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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**

In the report period CCF focused its efforts on the development of child protection system and alternative care development in the project sites.

#### **Increased community initiative for child protection system development.**

Strategic planning process by **CABs** helped to elaborate more focused approach towards development of child protection system, design and implementation of new integrated rehabilitation and prevention services.

As the result nine (9) new projects were developed by local community institutions and submitted for funding to CCF-Belarus. The projects aimed to improve selection process and preparation of prospective foster and adoptive parents, raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect impact, provide capacity building for community specialists of the different backgrounds on detection of child maltreatment.

CCF project staff and Kobrin CAB advocated for the creation of socio-pedagogical center in the town of Kobrin as a key coordinating body for case management and social service interventions with families and alternative placement for children. As a result on 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007 Kobrin Local Executive Committee has passed an official decision about establishment of Kobrin Social Pedagogic Center.

The training course on family-centered approach in child protection services completed this quarter by IHS (USA) was highly appreciated by the participants. They created their own local multidisciplinary teams that were trained by CCF as trainers to multiply this training program in their respective communities.

In order to better respond to child abuse and neglect issues CCF facilitated further development of surveillance system generating facility-based information. Needs and resources for facility-based Computer Database installation and functioning were analyzed, submitted to CCF-Belarus and became a platform for new community projects.

Prevention programs such as Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Health Education and Substance Abuse prevention, Life Skills Education Programs in local schools, orphanages, social-pedagogical centers and shelters were continued in Orsha, Zhodino and Kobrin communities. They addressed an array of risk factors-ranging from cultural norms and parenting practices conducive to child abuse to unwanted pregnancies and alcohol misuse.

### **Growth of influence on formulation of national policies/ methodologies**

Administrations of three communities have officially passed Procedure of Child Removal from a Family developed by project Task Group earlier. This quarter **by the request of Ministry of Education** the Task Group completed the second regulatory document “Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect”. The document was presented to Belarus Ministry of Education for its expert conclusion.

In summary thus far:

- Series of trainings “**Multidisciplinary team work**” and “**Substance abuse counseling and treatment**” conducted by an expert from IHS (USA) were attended by **44** child protection specialists from **5** communities;
- Four Calls for Proposals issued on Child Protection System development, Database on children at risk installation and functioning in a network format, information campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention as well as alternative care development for community-based organizations and national/ local NGOs.
- Nine (9) projects were funded to develop prevention and r habilitation services; two of them are already registered in the Department of Humanitarian Aid;
- **28 new prevention and rehabilitation services** were incorporated into community child protection system;
- The total number of project beneficiaries reached by prevention and rehabilitation services this quarter reached **1,554 people**.
- The Procedure of Child Removal from a Family developed by Expert Task Group was approved in 3 out of 5 Executive Committees as local regulatory document.
- The Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases was developed and presented to Belarus Ministry of Education for expertise.

## **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.***

**Four (4)** new community based **prevention services** programs such as Life Skills, Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, integrated playgroup activity for typically developed children and children at risk were implemented.

**Twenty three (23)** new community based rehabilitation services were introduced into the child protection practice in new communities as a result of small grants implementation.

**1,554 people** (parents, orphans and children at risk) benefited from prevention and rehabilitation services

**274** of disabled children having access to education, training and social assistance

**452** orphans were enrolled in Life Skills education programs

**76, 3 %** of orphans reporting improvement of knowledge and skills related to Life Skills trainings.

**32, 439** people are indirect beneficiaries through publications and Information Reference book publications

**Five (5)** CABs in Orsha, Zhodino, and Kobrin continued its activity on strategic plan of child protection system development and de-institutionalization.

### **Prevention Services.**

<b>Activity: Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
Eight groups (8) of parents (80 people) take part in Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino,	▪ <b>Eight (8) groups of parents (99 people)</b> have already completed Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin this quarter.

<p>Orsha and Kobrin.</p> <p>Participation will improve parents' competence and develop parenting skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Among them <b>51, 5 % (51 people)</b> were parents from the risk group*. This program helps to integrate them into joint activities and to learn positive models of parent-children relationships.</li> </ul> <p><b>85% of parents</b> reported improvement of their parents' competence and skills;  <b>92,5 % of parents</b> better understand the reasons of children's misbehavior and cope with it without violence; <b>86%</b> of trained parents assessed themselves as "responsible parents"; <b>88%</b> of parents maintained optimal emotional contacts with their children; <b>73,5%</b> of parents started using methods of stress management and self-regulation.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u>  * Risk group - parents who are under close supervision of social services and police because of their asocial behavior and inability to provide adequate care for their children</p> <p>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.</p>	

Parents say:

*Tatiana B., a mother of 3 children: "...I always tried to interfere into relationships between my two sons and a daughter... As a result my sons got angry as they think I only cared about my younger daughter... As a result of the classes I changed my strategy and let them solve problems themselves... it worked fantastically...if I do not like someone's behavior now I have private talk to the child later in friendly manner..."*

*Natasha M., a single mother with 2 children: "...As a result of the classes I have started involving children into planning weekends using family meetings...Once we planned cleaning a house together and shared duties ... every child had a chance to choose the duty he likes... I was impressed as cleaning was fast...everyone knew his responsibility...joint planning helped children to show their initiative and disciplined them at the same time ...I will continue practicing this method ..."*

<b>Activity: Life Skills Program for institutionalized children in Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Nine groups (9) of orphaned, sheltered and children at risk (120 people) took part in Life Skills Program in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin and Volozhin.</p> <p>65 % of enrolled orphaned children reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.</p> <p>Approximately 290 institutionalized children will practice life skills in social apartments, sewing and carpentry workshops in Orsha, Zhodino and Kobrin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ten (10) groups</b> of orphaned, sheltered children and children at risk (<b>133 people</b>) have completed Life Skills Program in Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin and Volozhin this quarter.</li> </ul> <p><b>As a result of the Life Skills course 76,3%</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; analyzed their opportunities to find a job; how to say "no", how to criticize effectively, how to solve conflicts.</p> <p><b>Three hundred nineteen (319) institutionalized children</b> have continued life skills development classes in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin using equipment purchased for these purposes. As a result children keep up sewing and carpentry skills producing furniture (bedside tables, beds, tables) for the needs of the boarding schools, repairing old clothe and creating new one.</p>

Critical notes.

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.

From trainers' reports:

*Natalia B., Kobrin: "... Children living in the boarding school are used to the situation when adults are making decisions for themselves...the program taught children to make short-term and long-term plans, to make decisions, to achieve stated goals...They got a chance to practice those skills that are necessary for independent leaving, they have started thinking about future profession and private life..."*

Children say:

*Inna L., Divin boarding school: "I was looking for a boring meetings before the classes were started, but I was wrong...As a result this classes forces me to start thinking about the future, and to promise myself to achieve something good in life...It was very important for me to talk about depressions and suicide...There was a case when our schoolmate wanted to commit suicide ... We did not know whether to inform adults about it or not... If we had this classes before I would know what to do...It was very useful and practical..."*

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

<b>Activity: Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Zhodino and Orsha</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
Seven (7) groups of children (70 people) take part in Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Zhodino, Orsha.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Seven (7) groups of children (80 people)</b> have completed Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Zhodino and Orsha this quarter.</li> </ul>
75% Schoolchildren participating in the program report improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.	As a result <b>87,7 % 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.

Critical notes.

Reports about Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention 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.

