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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

Christian Children’s Fund’s (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 whose parents have been denied parental rights. The project’s activities focus on working with families and social service professionals to maintain or 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 learnings of the project throughout Belarus to build a foundation for replication and sustainability.

B. PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

This reporting period, CCF-Belarus focused its efforts on promoting sustainability of the achieved results, dissemination of the project activity countrywide, and advocacy for development of national legislation in child protection.

Strategic partnership with the Academy of Post-Diploma Education created a platform for sustainability of innovative capacity building efforts piloted in the targeted communities. Two main training programs (PRIDE and a Family-centered approach to child protection services) were successfully implemented in re-training groups of the Academy.

Dissemination of the PRIDE model on the national level was continued through a series of ToTs for foster parents and specialists from non-assisted communities to strengthen national trainers’ resources. A new partnership with the National Associations of Foster Parents was established through their engagement in a ToT on PRIDE and participation in the international round table on family type care development. This round table promoted PRIDE as a successful international model of recruiting, training and support of foster/adoptive parents. A Round Table Resolution submitted to the Ministry of Education recommends using the PRIDE model countrywide to develop family type care.

Significant efforts were focused on capacity building for trainers’ teams on PRIDE, Child Protection and Parenting. Trainer’s camps for PRIDE, Parenting and Child protection groups of trainers became a platform for experience exchange and increased proficiency. These trainers’ groups are an invaluable resource for further expansion of best project practices countrywide.

This quarter the CCF-Belarus Task group developed the final draft of the Standards on Social Rehabilitation of Families at Risk. The standards were presented for a National Committee of the Directors of Socio-Pedagogic Centers.

Advocacy efforts to introduce Standards and Recommendations on Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect were continued through the National Round Table initiated by CCF. A manual, “Recommendations on Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect,” was published and distributed among child protection agencies countrywide.

Nine new communities (Kirovsk, Smorgon, Mogilev, Grodno, Brest oblast and Brest region, Slavgorod, Grodno, Pinsk) joined the project and enriched the palette of community-based prevention services with the Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Life Skills programs, and public information campaigns.

In summary thus far:

- **33 small grants** were in the process of implementation;
- **48 new community based prevention and rehabilitation services** were created;
- **309 people** took part in project capacity building events; **66%** of them were trained within small grants;
- The total number of project **direct beneficiaries** having access to prevention and rehabilitation services as well as training programs for local specialists this quarter is **3,068 people**;
- **142 specialists** from non-assisted communities were reached by CCF dissemination activity.
- The Task Group developed the final draft of the Standards on Social Rehabilitation;
- **1, 000** hard copies of the “Recommendations on Social Investigation” were published and distributed among child protection agencies nationwide.

C. CHALLENGES/CONSTRAINTS

- A monopoly in the sphere of internet access provision especially in rural areas created difficulties in purchasing of the static IP addresses required for Facility based database. Huge bureaucratic barriers resulted in delay of installation of the computer network in Chaussy and Orsha.
- Multimedia equipment has been operated unsparingly for four years and that led to its significant deterioration. Technical problems with equipment hampered smooth implementation of training/workshops.

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.

- **33 small grants** were in the process of implementation this quarter.
- **48** community based prevention and rehabilitation services were created.
- **2,759 people** (parents, orphans and children at risk, parents of children with disabilities, children with special needs, victims of domestic violence, expectant mothers, mothers with children from 0-3, and teens with deviant behavior) benefited from prevention and rehabilitation services.
- Life Skills and Parenting Skills Enhancement Program were implemented within local community resources in 9 new communities.
- **413** orphans and children at risk were enrolled in the Life Skills training program.
- **88%** of orphans reported improvement of knowledge and skills related to Life Skills trainings.

Parenting Skills Enhancement Program

The Parenting Skills Enhancement Program was continued via small grants in Kobrin, Orsha and Chaussy as well as in 5 new communities (Slavgorod, Brest oblast, Kirovsk, Smorgon, and Grodno). CCF specialist monitored the quality of the program implementation.

