			Kobrin	2005	n/a	n/a	82 (6m/ 76f)/ 12orgs	25 people/ 12 org	39 (3m/36f)/ 14orgs
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	40 people/ 10 org	41 (0m/41f)/ 11orgs
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	40 people/ 9 org	46 (3m/43f)/ 10orgs
			Other com- ties	2008	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			<b>Sub-total</b>						<b>152 / 34</b>
			Zhodino	2005	0	85%	85%	85%	100%

2.1.	Ratio of participants reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.	Percentage of participants reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.	Orsha	2005	0	85%	91%	85%	90%
			Kobrin	2005	0	85%	89%	85%	90%
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	85%	95%
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	85%	93%
			Other com-ties	2008	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
		<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>85%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>94%</b>
2.2.	Ratio of participants reporting practical use of obtained knowledge and skills in services for family and children.	Percentage of specialists – training participants reporting practical use of obtained knowledge and skills in services for family and children.	Zhodino	2005	0	n/a	n/a	70%	70%
			Orsha	2005	0	n/a	n/a	70%	72%
			Kobrin	2005	0	n/a	n/a	70%	64%
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%	66%
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%	63%
		<b>Sub-total</b>						<b>70%</b>	<b>67%</b>
2.3.	Number of community members reached through public awareness events/ actions, publications and outlets.	Estimated amount of audience of public awareness events/ publications. CCF will calculate this amount using distribution lists records, number of copies of publication distributed.	Zhodino	2005	0	n/a	6471	20000	6000
			Orsha	2005	0	n/a	473	20000	5000
			Kobrin	2005	0	n/a	177	20000	18000
			Chausy	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	3000	n/a
			Volozhin	2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	10000	n/a

			<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>7121</b>	<b>73000</b>	<b>29000</b>
3	Objective 3	<b>To provide technical assistance to the Belarus Ministry of Education (MOE) in order to strengthen the national methodological base promoting de-institutionalization and to disseminate key learning's of the project through foundation for replication and sustainability</b>							
3.1.	Number of the regulatory and methodological documents/ standards/ criteria developed.	Number of the regulatory and methodological documents/ standards/ developed by the Technical Assistance Task Group.		2005	0	n/a	1	1	<b>1</b>
3.2.	Action Plan.	Action Plan, which is elaborated and agreed with project stakeholders and partners as a common framework for incorporation of developed documents into the practice.		2005	0	n/a	1	1	<b>1</b>
3.3.	Number of stakeholders reached through project's dissemination and replication activities.	Estimated number of stakeholders reached through project's dissemination and replication activities in targeted local communities and national wide.		2005	0	25	56	100	<b>321</b>

<i>Planned Targets</i>		<i>Achieved Targets</i>
<i>2008</i>		<i>half year</i>
<b>Revenue to at-home family cessitate removal from</b>		
10	725	674
23		
15		
10		
10		
30	185	71
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30		
45		
30		
2%		0%
24%		22,4% (13 of 58)
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350	406 (243m-163f)
372	229 (109m-120f)
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220	244 (139m-105f)
175	225 (114m-111f)
250	0
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4300	3483
4500	3275
5000	1926
2500	3034
2500	2529

2200	0
21000	14247
797	814
155	56
500	240
35	105
35	61
40	0
1562	1276
44	39
37	35
46	44
31	30
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191	180
150	188
45	68



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70spec/ 17org/ 340prnts	82 (5m- 77f) spec/ 42org/ 105 (18m-87f) prnts
69spec/ 14org/ 200prnts	99 (9m- 90f) spec/ 34org/ 57 (19m-38f) prnts
68spec/ 13org/ 130prnts	33f spec/ 8org/ 137 (13m-124f) prnts
61spec/ 12org/ 140prnts	46 (3m- 43f) spec/ 12org/ 56 (8m-48f) prnts
10spec/ 10org/ 220prnts	1org
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## **Comments to PMP of OVC Project**

**Report covers time period of Half-Year 3 of the Project (October 2007-March 2008)**

### *Project Overall Impact*

#### *Indicator I. Number of children using alternative care*

Indicator I measures the number of orphans and sheltered children who use alternative care (foster families, guardianship, adoption).

In Half Year 3 sixteen children from five target communities – Zhodino-1, Orsha-4, and Kobrin-2, Chausy-5, and Volozhin-4 - who were using alternative care as a result of community-based prevention and rehabilitation services initiated by the project. The total number of those who enjoy alternative care including previous periods is 674.

#### *Indicator II. Number of children returned to biological family*

In Half Year 3 the number of children from 5 target communities who were returned to biological family as a result of community based prevention and rehabilitation services initiated by the project is 71: Zhodino-7, Orsha-17, and Kobrin-23, Chausy-17, and Volozhin-7.

#### *Indicator III. Ratio of children prevented from being institutionalized*

The indicator shows the percentage of institutionalized children after being sheltered. During Half Year 3 by targeted communities the per cent is as follows: Zhodino-0%, Orsha-22,4%, Kobrin-9,3%, Chausy-0%, and Volozhin-3,7%.

Compared with the achieved results of Year 2 the project demonstrates a certain progress here. By October 2007 the values were: Zhodino-4%, Orsha-28%, Kobrin-13%, Chausy-1,4%, and Volozhin-12%.

### **Objective 1**

*Indicator 1.0. Number of children (sex-disaggregated) that have been meaningfully served.*

#### **a) Zhodino**

In Half Year 3 due to the new services started in the community within CCF-supported project **406** children (243 boys and 163 girls) received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis. For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP.