Care and Support for disabled children and their families

*Services for families of children with disabilities have continued its development in Kobrin, Orsha and Zhodino and were started in Chausy.*

<b>Activity: Volunteer activity to support families with disabled children</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
Six volunteer groups in targeted communities provide support for disabled children and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two</b> volunteer groups were formed and started their activities in Chausy and Orsha (School #20) as a result of the Training on Volunteer Management and <b>four other groups</b> continued its activity in Kobrin, Orsha and Zhodino.</li> <li>• <b>Eight (8) cultural/leisure activities</b> for disabled children were conducted by <b>55 volunteers</b> from Chausy, Kobrin, Zhodino and Orsha schools. Disabled children (<b>98 children</b>) were active participants of such activities as sport games, celebration of the end of the school year, International Children's Day and excursions. Volunteers were actively involved in summer camp activity organized in Kobrin Habilitation Center.</li> <li>• <b>Home visits for 2 disabled children</b> were organized by <b>three (3) volunteers</b> on the regular basis in Kobrin.</li> </ul>

***Critical notes.***

Volunteer group leaders' reports are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.

***Activity: Integrated playgroups for typical children and children at risk.******Expected results***

At least 90 typical children and children at risk (11 groups) take part in integrated playgroup activities;

50% of participants will be from at risk group

***Actual targets achieved***

**Ninety four (94)** typical children and children at risk were involved in **11 integrated playgroups**, creative and development activities in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin while their parents were at Parenting classes.

**Fifty three (53 %)** of participated children were from risk group, those who are under close supervision of social services and police because of their asocial behavior. 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.

***Critical notes.***

Trainer's reports and developmental programs are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.

***From trainer's reports:***

*Olga N., integrated playgroup trainer from Orsha:*

*"...The atmosphere in the group was very friendly although there were children from at risk group and typical children ...they helped each other and created fantastic things... Parents admired the work of their children ...They have never considered them so talented ..."*

**Rehabilitation Services**

This quarter a variety of rehabilitation services were developed within small grants awarded in the Year 1. Three more projects were registered in the Department of Humanitarian Aid and were started in Chausy and Zhodino.

The following projects have been implementing:

<b><i>Projects</i></b>	<b><i>Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>
"Family University"	Youth NGO "Healthy Choice";	Town of Zhodino
"Host Family"	Educational Establishment Divin Boarding School for Orphans and Children Without Parental Care	Divin village, Kobrin district
"Family Support Center"	NGO "Kobrin Branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth	Kobrin
"Together for a "Special" Child"	Republic NGO "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth	Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino
"A Way for Recovery"	Republic NGO "Mothers Against Drugs".	Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino
"Future Without Violence and Abuse"	NGO "Focus Group"	Zhodino
"Education of future foster parents on PRIDE program"	Educational department of Chausy Executive Committee	Chausy
"Information campaign on alternative care development"	Chausy Social-pedagogic center	Chausy

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

- **23** new prevention and rehabilitation services were provided in local communities within small grants supported in the first year.
- The total number of beneficiaries (vulnerable groups) directly assisted by the CCF grantees was **731**. Among them:

Guest families - 26

Orphans – 148;

Families at risk – 63;  
 Children with disabilities – 176;  
 Children at risk – 20

# of visits of families with disabled children to new services – 298;

Number of indirect beneficiaries (general public) reached through information campaign - **32, 439**.

### **Educational Establishment Divin Boarding School for Orphans and Children without Parental Care**

- *Club activity for Guest families*
- *Placement of orphans into alternative care*
- *Information dissemination about guest families*

#### **Project beneficiaries:**

Guest families	26
Orphans placed into guest families	137
Orphans placed into foster care	5
Orphans placed into guardianship	4
Orphans reunified with biological family	1
<i>total</i>	<b>173</b>

Indirect beneficiaries of the project activity – **3 447** reached through publications, concerts and interviews.

### **NGO “Kobrin Branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”**

- *Club activity for families with disabled children (self-help group activity)*
- *Home visit by volunteers*
- *Parenting Skills Enhancement Program*
- *Psychological counseling for parents*
- *Integrated playgroup activity*
- *Information dissemination about services for disabled children and their families*

#### **Project beneficiaries:**

Families with disabled children	22
Disabled children	35
Orphaned children	1
<i>total</i>	<b>58</b>

Indirect beneficiaries of the project activity – **20 000** (the audience of local TV and radio)

### **Youth NGO “Healthy Choice”**

- *Social pedagogic counseling for families at risk;*
- *Club activity for families at risk;*
- *Club activity (playgroups) for children at risk;*
- *Informational support of families at risk;*
- *Activity on integration of families with disabled children and families with children at risk, attending the club*

#### **Project beneficiaries:**

Families at risk	20
Children at risk	20
Parents of disabled children	18
Disabled children	26
<i>total</i>	<b>84</b>

**1256** people were reached through publications in local mass media.

### **Republic NGO “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”**

- *Toy library for disabled children;*
- *Special ergo-therapeutic equipment for children with disabilities;*

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- *Lawyer consultations for parents of disabled children;*
- *Trainings for parents of disabled children and specialists working with them.*
- *Recreation retreat for disabled children their parents*
- *Information Reference book about services available for families and children with disabilities in Zhodino, Orsha and Kobrin*

***Project beneficiaries:***

# of visits of families with disabled children to new services	258
Disabled children	115
<i>total</i>	<b>373</b>

Indirect beneficiaries of the project activity including Information reference book and publications - **7737**

**Republic NGO “Mothers Against Drugs”.**

- *self-help groups for alcohol addicted;*
- *self-help groups for co-dependant relatives;*
- *information dissemination to support alcohol addicted and their relatives.*

***Project beneficiaries:***

Alcohol addicted	12
Co-dependant relatives	31
<i>total</i>	<b>43</b>

*For more information, please, see Annex 2.*

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

**CABs activity.**

CCF-Belarus continued assistance to Orsha, Kobrin and Zhodino CABs in strategic planning process for de-institutionalization and prevention of social orphan hood on the local level. This quarter CCF-Belarus put its efforts to analyze needs and priorities in the sphere of child protection system development on the phase of identification, investigation and placement of children into family type care. These series of meetings were resulted in development of the draft of integrated strategy of deinstitutionalization based on indicators.

<b><i>Activity: Community Advisory Boards activity</i></b>	
<b><i>Expected results</i></b>	<b><i>Actual targets achieved</i></b>
<p>The draft of child protection system development will be developed in Zhodino, Kobrin and Orsha</p> <p>Possibilities of installation and functioning of Database on families and children at risk will be discussed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CAB Meetings were conducted in Orsha (4<sup>th</sup> of April), Kobrin (19<sup>th</sup> of April) and Zhodino (25<sup>th</sup> of April) with assistance of CCF-Belarus specialists. Action plans to solve key problems in child protection system development were developed in each of these communities. As a result the most acute problems to be solved were identified, as well as additional services to be developed, existing resources and perspective projects that are urgent in the nearest future to prevent institutionalization on the local level. Each community presented plans of child protection system development to CCF-Belarus office.</li> <li>▪ Series of CAB meeting were conducted in 5 communities to identify legal, technical resources and needs for Database on families and children at risk installation and functioning in the network format.</li> </ul>

Critical notes/outcomes:

As a result of the CAB meeting conducted in September 2006 it was pointed out that Kobrin child protection system could not be developed effectively as there was no such structure as Social Pedagogic Center aimed at coordination of child protection activity on the local level. This problem was discussed several times later on at CAB meeting. As a result the authorities recognized the problem and on 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007 Kobrin Local Executive Committee has passed a decision about establishment of Kobrin Regional Social Pedagogic Center.

\*Original lists of CAB participants and reports are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.