As a result:

- **328 people** have completed Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in schools and kindergartens in 8 communities. **51%** of the programs were implemented using local resources.
- **89% of parents** reported that they better understand the reasons of children’s misbehavior and cope with it without violence; **87%** of trained parents assessed themselves as “responsible parents”; **83%** of parents reported maintaining optimal emotional contacts with their children; **76%** of parents reported using methods of stress management and self-regulation; **97%** of parents reported better understanding of the importance of attachment development between parents and a child from 0-3.
- **Parents’ clubs** were organized in Orsha and Kobrin out of the most active parents who completed the training course. **Play groups** were organized for **199 children** in Chaussy, Kobrin, Orsha, and Slavgorod while their parents were at parenting classes. **31%** of all children were from a risk group. Unique developmental programs were prepared by community trainers to develop children’s capacity.

Parents say:

A mother of a 14 year old girl:

“...I was in a bad mood when came home after work as I was told off by my boss. At home my daughter was doing her homework and asked me for help. I refused her several times and finally told her to turn off the computer and go to the library. She felt very offended and went to her room...I recollected a session from Parenting Classes and understood my mistake. To re-establish relationships with my daughter I knocked on the door of her room, apologized for my behavior, and told about my feelings and reasons of my misbehavior. I cleared some points about her homework and she completed the task herself. Finally I was very proud of her and myself when she got an excellent mark at school. I have never ever thought that Parenting Classes can be so helpful and effective... “

Life Skills Program

Activity: Life Skills Program for institutionalized children	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Twenty groups of orphaned, sheltered and children at risk (200 people) took part in Life Skills Program in Orsha, Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin.</p> <p>65% of enrolled orphaned children reporting improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to trainings topic.</p> <p>Approximately 250 institutionalized children will practice life skills in social apartments, sewing and carpentry workshops in Orsha, Zhodino, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Twenty nine groups of orphaned, sheltered children and children at risk (362 people) have been engaged in the Life Skills Program in Orsha*, Kobrin, Chausy and Volozhin, as well as in 7 new communities such as Slavgorod, Brest and Brest region, Smorgon, Mogilev, Pinsk, and Grodno. 48 % of all groups allocated their own resources for the program implementation. ▪ As a result of the Life Skills course 88% of teenagers learned how to define personal positive characteristics; learned about the interconnection between values, decisions and behavior; mastered effective communication; learned about defining and achieving goals, effective decision making and particularities of gender roles; formed good attitudes towards parenting and family relations; practiced methods of stress management, how to say ‘no’, how to criticize effectively, how to solve conflicts, and how to find a job. ▪ Two hundred seventy nine (279) institutionalized children have continued life skills development classes in Zhodino, Orsha, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin using equipment purchased for these purposes improving sewing and carpentry skills, repaired old clothes and created new ones, and practiced cooking.
<p><u>Critical notes.</u></p> <p>* Four groups in Orsha were going on through small grants.</p> <p>Reports about Life Skills Program activity including lists of the participants, analyses of evaluation forms and reports of the trainers are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

This quarter the **NGO “Fialta”** continued the Life Skills training course for **51 orphans** from SOS-Youth Home through a small grant to promote successful social adaptation of teens.

Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program

The Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention program continued its implementation through small grants in three communities- Chausy, Kobrin, and Volozhin. This quarter **two hundred and six (206) children** were in training. As a result 81% of schoolchildren participating in the program reported improvement of knowledge and skills on HIV/AIDS issues, drug abuse, reproductive health, responsible behavior, life values and attitudes.

Development of community-based services through small grants¹²

¹ For more information about services through small grants please, see Annex 1. “Community services to vulnerable groups” Quarterly report April –June 2009 Cooperative agreement # 121-A-00-05-00703-00

- **Services for families of children with disabilities.**

The National NGO BelAPDIIMI has finished their innovative project aimed at prevention of parents' rejection of newborns with disabilities. As a result **127 parents** of children with disabilities got access to phone counseling, legal, information and psychological assistance. Individual habilitation plans were developed in partnership with parents. Approximately **99%** of children with disabilities under 1 year old remained with their biological families as a result of project services.

The NGO "Belarusian Children's Hospice" has prolonged services provision for parents of children with disabilities living in Minsk. **59 parents** were involved in Family Club activity, Father's Club activity, and the psychological training program.

The NGO «Belarusian public union of Riding and Hippotherapy» completed a project aimed at integration of **children with disabilities** and **orphaned children** raised in boarding schools through habilitation trainings on hippotherapy method of Pat Parelli "Natural Horsemanship". **28 children** benefited from the project.