#### **b) Orsha**

In Half Year 3 due to the new services started in the community within CCF-supported project **229** children (109 boys and 120 girls) received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis. For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP

#### **c) Kobrin**

In Half Year 3 due to the new services started in the community within CCF-supported project **250** children (128 boys and 122 girls) received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis. For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP

#### **d) Chausy**

In Half Year 3 due to the new services started in the community within CCF-supported project **244** children (139 boys and 105 girls) received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis. For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP

**e) Volozhin**

In Half Year 3 due to the new services started in the community within CCF-supported project **225** children (114 boys and 111 girls) received one or more need-based services on a regular/long-term basis. For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP

*Indicator 1.1. Number of visits by community members including families, orphans, and children at risk for new prevention and rehabilitation services.*

**a) Zhodino**

In Half Year 3 parents and children of the community enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
Playgroups		<b>424</b>	<b>3483</b>
Life Skills		<b>753</b>	
Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course		<b>676</b>	
Computer course for disabled (sensor screen and visible speech)		<b>720</b>	
Toy Library		<b>53</b>	
Ergo-therapeutic treatment for disabled		<b>4</b>	
Day care for children with disabilities		<b>8</b>	
Volunteers Activities		<b>29</b>	
Parenting Course	<b>408</b>		
Parents from PRIDE	<b>168</b>		
Self-Help Groups for alcohol-abused	<b>240</b>		

**b) Orsha**

In Half Year 3 parents and children of the community enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
Playgroups		<b>424</b>	<b>3275</b>
Life Skills		<b>1488</b>	
Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course		<b>416</b>	
Alternative forms of children care - regular visits to guest, foster families		<b>1</b>	
Toy Library		<b>16</b>	
Ergo-therapeutic treatment for disabled		<b>4</b>	
Day care for children with disabilities		<b>9</b>	
Volunteers Activities		<b>27</b>	
Parenting Course	<b>560</b>		
Parents from PRIDE	<b>80</b>		

Self-Help Groups for alcohol-abused	<b>250</b>		
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**c) Kobrin**

In Half Year 3 parents and children of the community enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
Playgroups		<b>304</b>	<b>1926</b>
Life Skills		<b>862</b>	
Toy Library		<b>44</b>	
Ergo-therapeutic treatment for disabled		<b>4</b>	
Respite care		<b>150</b>	
Day care for children with disabilities		<b>8</b>	
Volunteers Activities		<b>34</b>	
Parenting Course	<b>200</b>		
Self-Help Groups for alcohol-abused	<b>320</b>		

**d) Chausy**

In Half Year 3 parents and children of the community enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
Playgroups		<b>224</b>	<b>3034</b>
Life Skills		<b>846</b>	
Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course		<b>754</b>	
Alternative forms of children care - regular visits to guest, foster families		<b>9</b>	
Toy Library		<b>75</b>	
Day care for children with disabilities		<b>7</b>	
Volunteers Activities		<b>23</b>	
Parenting Course	<b>880</b>		
Parents from PRIDE	<b>216</b>		

**e) Volozhin**

In Half Year 3 parents and children of the community enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
Playgroups		<b>480</b>	<b>2529</b>
Life Skills		<b>850</b>	
Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course		<b>689</b>	
Alternative forms of children care - regular visits to guest, foster families		<b>1</b>	
Toy Library		<b>34</b>	
Day care for children with disabilities		<b>7</b>	
Volunteers Activities		<b>20</b>	
Parenting Course	<b>376</b>		
Parents from PRIDE	<b>72</b>		

*Indicator 1.2. Number of visits by children and adolescents with disabilities for new educational and social services.*

**a) Zhodino**

In Half Year 3 children and adolescents with disabilities in the community enjoyed the following new educational and social services that appeared during the period CCF project implementation:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
Computer course for disabled	720	<b>814</b>
Toy Library - regular use special set of toys for disabled	53	
Special ergo-therapeutic treatment	4	
Day care for children with disabilities	8	
Volunteer Activities for children with disabilities	29	

**b) Orsha**

In Half Year 3 children and adolescents with disabilities in the community enjoyed the following new educational and social services that appeared during the period CCF project implementation:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
Toy Library - regular use special set of toys for disabled	16	<b>56</b>
Special ergo-therapeutic treatment	4	
Day care for children with disabilities	9	
Volunteer Activities for children with disabilities	27	

**c) Kobrin**

In Half Year 3 children and adolescents with disabilities in the community enjoyed the following new educational and social services that appeared during the period CCF project implementation:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
Toy Library - regular use special set of toys for disabled	44	<b>240</b>
Special ergo-therapeutic treatment	4	
Respite care	150	
Day care for children with disabilities	8	
Volunteer Activities for children with disabilities	34	

**d) Chausy**

In Half Year 3 children and adolescents with disabilities in the community enjoyed the following new educational and social services that appeared during the period CCF project implementation:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
Toy Library - regular use special set of toys for disabled	75	<b>105</b>
Day care for children with disabilities	7	
Volunteer Activities for children with disabilities	23	

**d) Volozhin**

In Half Year 3 children and adolescents with disabilities in the community enjoyed the following new educational and social services that appeared during the period CCF project implementation:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
Toy Library - regular use special set of toys for disabled	34	<b>61</b>
Day care for children with disabilities	7	
Volunteer Activities for children with disabilities	20	

*Indicator 1.3. Number of community-based services provided in targeted communities.*

**a) Zhodino**

Current value of the indicator is **39** types of services. For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**b) Orsha**

Current value of the indicator is **35** types of services. For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**c) Kobrin**

Current value of the indicator is **44** types of services. For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**d) Chausy**

Current value of the indicator is **30** types of services. For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**e) Volozhin**

Current value of the indicator is **32** types of services. For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

*Indicator 1.4. Number of orphaned children enrolled in life skills development programs.*

**a) Zhodino**

Current value of the indicator is **188** children. The program is implemented in two groups. In addition to that 21 children develop practical skills in a social apartment equipped at Social Pedagogical Center by CCF, and 152 children - in special classes at the boarding school.