Information and referral system development

To present the Database on children at risk as well as Family Assessment Form (FAF) developed by CWLA (USA) as a tool for assessment of disadvantaged families and to analyze community need in their incorporation in child protection activity a meeting was organized by CCF-Belarus on **13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007** for **ten (10)** representatives from local communities. As a follow up each community presented a plan of FAF adaptation and its incorporation into practice. Needs and resources for Computer Database installation and functioning within the network were analyzed, submitted to CCF-Belarus and became a platform for project development.

Equipment purchasing

Needs assessment conducted by CCF in new communities resulted in 7 special agreements for equipment and vitamins purchase for 8 poorest community services for total sum of approximately 18 000 USD. Money transferred for these purposes are still in process of registration in the Department on Humanitarian Aid. Equipment and vitamins will be purchased as soon as the approval from the Department is received.

**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.***

**21 TOTs** were conducted within the reported period on different aspects

**221 participants** took part in capacity building events (*PRIDE, TOT on Child Protection, ToT Parenting Enhancement Programs, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, Proposal Writing, and other capacity building activities*)

**94 %** (against 85% planned) of TOT participants reported improvements of specific knowledge and skills re training topic

<b>Activity: Workshop "Multidisciplinary teamwork" (27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 25 participants from the targeted communities managing community based child protection services will take part in the workshop on Multidisciplinary team work	Multidisciplinary team ( <b>27 people</b> ) consisted of chiefs of local Departments of Education, police, social protection services, social-pedagogical centers as well as health care took part in Workshop oriented at building partnership between different child protection units to provide integrated approach in work with disadvantaged families and children. This workshop was carried out by the expert from the Institute of Human Service (IHS), USA.
Trainees will obtain knowledge on multidisciplinary team approach to social services provision for families and children.	As a result of these Workshops 100 % of the trainees learned about the importance of building partnership in order to provide excellent service, benefits of a great partnership; barriers and strategies for a partnership; characteristics of effective service; conflict management.

Planned activity for the next quarter:

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

<b>Activity: Workshop “Substance Abuse Treatment and Counseling” (11<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 15 participants from the targeted communities involved in substance abuse counseling and treatment will take part in the workshop</p> <p>Trainees will obtain knowledge on support provision for alcohol and drug abusing people and their relatives.</p>	<p><b>Seventeen (17)</b> community specialists working with alcohol and drug abused people and their relatives from governmental structures such as health care, centers of social protection, social-pedagogic centers, and habilitation centers for disabled children as well as from non-governmental organizations took part in Workshop on Substance Abuse Treatment and Counseling.</p> <p>As a result of these Workshops 100 % of the trainees learned about the crisis intervention in the situation of alcohol and drug abuse, building relationships with a drug or alcohol abusing person and his/her relatives, changes in the family in the situation of drug or alcohol abuse, AA meetings as a method of treatment/support to substances abusing people and their families.</p> <p>This workshop was carried out by the expert from the Institute of Human Service (IHS), USA.</p>

Planned activity for the next quarter:

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

<b>Activity: Training of Trainers (ToT) on Parenting Enhancement Programs in targeted communities Volozhin, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of April, 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> of May Chausy, 14-16<sup>th</sup> of May, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> of June</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 30 community specialists from Chausy and Volozhin will be trained as a Parenting Skills Enhancement Program providers;</p> <p>80% of participants will report improvements of specific knowledge and skills, to run Parenting Skills Enhancement Program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Thirty two (32)</b> specialists from Chausy and Volozhin schools, kindergartens and Social-pedagogic Centers completed two ToT sessions on Parenting Enhancement Program. They were provided with knowledge and skills such as understanding the process of group work, adults learning techniques, interactive methods of teaching, working with different types of participants, implementation of M&amp;E system.</li> <li>▪ <b>91%</b> of participants passed testing training and reported about improvement of specific knowledge and skill on the training topic.</li> </ul>

Planned activity for the next quarter:

Reports about TOT workshops including lists of the participants, analyses of pre-post tests and evaluation forms of the participants are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request

<b>Activity: Trainings of Trainers (ToT) on Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program for Chausy and Volozhin specialists</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 35 community specialists from Chausy and Volozhin will be trained as a trainers on Health Education and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Thirty five (35) community specialists</b> from Chausy and Volozhin had completed three out of four ToT workshops Workshop 1 – New approaches to HIV/AIDS prevention , 3-5<sup>th</sup> of</li> </ul>

<p>Substance Abuse Prevention Program</p> <p>80% of participants will report improvements of specific knowledge and skills</p>	<p><i>April (Volozhin)–,</i>  Workshop 2 - Reproductive Health, 17-19<sup>th</sup> of May (Chausy), 13-15<sup>th</sup> of June (Volozhin);  Workshop 3 - Substance abuse prevention, 19-21<sup>st</sup> of April (Chausy), 10-12 of May.  ▪ <b>99%</b> of participants improved knowledge and skills on the training topics related to HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, as well as substance abuse issues.</p>
<p><u><i>Critical notes:</i></u>  *Reports about TOT workshops including lists of the participants, analyses of pre-post tests and evaluation forms of the participants are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request</p>	

To increase capacity of Kobrin and Orsha communities series of ToTs were continued in partnership with the NGO “Cooperation for Children’s Future” within its UNICEF funded project. **Twenty eight (28) specialists** from these towns were trained on such topics as:

ToT “Prevention of smoking and alcohol abuse among teens” – Orsha (4-5 of April, 2007; Kobrin (11-12<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007).

ToT “Risk factors: drug abuse and HIV/AIDS” – Kobrin (16-17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007)

ToT “Reproductive Health: prevention of abortions among teens” – Orsha (21-23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2007)

These trainings were carried out together with the local trainers participating in Master training.

<b>Activity: Activity: Training on Volunteer Management (20-21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2007)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>10 community specialists from Orsha and Zhodino will take part in the training on Volunteer Management.</p> <p>80% of the participants will be acquainted with practical experience of volunteer group functioning, methods of organizing volunteer activity in the educational institutions.</p> <p>2 volunteer groups will be formed by the end of June 2007.</p>	<p><b>Ten (10)</b> participants representing schools and Habilitation Centers from Chausy, Volozhin and Orsha took part in Training on Volunteer Management.</p> <p>100 % reported improvement of knowledge about recruitment, motivation and recognizing volunteers and acquainted with the experience of Kobrin volunteer group “Alfa” activity.</p> <p><b>Two (2)</b> volunteer groups were formed and started its activity in Chausy and Orsha in June 2007. These groups provide assistance in integration of disabled children from local Habilitation Centers. The volunteer group from Volozhin will start its activity in September 2007.</p>
<p><u><i>Critical notes:</i></u>  *Report about Training on Volunteer Management including lists of the participants, analyses of the evaluation forms are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<b>Activity: ToT for Master Trainers on Child Protection (31<sup>st</sup> of May - 3<sup>rd</sup> of June; 12-15 of June, 2007)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>