Slavgorod and Kobrin State Habilitation Centers started provision of home visitation to children with disabilities living in remote and rural areas. The home-based services were based on the Portage model, and use a toy library. As a result **39 children and 35 parents** gained access to educational services that were not available to them due to transportation limitation for a child with severe disabilities in rural areas.

Kobrin Habilitation Center started multidisciplinary consultations for parents of young children, screening for early detection of child's developmental delays, and consultations for parents on available services. **45 parents** and **48 children** living in this rural area benefited from the project.

- **Family type care for orphans**

Implementation of information campaigns on alternative care development supplemented with further PRIDE training program for prospective and active foster parents were conducted this quarter via small grants in Kobrin, Kirovsk and Brest region.

In general 160 **prospective and active foster and adoptive parents** completed PRIDE training programs this quarter. Now there are **122 families** providing family type care including foster care, guardianship, or adoption for **85 orphans** from boarding schools or shelters. The PRIDE model proved to be so effective that after its small grant completion Chausy cost-shared its implementation with their own resources.

- **Domestic violence prevention**

Services development for victims of domestic violence continued within small grants in Bragin, Volozhin and Kobrin. As a result **172 battered women** gained access to a hot line and individual counseling, self-help group activity, group therapy, and psychological consultations for domestic violence victims. To increase public awareness about the problem of domestic violence, a series of meetings in enterprises and factories, and publications in mass media were organized in these communities. Now the demand for shelter services is still very low.

- **Rehabilitation services for families at risk**

Parenting education

Smorgon Social-Pedagogic Center completed an innovative project "First steps of motherhood". Innovative community-based services such as Marte Meo therapy, training on effective parenting for expectant mothers and mothers raising children from 0-3 years old including those from disadvantaged families were incorporated into the local child protection system to prevent rejection of newborns and child maltreatment. As a result **91 women and 56 children** benefited from the project activities.

Orsha Polyclinic #1 has started new community-based services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect in early childhood. **151 single mothers of young children and expectant mothers** took part in a Parenting School

² CCF sub-grantees' quarterly reports are available at CCF-Belarus' office upon request.
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training program focused on development of mother's basic skills such as taking care about the baby, breast feeding, health education, empathy, and attachment formation. The service was in high demand by the target group and planned targets were exceeded two times within the first quarter of the project implementation.

The NGO "Penitentiary Health" completed a project aimed at improving attachment and communication between imprisoned mothers and their babies raised at the specialized baby house in Gomel Colony. As a result **75 children** from a baby house participated in joint playgroup activity with their mothers to support attachment and empathy development. A Life Skills training course was attended by **75 mothers** serving a sentence there. A Reference Book for released women with children from 0 to 4 was published to assist them in social adaptation in the community.

Support services for children at risk

The local foundation "Center for Support of Rural Development and Entrepreneurship of Stolin District" completed the project "My second home". As a result, a **day-care center** for children at risk living in the rural area was established. **71 children** from disadvantaged families visited the day care center after school and received help in coping with school curriculum and gaining life skills. **30 parents** received individual and group psychological counseling on maintaining effective child-parent relations.

Pinsk Branch of NGO "Mothers Against Drugs" introduced an innovative service of a mentoring program for teenagers with deviant behavior. This methodology was fostered from Chicago as a result of the participation in the Community Connections program. It was adapted to Belarus conditions. A group of **11 mentors-volunteers** was carefully selected and trained to provide counseling and social assistance for teens who lack parental care and support. **82 teens** with deviant behavior and **86 parents** had consultations on how to develop positive relationships. 36% of children demonstrated positive changes in their behavior. Motivated mentors-volunteers engaged more adults in this activity and initiated creation of the Youth Club.

- **Enhancing quality of child protection services**

Facility based database

This quarter the software development for a computer database was completed by the IT firm INISOFT. It is expected to be installed in local child protection institutions next quarter.

Public Information Campaigns on child abuse and neglect

An information campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention was started this quarter via small grants in Smorgon Social Pedagogic Centers. Posters, information leaflets, calendars, and a video clip were developed, disseminated and reached **18,440 adults**.

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.