**b) Orsha**

Current value of the indicator is **68** children. The program is implemented in three groups of children. One group has finished the course.

32 kids from the shelter develop practical life skills in a social apartment equipped at Social Pedagogical Center by CCF.

**c) Kobrin**

Current value of the indicator is **146** children. The program is implemented in three groups of children at Divin Boarding School and for children at Borisovka shelter. Two groups finished the course. 110 kids from Divin Boarding School develop practical skills in a social apartment. 32 kids from the shelter develop practical life skills using sewing and washing machines and social apartment.

**d) Chausy**

Current value of the indicator is **67** children. The program is implemented in three groups of children, two of them function at the boarding school.

26 kids from the shelter develop practical life skills in a social apartment equipped at Social Pedagogical Center.

**e) Volozhin**

Current value of the indicator is **70** children. The program is implemented in four groups of children at the boarding school, two groups have finished the course.

30 kids from the shelter develop practical life skills in a social apartment equipped at Social Pedagogical Center, and 20 children – in a social apartment at the boarding school.

*Indicator 1.5. Ratio of enrolled orphaned children reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.*

The improvement of specific knowledge and skills of the orphaned children demonstrates the **average** value of **81%**.

Percentage of participants reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills is 86% in Zhodino, 77% in Orsha, 82% in Kobrin, 78% in Chausy, 83% in Volozhin.

*Indicator 1.6.*

*Community-based electronic system for better surveillance of families at risk and vulnerable children*

Currently three out of 5 targeted communities have their projects aimed at development and start-up of community-based electronic system for better surveillance of families at risk and vulnerable children supported by OVC Project and approved at the National Department of Humanitarian Activities. Unfortunately, the registration procedure took longer than expected, and the implementation of the projects is only at the preparatory phase so far.

So the reached value of the Indicator is **0**.

*Indicator 1.7.*

*Number of community child protection organizations/ services integrated into the community-based electronic surveillance system.*

Due to the situation described for Indicator 1.6. the value of Indicator 1.7. is also **0** so far.

*Indicator 1.8.*

*Number of Community Advisory Boards established in project targeted communities.*

This indicator was reached in Year 1 and corresponds to the target. **One** Community Advisory Board is established **in each** of the five targeted communities.

*Indicator 1.9.*

*Number of community members participated in Community Advisory Boards work.*

The number of the participants of Community Advisory Boards is **13** in Zhodino, **14** in Orsha, **8** in Kobrin, **10** in Chausy, **15** in Volozhin. While the CABs are going through their institutional development, discussions among their members are under way to optimize the membership. It can happen in Year 3, though currently the CABs are the same and include the variety of communities' stakeholders representing:

- in Zhodino:
  - Local Administration/Deputy Head of the Local Authority
  - The Head of the Department of Education
  - Police Juvenile Inspection
  - Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - Child Protection Specialists
  - Director of the Social and Pedagogical Center
  - Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - NGOs
  - Mass Media
  - Church
  - Health Care
  - Representative of Industrial Factory

- in Orsha:
  - o Department of Education
  - o Social Pedagogical Center
  - o Habilitation Center for Disabled Children
  - o Police Juvenile Inspection
  - o Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - o Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - o Health Care
  - o School
  - o NGO
  
- in Kobrin:
  - o Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - o Department of Education
  - o Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - o Health Care
  - o NGO
  - o School Volunteers Group
  - o Local Press
  - o School
  
- in Chausy:
  - o Department of Education
  - o Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - o Health Care
  - o Child Protection Specialist
  - o Social Pedagogical Center
  - o Habilitation Center for Disabled Children
  - o Boarding school
  - o School
  - o Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - o NGO
  
- in Volozhin:
  - o Child Protection Specialist
  - o Health Care
  - o Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - o Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - o Social Pedagogical Center
  - o Habilitation Center for Disabled Children
  - o Boarding school
  - o School
  - o Department of Education
  - o NGOs
  - o Mass Media
  - o Technical school

## Objective 2

*Indicator 2.0.*

*Number of both the individuals and organizations assisted by OVC project to increase their technical capacity/ability to advocate for/provide services to vulnerable children*

In Half Year 3 the additional groups of local specialists and parents were trained in the topics identified in the communities as most important to fill in the gaps in dealing with the issues that cause risky situations for children if not properly handled.

The topics/areas of special attention are as follows: Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, PRIDE course dealing with the issues of alternative care for children, Child Protection, Imitation for Disabled with Communication Disorders, Holistic Assessment for Specialists Working with Disabled, Volunteer Management, Proposal Writing, Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects, as well as Strategic Planning Workshops for Zhodino and Kobrin.

Organizations were assisted by CCF through trainings and grants.

By communities, the following number of people was trained and the following number of organizations was reinforced:

- Zhodino – 95 specialists, 38 organizations, 96 parents
- Orsha - 82 specialists, 42 organizations, 105 parents
- Kobrin - 99 specialists, 34 organizations, 57 parents
- Chausy - 33 specialists, 8 organizations, 137 parents
- Volozhin – 46 specialists, 12 organizations, 56 parents

For detailed data see Sheet “Indicators 1.0. and 2.0. detailed” of PMP

*Indicator 2.1.*

*Ratio of participants reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.*

<b>Location</b>	<b># pars</b>	<b># pars reporting improved knowledge and skills</b>	<b>% pars reporting improved knowledge and skills</b>
<b>Zhodino</b>			
	54	51	<b>94%</b>
<b>Orsha</b>			
	41	40	<b>98%</b>
<b>Kobrin</b>			
	57	57	<b>100%</b>
<b>Chausy</b>			
	31	31	<b>100%</b>
<b>Volozhin</b>			
	31	31	<b>100%</b>

The information in the table is given for those specialists who have finished training courses. There are more specialists who are currently going through the training course in Child protection and in Portage.