<p>At least 20 specialists from 5 communities will take part in the ToT for Master trainers</p> <p>80% of participants will report improvements of specific knowledge and skills in understanding the process of group work, adults learning techniques, interactive methods of teaching, working with different types of participants.</p>	<p><b>Twenty (20) multidisciplinary team</b> representatives from 5 assisted communities who had participated in series of workshops for the multidisciplinary team on Organization of Child Protective Services took part in ToT for Master trainers on Child Protection.</p> <p>As a result of ToT 75 % of the trainees learned about methods of organizing trainings for adults, types and particularities of active methods of learning, model of interactive teaching, working with difficult trainees. They practiced such skills as conducting active lectures, discussions, case studies, working in small groups, using Power Points, working in pair with other trainer, developed a plan of the Module 1 on Family Centered Approach to Child Protective Services.</p> <p>As a result this team of trainers will be able to replicate Child Protection trainings for multidisciplinary team specialists from local communities using translated modules and CCF-Belarus methodological support within small grant scheme.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u> Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms are available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<b>Activity: Additional capacity building for local community specialists: training on alternative care development (PRIDE Model) - 18-20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007.</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 10 representatives from the targeted communities will take part in training on alternative care development based on PRIDE Model.</p> <p>Trainees will obtain knowledge on alternative care development, selection and training of perspective foster/adoptive parents.</p>	<p>To increase capacity of staff involved in alternative care development on the local level and to guaranty the quality of PRIDE pre-service program implementation <i>ten (10) specialists</i> from Chausy, Volozhin and Zhodino took part in the training on alternative care development based on PRIDE model introduced by Mick Polowy (CWLA) in previous quarters.</p> <p>As a result 100% of the participants obtained knowledge about impact of abuse, neglect and trauma on a child's attachments, development and behavior; on types of losses and their influence on the child and his/her behavior; raised awareness about importance of permanent family environment for children. The training was conducted by scientists from Belarus higher educational institutions participated in PRIDE trainings conducted last quarters.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u> This training helped specialists from Chausy to keep up with PRIDE pre-service program as this part was missed by them. This community was selected when the training program had been started. Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<b>Activity: Additional capacity building for local community specialists: training "Social work with disadvantaged families" - (22-23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2007).</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 15 representatives from the targeted communities will take part in training on social support provision for disadvantaged families.</p>	<p>To increase capacity of staff involved in rehabilitation services provision for families and children and to prevent institutionalization of children 15 specialists took part in the training "Social work with disadvantaged families".</p>

Trainees will obtain practical skills and tools to provide high quality investigation and case planning to social support provision for families and children at risk.	As a result 100% of the participants obtained knowledge on social network map creation, interviewing within social investigation process, maintaining contact with clients, cycle of work with family contact network, development of case plan to support family based on the results of the network meetings.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

To replicate knowledge received as a result of the provided Child Protection trainings, to conduct information campaigns on alternative care development and violence against children prevention, as well as to install a network version of the Database about families and children at risk **4 Calls for Proposals** were issued this quarter. Selection of the service providers was accompanied by *Workshops on Proposal Writing* for potential applicants on **5-6<sup>th</sup> of April, 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 28-29<sup>th</sup> of June**. As a result *27 participants* representing *22 organizations* were supported in preparing a proposal for funding as well as acquainted with CCF-Belarus rules and regulations. By the end of the quarter 9 applications were approved and got funding. It is expected that 10 more applications will be received by the end of July 2007.

*\* For more information, please, see Attachment.*

**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 development of new document such as Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases and incorporation of the Procedure of Child Removal from the Family developed by Task Group into practice in targeted communities.

*In summary thus far:*

**Three (3)** out of five local Executive Communities passed the Procedure of Child Removal from the Family developed by Task Group as local regulatory act;

**One Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases** was developed;

**Twenty five (25) participants** took part in *Brest Oblast Round Table*;

**Four (4)** articles were published about the results of the project implementation.

<b>Activity: Brest Oblast Round Table on Child Protection (21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2007)</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
The Round Table on Child Protection System development on the local level will be conducted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Twenty five (25) participants</b> representing specialists from Brest Oblast Territorial Centers of Social Protection of Population took part in the Round Table “Prevention of Family Dysfunctions” organized by Brest Oblast Executive Committee, department of Labour, Employment and Social Protection.</li> <li>▪ The Round Table allowed disseminating information about family-centered approach to child protection services, CAB functioning, and to share the experience accumulated in Kobrin Center of Social Protection of Population as a result of participation in OVC project.</li> </ul>
<i>Planned activity for the next quarter:</i>	
It is expected that Round Tables on child protection system development will be conducted in other communities next quarter.	

<b>Activity: Technical Task Group activity</b>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 1 regulatory document will be developed by Technical Task group.	Technical Task Group developed a <b>Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases</b> and presented it to Belarus Ministry of Education for expert evaluation.
<i>Planned activity for the next quarter:</i>	
It is expected that a <b>Procedure of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases</b> will be discussed next quarter at the national Round Table organized by CCF-Belarus and recommended for its incorporation as local regulatory document.	

To disseminate information about project results and achievements **4 articles** were published in local newspapers.

The results of CAB meetings as well as volunteer group activity in Zhodino were covered in the local newspaper “*Zhodinskya Naviny*” (circulation 6329 copies) on 03<sup>rd</sup> of May and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2007.

The role of CCF-Belarus in orphan hood prevention and implementation of the President Decree #18 “On Additional State Measures for the Protection of Children in Disadvantaged Families” was presented in “*Arshanskaya gazeta*” on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2007 (circulation 5677 copies).

The results of the small grant “*Host Family*” supported by CCF-Belarus and implemented by Divin Boarding School (Kobrin region) were presented in the local newspaper “*Kobrin sky vestnik*” (circulation 7060 copies) in the article dated by 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2007.

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

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.

- ***Coordination with USAID***

Irina Mironova and Jahor Novikov USAID-Belarus CTO maintained regular contacts and coordination via meetings, e-mail and telephone.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of June Michelle Poulton, CCF Vice President and Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Chief of the Party met with Jahor Novikov and Larisa Komarova (USAID-Belarus managers) in order to coordinate further project development, clarify financial management issues.

On 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007 Peter S. Argo, USAID - Deputy Director), Chuck Howell (USAID-Country Coordinator) and Jahor Novikau (USAID CTO) and had a meeting with Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Chief of the Party, Mariana Ananenko, CCF-Belarus OVC Project Manager and Alexei Golontsov CCF-Belarus HIV/AIDS Project Manager, to discuss the progress and results of project implementation.

On 26<sup>th</sup> of June Alexandra Braginski , USAID Team Leader for Ukraine/Moldova/Belarus (Washington DC), Peter Wiebler , Director of Democracy and Governance Office (USAID Regional Mission, Kiev , Ukraine) and Chuck Howell (USAID Country Coordinator, Belarus) visited CCF-Belarus office and met with Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Chief of the Party. They discussed cooperation with local and national government.

- ***Coordination with CCF HQ.***

On June 1-2 Michelle Poulton, CCF Vice-President had meetings with CCF-Belarus office to monitor the project performance, advice on improvements and coordinate plans for the future.

- ***Coordination with Ministry of Education of Belarus***

Ms. Galina Rudenkova, a Consultant of the Department of Social Work and Upbringing of Ministry of Education had series of meeting with CCF-Belarus project team to discuss the possibilities of CCF-Belarus methodological materials incorporation into national practice.

- ***Other agencies***

On 26<sup>th</sup> of June Alexander Bodiroza, UNFPA Program Specialist (Division for Arab states, Europe and Central Asia, New York, USA) met with Irina Mironova and Katya Kostuchenko (CCF-Belarus HIV/AIDS specialist) at CCF-Belarus office. They discussed peer education activity for healthy life style and reproductive health and shared resources developed in this area by both organizations.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of June Irina Mironova met with Dr.Dinesh Sethi, Tec Dr. Egor Zaitsev , Head of WHO Country Office in Belarus. Technical officer on Violence and Injury prevention , WHO European Center for Environment and Health. They discussed opportunities for possible involvement of WHO in violence prevention work in Belarus.