- **103 participants** took part in **7 capacity building events** conducted by CCF-Belarus;
- **206 community specialists** were trained through the small grants by partner organizations.
- **98%** (against 85% planned) of the participants reported improvements of specific knowledge and skills
- **86%** (against 60% planned) participants reported practical use of obtained knowledge and skills in services for family and children.

Activity: Training on Parenting Skills Enhancement Program for medical staff (3rd of April, 2009)	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 12 specialists from <i>local communities</i> will be trained on Modified Parenting ToT course.	▪ Fourteen representatives of medical staff (doctors and nurses) working with expectant mothers and families with children from 0-3 years old in local communities took part in a Modified Parenting ToT course.

80% of participants will report improvements of specific knowledge necessary to run the Parenting Skills Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100% of the participants reported improvements of specific knowledge and skills related to good parenting, importance of strong attachment between parent and children at the age 0-3; and positive non-physical disciplinary techniques. ▪ 86% of the trainees started application of the knowledge and skills to practice.
A list of the participants is available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request	

Achieving sustainability through development of national resources^{3 4}

Parents' Association Development

This quarter development of parenting associations was supported through the *Workshop "Burning out Prevention"* in Volozhin, Zhodino, and Kobrin (05-06th of May; 14-15th of May; 04-05th of June, 2009). **Forty two (42) participants** representing parents and leaders from local branches of NGO BelAPDiMI, as well as specialists from local Habilitation Centers and Territorial Centers of Social Protection of Population got knowledge on burning out syndrome, its causes and consequences, and practiced methods of its prevention.

Capacity Building for Trainers' Teams

As a result of the project implementation trainers' teams on the Parenting Skills Enhancement program, PRIDE and Child protection team were formed and started replication activity countrywide. To strengthen the trainers' capacity and to exchange experience, Trainers Forums were organized on 10th-12th, and 22nd-26th of June, 2009 for **47 specialists**. Trainers worked on Standards of Trainers activity, and discussed perspectives of each program implementation on local and national levels.

Training activity provided through small grants

This quarter partner organizations continued training program implementation. As a result **206 child protection specialists** were trained through small grants.

Dissemination of *family-centered approach to child protection* services through training programs for community *multidisciplinary teams consisting of the specialists from health, education, social services and police* continued in Kobrin, and Orsha. As a result, **52 child protection specialists representing 45 organizations** were in a training program this quarter. **80%** of the participants improved knowledge and skills on child abuse and neglect identification, its influence on child development, conducting investigation, family engagement, and case planning based on family centered approach.

The National NGO BelAPDiMi completed the project "Family for every child". Within the project **154 health care providers** received information about community-based habilitation services and support available for families raising children with disabilities. A reference book for parents raising children with disabilities (circulation 500 copies) and a manual for specialists from Maternity Hospitals and Children's Hospitals (circulation 200 copies) were published and distributed.

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 of the project throughout Belarus to build a foundation for replication and sustainability.

This quarter CCF-Belarus focused its efforts on replication of the project results on the national level and advocacy for development of national legislation in child protection.

- Dissemination of 4 programs- Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Life Skills, and PRIDE programs, and family-centered approach to child protection services was continued countrywide.
- 142 specialists from non-assisted communities were reached by CCF dissemination activity.
- PRIDE training was piloted in the Academy of Post-Diploma Education

³ For more information, please, see Annex 1.

⁴ CCF sub-grantees' quarterly reports are available at CCF-Belarus' office upon request. *"Community services to vulnerable groups" Quarterly report April-June 2009 Cooperative agreement # 121-A-00-05-00703-00*

- Methodological recommendations on Social Investigation were published (circulation 1,000 copies). Materials have already been distributed among child protection specialists from 31 geographic locations (72 institutions).

- CCF-Belarus took part in the National Conference “Family type care development and orphanhood prevention” initiated by Belarus Ministry of Education. CCF-Belarus’ experience in coordination of information campaigns on child abuse and neglect prevention was presented for 150 child protection specialists from all over the country.

- The Task Group has finished the final draft of the Standards on Social Rehabilitation.

- Research on national adoption development was finalized.

- An international round table on substitute care for orphaned children was conducted to promote PRIDE model on the national level.

- Dissemination of key findings of the adoption survey- through round table presentation and CCF website was accomplished.