*Indicator 2.2.*

*Ratio of participants reporting practical use of obtained knowledge and skills in services for family and children.*

<b>Location</b>	<b># pars</b>	<b># pars reporting practical use of obtained knowledge and skills</b>	<b>% pars reporting practical use of obtained knowledge and skills</b>
<b>Zhodino</b>			
	51	37	<b>73%</b>
<b>Orsha</b>			
	40	36	<b>91%</b>
<b>Kobrin</b>			
	57	54	<b>94%</b>
<b>Chausy</b>			
	31	22	<b>84%</b>
<b>Volozhin</b>			
	31	21	<b>84%</b>

*Indicator 2.3.*

*Number of community members reached through public awareness events/actions, publications and outlets.*

The following coverage of community members was reached in the reported half-year period:

### **Zhodino**

1 presentation at the round table at a public school	20
1 talk on the radio station of the factory <i>Svitanok</i>	2,000
8 presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	970
1 presentation at the seminar for deputy directors of public schools	21
1 talk the radio of the town of Zhodino	16,000
2 articles in the local newspaper <i>Zhodinskie Vesti</i>	7,000
6 presentations before at the local enterprises and in public institutions	136
Presentation during an information meeting at the city council	53
Distribution of posters and information leaflets	12,440
<b>total</b>	<b>38,640</b> (60% of population total)
Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods	28

### **Orsha**

Press-conference on the start on the public awareness campaign	15
Special event to promote successful experience of adoptive parents	400
3 articles in the local newspaper <i>Arshanskaya Gazeta</i>	8,935
Round table for child protection specialties	20
Distribution of posters and information leaflets	25,500
Total:	34,870 (25% of population total)
Numbers of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	<b>61</b>

### **Kobrin**

1 special event "My Voice Against Child Abuse and Neglect" at a public school	134
2 talks on the local radio	22,208
A series of special events in 9 public schools and 11 preschool institutions (parents, school administration, teachers)	5,460
Presentation at a parents' meeting	90
2 articles in the local newspaper <i>Kobrynski Vestnik</i>	6,885
Round table at the city council on child neglect and abuse	21
Distribution of posters and information leaflets	14,027
<i>total</i>	<b>48,825 (55% of population total)</b>
Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods	<b>60</b>

### **Chausy**

3 articles in the local newspaper <i>Iskra</i>	2,626
Dissemination of information cards about institutionalized children who need to be placed in alternative care (among workers of local enterprises)	1,318
3 public presentations at the local enterprises	270
1 special event for foster parents	135
4 talks on the local radio	2,000
Information presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	1,448
Distribution of posters and information leaflets	2,800
<i>total</i>	<b>9,599</b> (40% of population total)
Numbers of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	<b>80</b>

### **Volozhin**

1 round table for specialists of education institutions	22
1 round table for specialists of child protection services	12
13 presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	1,496
Special events in public schools for parents and children in public schools and public intuitions	7,022
Distribution of posters and information leaflets	5,470
<i>total</i>	<b>14,022</b> (33.5 % of population total)
Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods	<b>50</b>

### **Objective 3**

#### *Indicator 3.1.*

*Number of regulatory and methodological documents/ standards/ criteria developed;*

The value for this indicator in **0** for the reported half year but the Task Group is in the process of developing standards for the Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases which was developed in Year 2.

#### *Indicator 3.2.*

*Action Plan as a common framework for incorporation of developed documents into practice is available.*

The Indicator is reached in Year 1 and is valid through the time span of the Project. The **Action Plan** is developed and it describes the steps and timeframe for the creation of necessary legal child protection documents.

#### *Indicator 3.3.*

*Number of stakeholders reached through project's dissemination and replication activities.*

In the reported half-year 11 events were held with the aim to disseminate and replicate the Project's activities. They were Round Tables on various levels where issues of violence, cooperation, and handicapped children's specifics were under discussion.

**272** people took part in these dissemination and replication events.

o **ACTIVE MICRO-GRANTS contracted in 2007-2008:**

**I. Chausy community:**

- Educational Department of Chausy executive committee :
  1. “Education of future foster parents on PRIDE program”,
  2. “Prevention of social orphanage through introduction of family-centered approach to institutions of child protection system”,
  3. “Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational record system”);
- Chausy Social-pedagogic center;
  4. “Information campaign on alternative forms of child care development”

**II. Zhodino community:**

- Social-pedagogic center of Zhodino
  5. “Education course for future foster parents”
  6. “Childhood without violence”
- Educational department of Zhodino Executive committee:
  7. “Zhodino Social Network”,
  8. “Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills”
- NGO “Focus Group”
  9. “Future Without Violence and Abuse”

**III. Volozhin community:**

- Social-pedagogic center of Volozhin region:
  10. “A family to every child”,
  11. “Let's say "no" to child abuse”
  12. “Introduction of social orphanage prevention services to the work of child protection system”.

**IV. Kobrin community:**

- Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population
  13. “Children against violence”
- Kobrin Habilitation Center :
  14. “Family-centered approach in child protection system”);
- Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth
  15. “Family Support Center – 2”);

**V. Orsha community:**

- Social-pedagogic center of Orsha:
  16. “Education program for candidates to foster parents”,
  17. “Informational campaign on alternative care for orphans”
  18. “Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills”.
- Orsha School #20
  19. “Development of preventive services to strengthen family capacity and to prevent child abuse and neglect”);
- Educational department of Orsha executive committee
  20. “Creation of network database on child protection in Orsha”);

**VI. Projects implemented in more than one community:**

- Public Union "Radislava"
  21. “Support Service as a form of counteraction to child and women violence”);

- National NGO "Mothers against Drugs"  
22. "A Way to Recovery -2");

#### VII. Innovative projects:

- Belarusian Children's Hospice:  
23. "Upbringing of a «special» child in a family”);

#### VIII. Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention

- Smorgon regional youth creativity center:  
24. "We choose health”.