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

On the 4-6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007 Nadezhda Karaseva, CCF-Belarus Child Protection Specialist and Irina Zenovich, Family Support Specialist, took part in the *International Seminar* on the development of the family based services for orphans and children deprived of parental care in *Kiev, Ukraine*. They were acquainted with the experience of alternative care development in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, Romania and carried out a presentation of state care system for orphans and children deprived of parental care in Republic of Belarus and mobilization of community resources for deinstitutionalization of children.

### **V. BUDGET**

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## Overview of progress of micro-grants in frames of “Community services to vulnerable groups” contracted by CCF in 2006-2007



### The general list:

1. Youth NGO “Healthy Choice” (project “Family University”);
2. Educational establishment "Divin State Boarding School for Orphans and Children Without Parental Care" (project “Host family”);
3. NGO “Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth” (project “Family Support Center”);
4. NGO BelAPDIIMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth” (project “Together for a “Special” Child”);
5. National NGO "Mothers against Drugs" (project “A Way to Recovery”);
6. NGO “Focus Group”
7. Educational department of Chausy executive committee
8. Chausy Social-pedagogic center

### OVERVIEW OF MICRO-GRANTS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS contracted in 2006:

<i>NGO name:</i>	Youth NGO “Healthy Choice”	
<i>Project name:</i>	“Family University”	
<i>Project duration:</i>	01.08.2006 - 01.08.2007	
<i>Project status:</i>	Active	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Social pedagogic counseling for families at risk;</li> <li>✓ Club activity for families at risk, including families with disabled children;</li> <li>✓ Club activity for children at risk, including disabled children;</li> <li>✓ Informational support of families at risk</li> <li>✓ Integration activities for families with disabled children and families and children at risk, who attended the clubs.</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Families at risk	20
	Children at risk	20
	Parents of disabled children	18
	Disabled children	26
	<i>total</i>	<b>84</b>
<b>OUTCOMES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Integration of families and children at risk with families with disabled children</i> happened at 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the project, adding to the project’ effect. Families with disabled children took part in the club activities and final action on healthy life. This integration helped the families to understand and share common family values, find problem solutions, increased mutual understanding between parents and their children.</li> <li>▪ The participants of the clubs note the <i>raise of ability to deal with social, personal and interpersonal problems, harmonization of family relations and improvement of attitude towards healthy life style.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The sustainability of the project is reached thanks to close collaboration during all the project realization period between “Healthy choice” and project partners - Zhodino Territorial Center of Social Support of Population, where the project activities take place, as it is <i>planned to continue the clubs’ activities</i> in the Center after the end of the project.</li> </ul>		

<i>Name:</i>	Educational establishment "Divin State Boarding School for Orphans and Children Without Parental Care"
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<i>Project name:</i>	“Host family”	
<i>Project duration:</i>	20.07.2006 - 20.07.2007	
<i>Project status:</i>	Finished	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Club activity for Guest families</li> <li>✓ Placement of orphans into alternative care</li> <li>✓ Information dissemination about guest families through advertising and information campaign in Divin area (thematic actions, publications in local newspapers)</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Divin, Kobrin area	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Guest families	26
	Orphans placed into guest families	137
	Orphans placed into foster care	5
	Orphans placed into guardianship	4
	Orphans reunified with biological family	1
	<i>total</i>	<b>173</b>
<i>Indirect beneficiaries:</i>	Reached through publications	<b>17234</b>
<b>OUTCOMES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 2 clubs for 26 guest families were implemented (1 club for “new” guest families and 1 club for families who have been hosting orphans for several times); they have formed the backbone of alternative care families in the communities.</li> <li>▪ The geography of alternative care families was expanded to 12 villages and cities.</li> <li>▪ Due to the club activities and wide advertising and information campaign in the region representatives of the community note that attitude of local population was significantly improved not only to orphans, but to the alternative care families and thanks to that such high results were achieved: 37 families are continuing to be guest families, 7 new guest families appeared, 173 orphans used family type care.</li> </ul>		

<i>NGO name:</i>	NGO “Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	
<i>Project name:</i>	“Family Support Center”	
<i>Project duration:</i>	19.07.2006 - 19.07.2007 (was prolonged to 30/09/2007)	
<i>Project status:</i>	Active	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Club activity for families with disabled children (self-help group activity)</li> <li>✓ Parenting Skills Enhancement Program</li> <li>✓ Integrated playgroup activity</li> <li>✓ Home visit by volunteers</li> <li>✓ Physiological consultation of parents</li> <li>✓ Information dissemination about services for disabled children and their families</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Kobrin	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Parents of disabled children	22
	Disabled children	35
	Orphaned children	1
	<i>total</i>	<b>58</b>
<i>Indirect beneficiaries:</i>	Reached through local TV	<b>100000</b>
<b>OUTCOMES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parents of children with disabilities has benefited by strengthening family capacity and improved their emotional condition: 14 parents rebuild a room for Family support center, which later will be used for the activities of the NGO, 22 mothers and 4 fathers are participating in clubs activity; in addition to the project activities a self-help group for parents with autistic children was created, 10 parents had participated in Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, 14 mothers got psychological consultation, 1 father and 7 mothers took part in a training for disabled children and their parents.</li> </ul>		

- *Integration of 35 disabled children (17 girls and 19 boys) and 1 orphaned girl - sibling and the volunteer group took place through participation in integrated play groups and home visits by 25 volunteers – schoolchildren who were trained in frames of the project.*
- *A wide information campaign with showing reportages on local TV about integrated playgrounds and volunteer activities was made breaking stereotypes about relationship to disabled children*

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:**

- *The sustainability of the project is reached thanks to close collaboration during all the project realization period between NGO “Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth” and project partners – Kobrin Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities. Thanks to creation of place for Family support center and unifying and making active the parents of disabled children, impact of project activity to organizational development of the young NGO, creation of volunteer team who integrate with the disabled children, project activities will continue after the end of the project.*
- *The NGO has developed a new project expanding its activities for disabled children, who don’t attend Habilitation center or involving its graduates.*
- *A final round table on the project results will be implemented in September 2007.*

<i>NGO name:</i>	National NGO "Mothers against Drugs"	
<i>Project name:</i>	“A Way to Recovery”	
<i>Project duration:</i>	09.08.2006 - 09.08.2007	
<i>Project status:</i>	Active	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Self-help groups for alcohol addicted;</li> <li>✓ Self-help groups for co-dependant relatives;</li> <li>✓ Information dissemination to support alcohol addicted and their relatives.</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orhsa, Kobrin	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Alcohol addicted	12
	Co-dependant relatives	31
	<i>total</i>	<b>43</b>
<b>OUTCOMES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Self-help groups are being created in the targeted communities. Despite the distrust of the local population to the possibility of problem solving using self-help group’s methodology in a small city conditions, 5 self-help groups for alcohol addicted and for co-dependent were formed and implement their activities according to the 12 steps program as a result of wide information campaign.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>After almost 1 year of project implementation leaders of self-help groups for alcohol addicted and co-dependent appeared in the communities. And, according to the expert’s opinion, this could be considered as a significant result for such a short time in the conditions of a small city.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Now the continuation of the project focused more to the deepening of knowledge and experience exchange for the leaders of the groups for insuring the groups’ sustainability is being prepared. Besides, expansion of the project activities in Volozhin community is planned.</i></li> </ul>		

<i>NGO name:</i>	NGO BelAPDIiMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	
<i>Project name:</i>	“Together for a “Special” Child”	
<i>Project duration:</i>	17.07.2006 - 17.07.2007 (was prolonged to 30.09.2007)	
<i>Project status:</i>	Active	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Toy library for disabled children;</li> <li>✓ Special ergo-therapeutic equipment for children with disabilities;</li> <li>✓ Lawyer consultations for parents of disabled children;</li> <li>✓ Trainings for parents of disabled children and specialists working with them on care for disabled child</li> <li>✓ Information reference book about community services for disabled</li> <li>✓ Recreation retreat for disabled parents and children</li> </ul>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orhsa, Kobrin	