- Partnership with national mass media resulted in reflection of the project results on the radio and main periodical newspapers. **470, 017** people were reached.

Dissemination of prevention services in new communities.

Five new communities (Slavgorod, Kirovsk, Brest oblast, Smorgon, and Grodno) trained by CCF in December 2008-January 2009 started new community-based prevention services such as the Parenting Skills Enhancement Program and Life Skills program using their own local resources. Results of the programs’ implementation are presented under Objective 1.

Dissemination of training programs

Academy of Post-Diploma Education in partnership with CCF-Belarus trainers’ team piloted training programs on Family-Centered Approach to Child Protective Services and PRIDE. Both training programs were conducted by CCF trainers’ team.

The first group of **20 child protection** specialists from **16 geographic locations** learned about case planning in child protection, the influence of child abuse and neglect on child development, identification of developmental delays, supplementary case planning for children, and reunification of children with their biological family. The same training program has been conducted for **14 child protection specialists** from Bykhov and Kirovsk towns of Mogilev oblast.

The PRIDE model was introduced in the Academy of Post-Diploma Education within a specialized course for specialists involved in family-type care development (*15-27th of June 2009*) for **18 people** from **14 new communities**. A similar program was completed by **thirteen community specialists** from 5 new communities (Lida, Bobruisk, Baranovichy, Mariyina Gorka, and Novaya Mysh) and **thirteen foster parents**.

Eliminating barriers to further development of family type care for orphaned children

Research on national adoption.

By the end of the reporting period, a second part of the research on national adoption was finalized. The goal of the research was to analyze social and demographic factors influencing national adoption development as well as to define the most common social representations about adoption existing in Belarusian society. The results of the research show that increase of national adoption can be reached by:

- reserving similar benefits for housing and entering to higher educational institutions for adoptive and foster children;
- creation of positive images of adoptive children and parents in mass media and national information campaigns;
- destroying the myth of bad inheritance of children who are waiting for adoption, through demonstration of success stories and showing the possibility of overcoming developmental delays in a family environment.
- Support provision for adoptive families.

Activity: International Round Table on Family type care development (19th-20th of May)	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
A Round Table will be organized to present national and international experience of PRIDE implementation as well as results of the research on national adoption development.	<p>A Round Table was organized by CCF in partnership with Belarus National NGO of foster parents “With Hope” and National NGO “Hope for children”. 37 specialists representing PRIDE implementers from the USA, Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, Belarus’ Ministry of Education, National Adoption Center, higher educational institutions, child protection institutions, NGO representatives, and foster parents were present.</p> <p>The results of the research on impediments to national adoption development were presented at the Round Table by the research group.</p> <p>As a result of the Round Table discussion a Resolution was passed and sent to Belarus’ Ministry of Education for consideration. The Resolution emphasizes the effectiveness of the PRIDE model in family type care development, recommends its incorporation in national child protection practice, and offers procedures for further national adoption development.</p>
<p><u>Note.</u> A report about the Round Tables including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus’ office upon request.</p>	

Advocacy for national legislation in child protection development

Recommendations on Social Investigation developed by CCF-Belarus’ Task Group were published (circulation 1,000 copies) and distributed among child protection specialists countrywide. This practical manual will help child protection specialists in information collection and making sound decisions in the situation of child abuse and neglect.

Activity: Round Table on Social Investigation (23rd of April)	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
A Round Table was organized to present Recommendations on Social Investigation that were developed by Task Group and published.	<p>A Round Table was organized on the 23rd of April for twenty seven (27) specialists representing the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs, higher educational institutions, oblast Departments of Education and Social-Pedagogic Centers as well as mass media.</p> <p>Published Recommendations on Social Investigation and developed Standard on Social Investigation were presented for child protection specialists from 6 Belarus oblasts.</p> <p>As a result of the Round Table discussion a Resolution was passed and sent to Belarus’ Ministry of Education for consideration. It is underlined in the Resolution that the Recommendations proved to be an effective tool in conducting social investigation and requested the Ministry to legalize the developed document for further use in child protection practice countrywide.</p>
<p><u>Note.</u> A report about the Round Tables including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus’ office upon request.</p>	

Three (3) meetings of the Technical Task Group were conducted on 1st – 2nd of April, 21st – 22nd of May, and on 18th -19th of June 2009 to develop the final draft of the National Standard on Social Rehabilitation.