#### ○ LIST OF GRANTS ON REGISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION), subcontracts 2008.

Organization Name	Project name	Contract signed	Amount \$	Transfer date	Start of registration
<i>Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program</i>					
Kobrin School #9	Our choice is health	12.02.2008	\$4990,00	15.02.2008	February 2008
Chausy School #1	I am healthy – the country is healthy	26.02.2008	\$4998,00	26.02.2008	February 2008
<i>Parenting Skills Enhancement Program</i>					
Kobrin School #3	My family	07.03.2008	\$16 440,00	10.03.2008	March 2008
Chausy School #1	Children and parents	06.03.2008	\$6 900,00	07.03.2008	March 2008
Volozhin school #1	We are together	29.02.2008	\$9 996,00	05.03.2008	March 2008
Orsha School #20	Children and parents - a way to each other	26.03.2008	\$12 000,00	04.04.2008	April 2008
<i>Innovative projects</i>					
NGO Belarusian public union of riding and ippotherapy	Lucky horseshoe	24.03.2008	\$9 900,00	24.03.2008	April 2008
NGO BelAPDIIMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	Family for every child	19.03.2008	\$9 994,00	19.03.2008	March 2008

## o ACTIVE MICRO-GRANTS contracted in 2007-2008:

## I. Chausy community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Chausy executive committee	<b>Education of future foster parents on PRIDE program</b>	26.06.2007 - 26.06.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to increase opportunity for family type care for orphaned children in Chausy and Chausy region through introduction of PRIDE program</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recruitment and pre- service training for prospective foster and adoptive families on PRIDE program</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Prospective foster parents, completed PRIDE program	24
	Prospective adoptive parents, completed PRIDE program	3
	Orphans placed into foster care	8
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	1
	<b>total</b>	<b>36</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Chausy	<b>Information campaign on alternative forms of child care development</b>	27.06.2007 - 27.06.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to improve recruitment of new foster and adoptive families through information campaign In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets and poster on the topic, held public awareness activities</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (articles, public presentations, radio talks, special events) on foster care and adoption development in the town of Chausy and Chausy district</li> </ul>	
<i>Direct beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Population reached by public awareness activities:</b>	
	3 articles in the local newspaper <i>Iskra</i>	2626
	Dissemination of information cards about institutionalized children who need to be placed in alternative care (among workers of local enterprises)	1318
	3 public presentations at the local enterprises	270
	1 special event for foster parents	135
	4 talks on the local radio	2000
	Information presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	1448
	Distribution of posters and information leaflets	2800
<b>total</b>	<b>9599</b> (40% of population total)	

	Numbers of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	<b>80</b>
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<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educative department of Chaussy Executive committee	<b>Prevention of social orphanage through introduction of family-centered approach in child protection system.</b>	20.02.2008 – 20.02.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen child protection system in Chaussy region through capacity building of multidisciplinary teams of the specialists . Introduced training program covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduces to the community	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Multidisciplinary team members working in child protection system	<b>38</b>
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> As less then 2 months of project has passed, the results will be reported next period		

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Caussy executive committee	<b>Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational and referral e- system</b>	26.03.2008 – 26.03.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Chaussy through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> As less then 2 months of project has passed, the results will be reported next period		

## II. Zhodino community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Zhodino Social-pedagogic center	<b>Education course for future foster parents</b>	06.08.07 - 06.06.08
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to increase opportunity for family type care for orphaned children in Zhodino through introduction of PRIDE model	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public awareness activities on foster care and adoption (publications in local newspapers, information actions on local enterprises, presentations on the local radio, dissemination of children’s information cards)</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Population reached by public awareness activities:</b>	
	Prospective foster and adoptive parents, completed PRIDE program	10
	Prospective foster parents, completed half of PRIDE program	11
	<b>total</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Reached through an article in local newspaper “Zhodzinskiya Naviny”	3 896
	Reached through an article in local newspaper “Zhodinskie Vesti”	3100
	Reached through an article in local newspaper “Novosti BelAZa”	2700

	Reached through information actions on 9 local enterprises	912
	Reached through 2 presentations the local radio on 2 local enterprises	12000
	Reached through dissemination of information cards about institutionalized children who need to be placed in alternative care (among workers of local enterprises)	500
	<b>total</b>	<b>23108</b> <b>(36% of population total)</b>
<b>OUTPUTS:</b>	Individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care.	<b>21</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Zhodino	<b>Childhood without violence</b>	06.08.2007 - 06.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect and inform Zhodino citizens about the services of child protection institutions. In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets, audio reel and poster on the problem, held public awareness activities to educate community</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (public presentations, radio programs, special events, articles in the local newspapers, etc.) on child abuse and neglect prevention.</li> </ul>	
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Population reached by public awareness activities:</b>	
	1 presentation at the round table at a public school	20
	1 talk on the radio station of the factory <i>Svitanok</i>	2000
	8 presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	970
	1 presentation at the seminar for deputy directors of public schools	21
	1 talk the radio of the town of Zhodino	16000
	2 articles in the local newspaper <i>Zhodinskie Vesti</i>	7000
	6 presentations before at the local enterprises and in public institutions	136
	Presentation during an information meeting at the city council	53
	Distribution of posters and information leaflets	12440
	<b>total</b>	<b>38640</b> <b>(60% of population total)</b>
	Number of individuals who reported local child protection agency about child abuse and neglect	<b>28</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Zhodino executive committee	<b>Zhodino Social Network</b>	13.12.2007 - 13.12.2008

<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of Zhodino child protection organizations through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> Purchase of equipment is in process	