<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Number of visits of Families with disabled children to new services	258
	Disabled children	115
	<i>total</i>	
<i>Indirect beneficiaries:</i>	Reached through dissemination of information reference book about community services for disabled (issue)	<b>900</b>
	Reached through publications (issue)	<b>34188</b>
<b>OUTCOMES:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A new and highly appreciated service for children – toy library was introduced in the communities, which was supported by study visit and trainings in a specialized and experienced NGO “Open Doors”, 115 children has already used the toy library;</li> <li>▪ Ergo-therapeutic equipment is being introduced and used in daycare – groups in the Habilitation centers of the communities, 12 children are using it, despite the fact that in 2 communities it was completely installed just 1 month ago, for 2 children it has already made a great effect, 1 child started to walk and another one can hold a head without a support;</li> <li>▪ Specialized trainings on care for disabled child were attended by 26 participants (including 6 parents of disabled children);</li> <li>▪ Local BelAPDI branches were supported by 2 trainings on organizational development;</li> <li>▪ 60 parents had used the lawyer consultations;</li> <li>▪ Recreation retreat for 45 participants (among them 15 disabled children and 30 family members) with different kinds of educative and uintegration activities was held, participants’ feedback strengthen that it unified and supported them, helped to know each other better</li> <li>▪ Information reference book about community services for disabled was issued and introduced to Local BelAPDI branches, Habilitation centers, policlinics</li> </ul>		
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The sustainability of the project is reached thanks to close collaboration during all the project realization period between NGO with its local branches and Habilitation centers in the communities. Toy libraries, ergo-therapeutic equipment and information reference books introduced to the communities will continue to be used after the project ends.</li> <li>▪ Knowledge on specifics of work with disabled children and organizational development will strengthen local NGO and Habilitation centers capacity of work with disabled children</li> <li>▪ A final seminar for taking care of children with disabilities will be implemented in September 2007.</li> </ul>		

**OVERVIEW OF MICRO-GRANTS IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS contracted in 2007:**

<i>NGO name:</i>	NGO "Focus Group"
<i>Project name:</i>	<b>"Future Without Violence and Abuse"</b>
<i>Project duration:</i>	12.06.2007 - 12.06.2008
<i>Project status:</i>	Active
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	68 pupils (15-19 y.o.) of the Zhodino evening school
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equipment of training room for project activities is going on at the moment</li> <li>▪ Creation of the manual on how to conduct educational activities to form tolerance and promote family values</li> </ul> <p>Most of the activities will start when the school-year begins.</p>	
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Trainings for youth</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Psychological counseling provision</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Development of informational materials for children</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Seminars on disseminations of project methodology</i></li> </ul>	

<i>Name:</i>	Educational department of Chausy executive committee
<i>Project name:</i>	<b>Education of future foster parents on PRIDE program</b>
<i>Project duration:</i>	26.06.2007 - 26.06.2008
<i>Project status:</i>	Active
<i>Project locations:</i>	Chausy
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	25 orphans
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> <p>As less then a month of project has passed, the results will be reported next period</p>	
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Alternative care development through introduction in Chausy of PRIDE program:</i> the main result which is planned in frames of the project is placing 25 orphans into foster families due to PRIDE program introduction in to Chausy community</li> </ul>	

<i>Name:</i>	Chausy Social-pedagogic center
<i>Project name:</i>	<b>Information campaign on alternative care development</b>
<i>Project duration:</i>	27.06.2007 - 27.06.2008
<i>Project status:</i>	Active
<i>Project locations:</i>	Chausy
<b>OUTPUTS:</b> <p>As less then a month of project has passed, the results will be reported next period</p>	
<b>PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:</b> <p>Within the project it is planned to increase the inquiries of Chausy citizens to become foster and adoptive parents through implementation of information campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issue of information materials</li> <li>▪ Advertising alternative care through in mass media on radio and in news-paper articles</li> <li>▪ Information actions on local enterprises and school meetings for parents</li> <li>▪ Information city actions dedicated to International Child Protection Day, Family Day, Mother's Day.</li> </ul>	

**Registration in the Department of Humanitarian Assistance (Presidential administration), subcontracts 2007.**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Contract signed</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>	<b>Transfer date</b>	<b>Start of registration</b>
<i>Development of Services for children and women, suffered from abuse and neglect</i>					
NGO "Radislava"	Support Service as a form of assistance for women and children suffered from violence	15.06.2007	24 964,00	22.06.2007	July 2007
<i>Alternative care development through introduction of PRIDE program</i>					
Orsha Social-pedagogic center	Educative program for candidates to foster parents	20.06.2007	4 942,00	21.06.2007	05.07.2007
Zhodino Social-pedagogic center	Educative course for future foster parents	19.06.2007	4 573,00	20.06.2007	04.07.2007
Volozhin region Social-pedagogic center	A family to every child	19.06.2007	4 481,00	20.06.2007	05.07.2007
<i>Information campaigns on child abuse and neglect prevention</i>					
Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population	Children against violence	31.05.2007	4 735,00	06.06.2007	June 2007
Zhodino Social-pedagogic center	Childhood without violence	19.06.2007	4 992,00	20.06.2007	04.07.2007
Volozhin region Social-pedagogic center	Let's say "no" to child abuse	19.06.2007	4 987,00	20.06.2007	05.07.2007
<i>Information campaigns on alternative care development</i>					
Orsha Social-pedagogic center	Informational campaign on alternative care development	20.06.2007	4 664,00	21.06.2007	05.07.2007
<i>Development of preventive services</i>					
Orsha School #20	Development of preventive services to strengthen family capacity and to prevent child abuse and neglect	11.04.2007	4 999,00	13.04.2007	May 2007

**DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF ORPHANS IN BELARUS\***

**BASELINE AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS\***

*Report covers time period of half a year from October 2006 to March 2007*

\* The reported number of children at risk in the reporting period is 1122.

	Indicator	Definition & Unit of Measure	Community	Baseline		Planned Targets	Achieved Targets	Achieved Targets	Planned Targets
				Year	Value	2006	2006	1/2 2007	2007
	Overall project impact								
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, Orsha, Kobrin	Feb 2006	335	340	561	651	430
			Chausy	Feb 2007	126	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	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, Orsha, Kobrin	Feb 2006	125	130	101	77	185
			Chausy	Feb 2007	16	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	35	n/a	n/a		
III	# of institutionalized children	Number of orphans and sheltered children	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin	Feb 2006	534	530	443	719	435
			Chausy	Feb 2007	134	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	172	n/a	n/a		
IV	% of children prevented from being institutionalized	Ratio of children at risk officially taken off the register to the total number of children at risk in the community	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15%
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a		
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a		