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Zhodino	<b><i>Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills</i></b>	06.12.2007 - 06.12.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The project is focused on strengthening multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local child protection specialists A training program which covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduces to the community	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	<b><i>Direct beneficiaries</i></b>	
	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	<b>40</b>
	<b><i>Indirect beneficiaries reached through Round table :</i></b>	27
	An article in local newspaper "Zhodinskiya naviny"	7321
	<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>7388</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Focus Group"	<b><i>Future Without Violence and Abuse</i></b>	12.06.2007 - 12.06.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is prevention of child abuse and neglect, creation of favorable environment for children's and youth's development through trainings for youth and specialists, psychological counseling provision as well as development of informational materials for them At the end of the project apart from the services established accumulated experience and developed methodology will be spread out among other specialists working on child abuse and neglect prevention in Zhodino.	
<i>Services established by present time and outputs:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A training room for project activities was equipped</li> <li>▪ Trainings for young people on parenting skills development on 2 topics were implemented</li> <li>▪ Ongoing psychological counseling for young people is being implemented</li> <li>▪ 2 Information articles were published on the web-page</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	pupils (15-19 y.o.) of the Zhodino evening school	<b>65</b>

### III. Volozhin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Volozhin region Social-pedagogic center	<b><i>A family for every child</i></b>	22.08.2007 - 22.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to increase opportunity for family type care for orphaned children in Volozhyn town and district through introduction of PRIDE model The project activities will be supported by implementation of public awareness campaign on foster care and adoption (creation of audio reel, posters, public awareness activities)	

<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PRIDE training for prospective foster and adoptive families</li> <li>▪ Public awareness activities on foster care and adoption (school meetings for parents, an article in a regional newspaper)</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Prospective foster and adoptive parents, completed PRIDE program	8
	Prospective adoptive parents, completed PRIDE program	1
	Orphans placed into foster care	1
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	0
	<b>total</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Reached through 1 article in a regional newspaper "Minskaya Pravda"	500
	Reached through 2 information actions on school meetings for parents	864
	Reached through Education and Methodic Association	42
	Dissemination of posters	5470
	<b>total</b>	<b>6876 (16.3% of population total)</b>
	Individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care.	<b>30</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Volozhin region	<b><i>Let's say "no" to child abuse</i></b>	22.08.2007 - 22.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p>The goal of the project is to raise awareness about danger of child abuse and neglect and inform Volozhin citizens about the child protection services available in the town</p> <p>In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets, audio reel and poster on the problem, held public awareness and educational activities,</p>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (public presentations, radio programs, special events, articles in the local newspapers, etc.) on child abuse and neglect prevention.</li> </ul>	
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b><i>Population reached by public awareness activities:</i></b>	
	1 round table for specialists of education institutions	22
	1 round table for specialists of child protection services	12
	13 presentations at parents' meetings in public schools	1496
	Special events in public schools for parents and children in public schools and public intuitions	7022
	Distribution of posters and information leaflets	5,470
	<b>total</b>	<b>14022</b> (33.5 % of population total)
	Number of individuals who reported local child protection agency about child abuse and neglect	<b>50</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Vologin	<b><i>Introduction of social orphanage prevention services to child protection system</i></b>	02.11.2007 - 02.11.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local child protection specialists. A training program which covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduced to the community.</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training program for child protection specialists</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b><i>Direct beneficiaries</i></b>	
	Child protection specialists	15
	<b><i>Indirect beneficiaries</i></b>	
	Round table	20
	<b><i>total</i></b>	<b>35</b>

#### IV. Kobrin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population	<b><i>Children against violence</i></b>	10.09.2007 - 10.07.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect, to inform the population about child protection services available in Kobrin town. Within the project it is planned to create leaflets, posters on the problem, family consultation, thematic telephone consultations on child abuse and neglect problem.</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (public presentations, radio programs, special events, articles in the local newspapers, etc.) on child abuse and neglect prevention.</li> </ul>	
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b><i>Population reached by public awareness activities:</i></b>	
	1 special event "My Voice Against Child Abuse and Neglect" at a public school	134
	2 talks on the local radio	22208
	A series of special events in 9 public schools and 11 preschool institutions (parents, school administration, teachers)	5460
	Presentation at a parents' meeting	90
	2 articles in the local newspaper <i>Kobrynski Vestnik</i>	6885
	Round table at the city council on child neglect and abuse	21
	Distribution of posters and information leaflets	14,027

	<i>total</i>	<b>48825</b> <i>(55% of population total)</i>
	Number of individuals who reported local child protection agency about child abuse and neglect	<b>60</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Habilitation Center for Disabled Children	<b><i>Family-centered approach in child protection system</i></b>	12.12.2007 - 12.10. 2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p><i>The goal of the project is to strengthen child protection system in Kobrin region. The project will strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local specialists involved in child protection through implementation of training program. The training program covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduces to the community</i></p>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b><i>Direct beneficiaries</i></b>	
	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	<b>40</b>
	<b><i>Indirect beneficiaries</i></b>	
	Round table	29
	An article in local newspaper 'Kobrin INFORM'	6000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6069</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth"	<b><i>Family Support Center - 2</i></b>	26.12.2007 - 26.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p><i>The goal of the project is to prevent social orphan hood and institutionalization of disabled children through strengthening family capacity and coping skills, increasing community support and acceptance of disabled children</i></p> <p><i>Within the project it is expected to carry out joint activities of disabled children and their parents, to improve excess to services for disabled children in the region through mobile toy-library and home-based service provision, to involvement of disabled children who are not attending Rehabilitation center or graduated from the institution , to raise awareness through information dissemination about the project results.</i></p>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joint activities of disabled children and their parents</li> <li>▪ Computer courses for disabled children;</li> <li>▪ Respite care for children with disabilities or children graduated from the institution</li> <li>▪ Mobile toy-library</li> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (article in local newspaper Kobrin Vestnik, report on local TV).</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of indirect beneficiaries:</i>	Reached through public awareness activities (article in local newspaper Kobrin Vestnik, report on local TV)	<b>20000</b>
<i>Number of direct beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Parents of disabled children participated in joined workgroups	8
	Disabled children using Respite care, computer classes and joined activities with parents	14
	Disabled children using mobile toy-library services	44