1 Objective 1									
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	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	44 (25-male/ 19-female)	286 (136m/150f)	
			Orsha	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	30 (17-male/ 13-female)	311 (140m/171f)	
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	97 (58-male/ 39-female)	324 (164m/160f)	
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
1.1.	# of visits of community members including families, orphans, and children at risk for new prevention and rehabilitation services	Number of visits by target groups for new community based prevention and rehabilitation services that appeared during the period of CCF project implementation	Zhodino	Feb 2006	n/a	0	44	432	200
			Orsha	Feb 2006	n/a	35	45	656	200
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	33	150	191	587	200
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1.2.	# 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	Feb 2006	n/a	0	8	136	200
			Orsha	Feb 2006	n/a	0	9	167	150
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	n/a	40	128	173	200
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40
1.3.	# of community-based services provided in targeted communities	Number of community-based services by type provided in targeted communities	Zhodino	Feb 2006	20	20	22	36	27
			Orsha	Feb 2006	21	21	22	31	28
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	21	21	25	35	28
			Chausy	Feb 2007	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	25
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	25
1.4.	# of orphaned children enrolled in life skills development programs.	Number of orphaned children enrolled in life skills development programs as a result of the project.	Zhodino	Feb 2006	n/a	0	0	83	150
			Orsha	Feb 2006	n/a	0	0	38	150
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	n/a	40	12	57	200
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
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	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	87%	55%
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	92%	55%
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	90%	55%
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	55%

1.6.	# community members including families, orphans, and children informed through informational and referral system.	Number of beneficiaries of community based prevention and rehabilitation services, which were informed through information and referral system	Zhodino	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	10000
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	10000
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	10000
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3000
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3000
1.7.	# community organizations /services integrated into and using informational and referral system.	Number of community based organizations and services for families, orphans and vulnerable children, which are integrated into and using information and referral system in their work.	Zhodino	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5
1.8.	# 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	Feb 2006	0	1	1	1	1
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	1	1	1	1
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	1	1	1	1
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1
1.9.	# 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	Feb 2006	0	5	13	13	7
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	5	9	13	7
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	5	8	8	7
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	7
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	7

2 Objective 2									
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	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	36 (0-male/ 36-female)/ 9orgs	7 (1m/6f)/ 10orgs	
			Orsha	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	34 (1-male/ 33-female)/ 13orgs	25 (1m/24f)/ 12orgs	
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	n/a	n/a	82 (6-male/ 76-female)/ 12orgs	24f/11 orgs	
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	25f/8 orgs	
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	15 (2m/13f)/ 7orgs	
2.1.	% 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.	Zhodino	Feb 2006	0	85%	85%	100%	85%
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	85%	91%	100%	85%
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	85%	89%	100%	85%
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	100%	85%
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	94%	85%
2.2.	% 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	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	57%	70%
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	80%	70%
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	n/a	n/a	88%	70%
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70%
2.3.	# 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	Feb 2006	0	n/a	6471	6000	20000
			Orsha	Feb 2006	0	n/a	473	5000	20000
			Kobrin	Feb 2006	0	n/a	177	18000	20000
			Chausy	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3000
			Volozhin	Feb 2007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10000
3 Objective 3									
3.1.	# of the regulatory and methodological documents/ standards/ criteria developed.	Number of the regulatory and methodological documents/ standards/ developed by the Technical Assistance Task Group.		Feb 2006	0	n/a	1	1	1
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		Feb 2006	0	n/a	1	1	1
3.3.	# 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.		Feb 2006	0	25	56	284	100

\* See comments to PMP Table in additional attachment "Comments to PMP of OVC Project"

# Comments to PMP of OVC Project

Report covers time period of half a year from October 2006 to March 2007

## 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).

During the reporting period three target communities – Zhodino, Orsha, and Kobrin – were added with two more communities – Chaussy and Volozhin. The number of targeted children who enjoyed alternative care at the end of Year 1 of the project (561 children) was combined with the baseline value of the two new communities and reached 651 children.

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

The total number of 77 children from 5 target communities was returned to biological families during the last half-year.

### *Indicator III. Number of institutionalized children*

Indicator III measures number of institutionalized children, that is, those who were put into orphanages/boarding schools, and shelters.

The indicator proved to depend in its major part on the changes caused by factors beyond the OVC project influence so far.

It is also worth mentioning that the OVC project is reported by focus groups in all the target communities as producing positive changes in the attitudes of specialists, parents, and decision-makers to child-protection approaches, which contributes to the improvement of the situation.

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

This indicator is not applicable so far. The system of tracking children at risk is still not adequate to be able to identify all children and families that really need interventions to protect the child from being institutionalized. The system is in the process of construction and is expected to start functioning later this year.

## Objective 1

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

### **a) Zhodino**

During the reported period due to new services started in the communities within CCF-supported project 136 boys and 150 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**

During the reported period due to new services started in the communities within CCF-supported project 140 boys and 171 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**

During the reported period due to new services started in the communities within CCF-supported project 164 boys and 160 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**

During the reported period parents and children enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
<b>Parenting Course</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>432</b>
<b>Playgroups</b>		<b>22</b>	
<b>Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course</b>		<b>67</b>	
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>		<b>30</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Self-Help Groups</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>Integrated groups</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	

**b) Orsha**

During the reported period parents and children enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
<b>Parenting Course</b>	<b>180</b>		<b>656</b>
<b>Playgroups</b>		<b>25</b>	
<b>Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Course</b>		<b>108</b>	
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>		<b>13</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>141</b>	
<b>Self-Help Groups</b>	<b>28</b>		

**c) Kobrin**

During the reported period parents and children enjoyed the following prevention and rehabilitation services:

Service	Visits by families (parents)	Visits by children	Total visits
<b>Parenting Course</b>	<b>162</b>		<b>587</b>
<b>Playgroups</b>		<b>25</b>	
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>		<b>33</b>	
<b>Alternative families (guest, guardian, foster)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>124</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>109</b>	
<b>Self-Help Groups</b>	<b>8</b>		
<b>Clubs for parents with children with disabilities</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	

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

**a) Zhodino**

During the reported period children and adolescents with disabilities enjoyed the following new educational and social services:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
<b>Playgroups</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>86</b>	
<b>Night care group</b>	<b>8</b>	

**b) Orsha**

During the reported period children and adolescents with disabilities enjoyed the following new educational and social services:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
<b>Playgroups</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>167</b>
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>141</b>	
<b>Day care group</b>	<b>9</b>	

**c) Kobrin**

During the reported period children and adolescents with disabilities enjoyed the following new educational and social services:

Service	Visits by disabled	Total visits
<b>Playgroups</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Volunteers Activities</b>	<b>35</b>	
<b>Toy Library</b>	<b>109</b>	
<b>Clubs for parents with children with disabilities</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Day care group</b>	<b>9</b>	

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

**a) Zhodino**

Current value of the indicator is 36 types of services. Such a value of +14 services has become possible due to the projects implemented by local social and educational institutions and NGOs that were supported by CCF and aimed at developing additional services in the communities. Another reason is that local specialists trained by CCF started to put their new skills into practice.

For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**b) Orsha**

Current value of the indicator is 30 types of services. Such a value of +9 services has become possible due to the projects implemented by local social and educational institutions and NGOs

that were supported by CCF and aimed at developing additional services in the communities. Another reason is that local specialists trained by CCF started to put their new skills into practice.

For detailed data see Sheet “List of Services” of PMP

**c) Kobrin**

Current value of the indicator is 33 types of services. Such a value of +10 services has become possible due to the projects implemented by local social and educational institutions and NGOs that were supported by CCF and aimed at developing additional services in the communities. Another reason is that local specialists trained by CCF started to put their new skills into practice.

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 83 children. Children got access to life skills development program due to the fact that local trainers trained by CCF started implementing the program. The program is implemented for 2 groups at the Boarding school. In addition to that they develop practical skills in a social apartment equipped at Social Pedagogical Center by CCF and in special classes at the boarding school.

**b) Orsha**

Current value of the indicator is 38 children. This number of children got access to life skills development program due to the fact that local trainers trained by CCF started implementing the program. The program is implemented for three groups of children at Socio-pedagogical Center and at School No19

**c) Kobrin**

Current value of the indicator is 57 children. This number of children got access to life skills development program due to the fact that local trainers trained by CCF started implementing the program. The program is implemented for two groups of children at Divin Boarding School. Out of these 57 children 32 kids from the shelter develop practical life skills using sowing and washing machines.