	<i>total</i>	<b>66</b>
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**V. Orsha community:**

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha Social-pedagogic center	<b>Educative program for candidates to foster parents</b>	04.10.07 - 04.07.08
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to increase opportunity for family type care for orphaned children in Orsha through introduction of PRIDE model	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PRIDE training for prospective foster and adoptive families</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Prospective foster parents, completed PRIDE program	10
	Orphans placed into foster care	1
	<i>total</i>	<b>11</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Orsha	<b>Informational campaign on family type care for orphans</b>	04.10.2007 - 04.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to educate the community about importance of family type care for orphans and promote recruitment of prospective resource families Within the project it is planned to create video clip, develop and disseminate leaflets and posters on alternative family type care for orphaned children.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Information dissemination on foster care and adoption (articles, public presentations, radio talks, video clip, special events)</li> </ul>	
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Population reached by public awareness activities:</b>	
	Press-conference about the start up of the public awareness campaign	15
	Special event to promote successful experience of adoptive parents	400
	3 articles in the local newspaper <i>Arshanskaya Gazeta</i>	8935
	Round table for child protection specialties	20
	Distribution of posters and information leaflets	25500
	Total:	34870 (25% of population total)
	Numbers of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	<b>61</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha School #20	<b>Development of preventive services to strengthen family capacity and to prevent child abuse and neglect</b>	04.10.2007 - 04.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is prevention of child abuse and neglect, creation of favorable environment for strengthening family capacity through implementation of programs for the risk group families	

	It is planned to strengthen the risk families' capacity by means of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program implementation in kindergartens #1, 3 and joined activities such as thematic photo-exhibition and actions for the families, who completed this program. Within the project framework it is expected to raise public awareness towards the problem of child abuse and neglect through conduction of public events, thematic leaflets, round tables.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parenting skills enhancement program</li> <li>▪ Playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk</li> <li>▪ Public awareness activities on prevention of child abuse and neglect on working places for the workers of local enterprises</li> </ul>	
	<b>Direct beneficiaries</b>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Parents, participating in parenting skills enhancement program	46
	Children, participating in playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk	29
	Self assertiveness course for teenagers	46
	<b>Indirect beneficiaries</b>	
	Parents meetings	25
	Booklets dissemination	500
	SIT performances	40
	Round table	30
	<i>total</i>	<b>716</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Orsha	<b><i>Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills</i></b>	19.10.2007 г. - 19.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local child protection specialists A training program which covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduces to the community</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training program for child protection specialists</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Direct beneficiaries</b>	
	Child protection specialists	40
	<b>Indirect beneficiaries reached through</b>	
	Round table	18
	Meeting in the local Department of Education	63
	An article in local newspaper "Arshanskaya gazeta"	8196

	<b>total</b>	<b>8317</b>
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<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Orsha executive committee	<b>Creation of network database on child protection in Orsha</b>	26.10.2007 - 26.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Orsha through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
<b>OUTPUTS:</b>		
Purchase of equipment is in process		

#### VI. Projects implemented in more than one community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Radislava"	<b>Community Services to combat domestic violence</b>	27.08.2007 - 27.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p>The goal of the project is to facilitate service development for victims of domestic violence through training program for specialists from Kobrin, Zhodino, Orsha, Volozhin and Chausy.</p> <p>Project <b>objectives are:</b> Training of the staff working with victims of domestic violence, development of information materials, and web-site on the problem of domestic violence, issuing information bulletins on project implementation, and a Manual on services provision for domestic violence victims.</p>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, Chausy, Volozhin	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training program for the specialists of Territorial Centers of Social Support of Population and Social-pedagogic centers on creation and work of Support Service as a form of assistance for victims of domestic violence</li> <li>▪ Public awareness activities (TV and radio programs, thematic articles, Information leaflets) on Support service as a form of assistance for women and children suffered from violence</li> </ul>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Specialists of Territorial Centers of Social Support of Population and Social-pedagogic centers participated in 4 trainings	<b>25</b>
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	<b>Population reached by public awareness activities:</b>	
	articles in local newspapers	5149
	talks on local radio	15440
	Dissemination of Information leaflets on the problem and Support Service availability in the communities	3559
	Reached through TV program	24000
	Thematic information actions on local enterprises, Total number of indirect beneficiaries :	<b>373</b> <b>48 148</b>

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
National NGO "Mothers against Drugs"	<b>"A Way to Recovery - 2"</b>	19.10.2007 - 19.10.2008

<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to decrease institutionalization risk of children through involvement of alcohol addicted to 12- step program Within the project self-support groups for alcohol-addicted and their co-dependant relatives, individual consultations, methodological support to the groups leaders will be provided.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuation of Self-help groups for alcohol addicted in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin communities and creation of new groups in Volozhin;</li> <li>▪ Continuation of Self-help groups for co-dependant relatives in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin communities and creation of new groups in Volozhin;</li> <li>▪ Creation of video and library for methodological support of the groups;</li> <li>▪ Psychological counseling for addicted persona and their relatives;</li> <li>▪ Hot-line consultations for alcohol addicted and co-dependant ;</li> <li>▪ Interventions to families with high risk of losing their children due to child abuse and neglect .</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, Volozhin	
<i>Number of direct beneficiaries:</i>	3 self-help groups for alcohol addicted	28
	3 self-help groups for co-dependant relatives	53

#### VII. Innovative projects

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Belarusian Children's Hospice	<b><i>Upbringing of a «special» child in a family</i></b>	01.04.2008 - 01.01.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the innovative project to develop empathy, attachment and improve social adaptation of young parents who have children with disabilities through provision of medical, psychological and social support.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk, Pinsk	
<b><i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i></b>	Families with disabled children	<b>46</b>
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> As the project has been just registered the results will be reported next period		

#### VIII. Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention programs

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Smorgon regional creativity center for youth	<b><i>We choose health</i></b>	01.04.2008 - 01.01.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project: to inform schoolchildren in Smorgon about healthy life style , reproductive health, drug abuse prevention , through training actviity	
<b><i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i></b>	Schoolchildren	<b>350</b>
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> As the project has been just registered the results will be reported next period		



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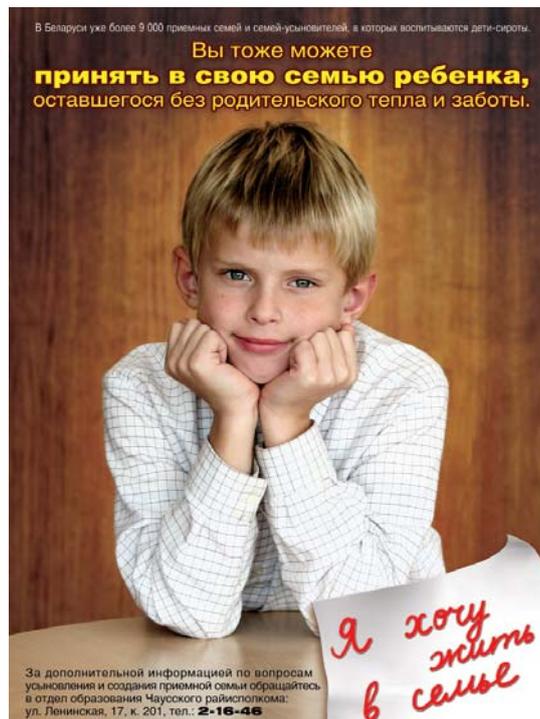
## CCF-Belarus supports public awareness campaigns on alternative care development and child abuse and neglect prevention

CCF-Belarus supports public awareness campaigns on alternative care development and child abuse and neglect prevention in the five target communities within the *Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children* project. The campaigns are being implemented by the local child protection services, with financial support, training and consultative assistance provided by CCF.

The campaigns on child abuse and neglect are being conducted in the communities of Kobrin, Zhodino and Volozhin, and aim to raise public awareness about the issue of child abuse and neglect, and to encourage citizens to report cases of child abuse and neglect to the child protection services. The objective of the campaigns on alternative care development in Chausy, Orsha, Zhodino, and Volozhin is to raise motivation of citizens to adopt orphaned children or to consider foster care.

Both campaigns use a wide variety of information tools and methods, including brochures and posters, promotional spots on local TV and radio, articles in newspapers, interviews on the radio, presentations at local enterprises, and special events (round tables, fairs, exhibitions).

This comprehensive approach has proved to be very effective. To date, the campaign activities have reached over 40% of the total population in all five communities, and the number of individuals who reported child abuse and neglect cases, and of those who contacted the appropriate local agency for information about adoption and foster care has increased **three times** compared with the same time period before the start of the campaigns.



Poster on alternative care development.  
Caption at the top: "You also can adopt an orphaned child or become a foster parent".  
Caption at the bottom: "I want to live in a family".  
Below: contact information.



Poster on emotional abuse prevention.  
Stamps on the girl's face: "Stupid", "Sloppy", "Block-head".  
Caption below: "Emotional abuse: insults, threats, intimidation, humiliation, constant criticism of a child".  
Below: description of consequences of emotional abuse, and contact information of the local child protection agency for consultations on good parenting practices.



Poster on physical abuse prevention.  
Caption: "The child has a right to a life without abuse".  
At the bottom: contact information of the local child protection agency for reporting cases of child abuse and neglect.





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### ***CCF-Belarus builds youth leadership and social activism through developing volunteer activity***

Supporting and developing volunteers' groups – effective tool of social integration and inclusion of children with disabilities – continues to be one of the priorities within CCF-Belarus' *Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children* project. Involving young people in such volunteer activity helps to raise young leaders who will soon become active members of their communities.

To date, seven such groups, consisting of school children specially trained to work, play and interact with their disabled peers, have been created in the five communities assisted by CCF within the project.

On March 27-31, 2008 CCF organized ***Volunteers' Camp*** for 47 public school students involved in the volunteers' groups in Kobrin, Orsha, Volozhin, Chausy and Zhodino.

The program of the five-day event included experience exchange activities, capacity building trainings, leadership skills and creative thinking development workshops, and special free time activities. During the Camp young people from each community had a chance to present their volunteers' group's accomplishments, share the challenges which they face in their work, and participate in trainings on debates conducting, conflict resolution, and effective communication.

The results of the camp were later evaluated by CCF, and the following conclusions were made:

- The best practices of volunteer group activity presented by each community should be collected, published, and disseminated among the communities to enrich the set of tools used in working with children with special needs;
- The leadership, initiative, skills and talents demonstrated by the Camp participants should be further developed in future volunteers' group activities.

***Semyon, 16, volunteers' group member, Volozhin:***

*"The Camp helped me develop communication skills, taught me to be a team player ... I learned how to set goals and achieve them. I've become more active and bold in expressing my opinion."*

***Vika, 14, volunteers' group member, Orsha:***

*"During the Camp I learned more about conflicts and conflict resolution. It will help me in my every-day life. I learned about the experience of other volunteers' groups, and it was a great encouragement for me, for my further work with children with special needs ..."*

***Tatiana, 28, volunteers' group leader, Zhodino:***

*"I discovered new talents in the volunteers which I had never noticed before. I never expected them to be so creative... It will help me in planning and implementing new programs. The camp was a circle of close friends, a supportive professional community of people working for one goal ..."*