*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 goes in two parts – in theory and in practice. Only after the whole course is finished it is possible to measure the percent of the improvement. In Zhodino and Kobrin children demonstrate 87-90% improvement of skills but theoretical part of the course is not yet finished and the data will be adjusted at the end of the course.

In Orsha the course is finished and the average percent of improvement of knowledge and skills is 92%.

*Indicators 1.6.-1.7.:*

*number of community members including families, orphans, and children informed through informational and referral system;*

*number of community organizations/ services integrated into and using informational and referral system.*

The data for these indicators is not yet available as the activities start in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of Year 2.

*Indicator 1.8.*

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

This indicator is registered and correspond to the target. One Community Advisory Board is established in each of the targeted communities. Community Boards are already established in two new target communities – Chausy and Volozhin – as well.

*Indicator 1.9.*

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

People in target communities feel really interested and committed to the objectives and opportunities of Community Advisory Boards. So the number of the participants is quite high – 13-15 people.

The participants of the Boards include the variety of communities' stakeholders and represent:

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

- Habilitation Center for Disabled Children
- Boarding school
- Mass Media
- School
- in Volozhin:
  - Child Protection Specialist
  - Pediatrician
  - Local Center of Social Support of Population
  - Commission on Juvenile Delinquents Issues
  - Director of the Social Pedagogical Center
  - Habilitation Center for Disabled Children
  - Boarding school
  - School vice-director
  - Department of Education
  - NGOs
  - Mass Media
  - 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*

During the reported period the additional group of local trainers was 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, and Life Skills. Groups of local trainers were trained from each of the five target communities. Local trainers are invited to educational courses from organizations of special significance for child and family care. Thus, the organizations get their own specialists capable to use innovative approaches to child care issues and multiply the acquired knowledge and skills. By communities, the following number of people were trained and the following number of organizations were reinforced:

- Zhodino - 7 people, 10 organizations
- Orsha - 25 people, 12 organizations
- Kobrin - 24 people, 11 organizations
- Chausy - 25 people, 8 organizations
- Volozhin – 15 people, 7 organizations

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.*

Current value of the participants’ progress for the reporting period is the following:

Location	Topic	# pars	# pars reporting improved knowledge and skills	% pars reporting improved knowledge and skills
Zhodino				
	PRIDE			
	Child Protection	7	7	100%

<b>Orsha</b>				
	Health	25	25	<b>100%</b>
	PRIDE			
	Child Protection			
<b>Kobrin</b>				
	Health	24	24	<b>100%</b>
	PRIDE			
	Child Protection			
<b>Chausy</b>				
	Life Skills	25	25	<b>100%</b>
	Health			
	PRIDE			
	Child Protection			
<b>Volozhin</b>				
	Life Skills	16	15	<b>94%</b>
	PRIDE			
	Child Protection			

*Indicator 2.2.*

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

Current value of the participants progress for the reporting period is the following:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b># pars</b>	<b># pars reporting practical use of skills</b>	<b>% pars reporting practical use of skills</b>
<b>Zhodino</b>				
	Parenting	23	13	<b>57%</b>
	Life Skills			
	Health			
<b>Orsha</b>				
	Parenting	15	12	<b>80%</b>
	Life Skills			
	Health			
<b>Kobrin</b>				
	Parenting	8	7	<b>88%</b>
	Life Skills			

*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:

The results of the Round Table on the successful implementation of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program conducted in **Zhodino** on 06<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 were covered in the local newspaper “*Zhodinskya Naviny*” – circulation **6329** copies.

The results of the Family Club activity implementing in **Zhodino** within the small grant of NGO “Healthy Choice” were covered in the local newspaper “*Zhodinskya Naviny*” – circulation 6329 copies.

So the estimated coverage of community members is approximately 6000.

*Olga Misevih, project Community Coordinator, announced the results of the project implementation in Informational Bulletin “Orsha Alliance” #19 (circulation **299** copies) published by Orsha Public Club. This bulletin also reflected such project activities as a Round Table “Rehabilitation of Teenagers at Risk”*

conducted by CCF-Belarus and Vitebsk Oblast Executive Committee and self-help groups for alcohol addicted and their co-dependant relatives created within the small grant supported by CCF-Belarus. To increase the prestige of foster families in the local community article on alternative care development was written in “Arshanskaya gazeta” – **Orsha** - on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2007 (circulation **5677 copies**). So the estimated coverage of community members is around 5000.

Results of the small grant “*Host Family*” supported by CCF-Belarus and implemented by Divin Boarding School (**Kobrin** region) were presented in the local newspaper “Kobrin sky vestnik” (circulation **7060 copies**) in the article dated by 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

Results of the small grant “*Host Family*” supported by CCF-Belarus and implemented by Divin Boarding School (**Kobrin** region) were presented in the local newspaper “Zarya” (circulation **17 540 copies**) in the article dated by 10<sup>th</sup> of March. .

Public was also covered by the interview broadcast by local Kobrin radio. The interview about services for disabled children and their families was given by the leader of NGO BelAPDI local branch. The radio covers the whole population of Kobrin region which is about 90000, so the estimated number of listeners is around one-fifth of the population – about **18000**.

So the estimated total coverage of community members is around **18000**.

### **Objective 3**

#### *Indicator 3.1.*

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

The Procedure of Child Removal from the Family Local was accompanied by legal acts developed and submitted to Executive Committees in five targeted communities.

#### *Indicator 3.2.*

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

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.*

The developed Procedure and criteria of child removal from the family were disseminated among **252 child protection specialists from allover the country** representing social pedagogic centers and shelters, juvenile delinquency departments, municipal committees on under aged cases as well as child protection units as a result of four national round table discussions in Minsk.



## Christian Children's Fund, Inc. Representative Office in Belarus

### ***CCF-Belarus' Life Skills Program prepares institutionalized children for independent living and ensures successful integration into the community***

Children living in orphanages and shelters are used to the situation when adults take full responsibility for their lives: shopping, cooking, washing, etc. – everything is done by the staff of the institution for them. Such environment gives very few opportunities for these children to develop and practice essential life skills, which are so important for the independent living.

The Life Skills Program introduced by CCF-Belarus in 2001 is a long-term prevention course consisting of a series of two-hour small group activity sessions held once a week during eight months. Its interactive approach allows teenagers to engage in open discussions about gender roles, parenting, decision-making, effective communication, looking for a job, and other important issues. In addition to that the participants are provided with the opportunity to learn and practice household and professional skills, such as cooking, sewing, ironing, washing, carpentry, etc.

In 2006, within the *Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children* project CCF-Belarus started a series of ToTs for instructors of boarding schools and shelters in the targeted communities to train them in conducting the Life Skills Program for the teenagers in their institutions. In 2006, the ToT course was held in Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino, and in 2007 – in Chausy and Volozhin.



***At a carpentry class – learning important skills for future life***

As a result, today the Life Skills Program is taught on a regular basis in the institutions in Kobrin, Orsha, Zhodino and Volozhin. Over **450** orphaned and sheltered teenagers have been reached by the program. The special furniture and equipment purchased by CCF-Belarus for the social apartments, sewing and carpentry workshops significantly increases the effectiveness of the training and makes it more enjoyable for the teenagers.

Essential life skills developed and mastered within the Life Skills Program will help the orphans to adequately prepare themselves for the future independent living and ensure successful integration into the community.