The Task Group presented a packet of developed Standards on Social Investigation and Social Rehabilitation for a National Committee of Social-Pedagogic Centers' Directors to discuss perspectives of its nationwide dissemination and elaboration of the advocacy plan

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.

CCF-Belarus' Monitoring and Evaluation Unit conducted regular site visits and consultations for CCF partner organizations and sub-grantees.

CCF Headquarters (CCF-HQ) provided overall oversight, and technical support to the project. CCF-Belarus Minsk and CCF-HQ maintained regular communication via e-mail and teleconferences.

- ***Coordination with USAID***

Regular communications with Jahor Novikau, USAID CTO and Larisa Komarova were maintained through e-mail, telephone and working meetings.

On May 14th, Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus' Country Director took part in USAID's strategic planning meeting for Belarus that was held in Kiev at USAID-Ukraine Mission. She had an opportunity to share ideas about country needs and advocate for continuation of OVC and PWD programs in Belarus. Among the participants were Janina Jaruzelski, Mission Director, USAID -Minsk office headed by its Director Chuck Howell, representatives of USAID from Washington, and representatives of other INGOs implementing USAID funded projects in Belarus.

- ***Cooperation with Ministry of Education***

In May-June, 2009 – a series of meetings with the Expert Group of Ministry of Education for preparation of the National Report on Reform of Child Protection System.

- ***Cooperation with UNICEF***

May 22, 2009- meeting with Alexander Karankevich, Child protection specialist of UNICEF to present the PRIDE model and discuss joint efforts in national programs for family type care development.

V. BUDGET

SF-272 report will be submitted under separate cover by CCF-HQ.

○ **ACTIVE MICRO-GRANTS:**

- Educational Department of Chausy executive committee:
 1. “Education of future adoptive parents on PRIDE program (Prolongation)”
 2. “Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational record system”;
- Chausy School #1:
 3. “Children and parents”,
 4. “Healthy me - healthy country”;

I. Chausy community:

- Educational department of Zhodino Executive committee:
 5. “Zhodino social network”

II. Zhodino community:

- Volozhin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population:
 6. “We choose life”
 7. “Region without violence”

III. Volozhin community:

- Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population:
 8. “Crisis center for women and children”
- Kobrin Social Pedagogic Center:
 9. “Education for foster and adoptive parents”
 10. “Family-centered approach in child protection system”
- Kobrin School #3:
 11. “My family”
- Kobrin School #9:
 12. “Our choice is health”

IV. Kobrin community:

- Social-pedagogic center of Orsha:
 13. “Education program for candidates to foster parents (Prolongation)”,
 14. “Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills”
- Orsha School #20:
 14. “Children and parents - a way to each other”
- Educational department of Orsha executive committee:
 15. “Creation of network database on child protection in Orsha”

V. Orsha community:

VI. Innovative projects:

- Belarusian Children's Hospice:
 - 16. “Upbringing of a «special» child in a family” (Prolongation);
 - 17. “Translation and publication of methodologic materials on psychotrauma”;
- NGO "Penitentiary Health":
 - 18. “School for Social Adaptation of Children in Baby Houses of Correctional Institutions and Their Mothers”
- Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center:
 - 19. “First steps of motherhood”
- NGO Belarusian public union of riding and hippotherapy:
 - 20. “Lucky horseshoe”
- NGO BelAPDIIMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”:
 - 21. “Family for every child”

VII. Social Support for Families and Children in Disadvantaged Situation

- Local Foundation “Center for Support of Rural Development and Entrepreneurship of Stolin District”:
 - 22. “My Second Home”
- NGO “Youth Educational Centre "Fialta””:
 - 23. “Think. Act. Play”
- Kobrin Habilitation Center for Disabled Children:
 - 24. “Assistance to Disabled Children of Early Age”
- Orsha Children's Polyclinic №1:
 - 25. “Competent mothers – healthy children”
- Bragin Branch of NGO “Belarusian Women’s Union””:
 - 26. “Peace and Harmony into Every Home”
- Pinsk Branch of NGO "Mothers Against Drugs””:
 - 27. “The Youth Choose Friendship”

VIII. Portage Projects

- Education Department of Bykhov Executive Committee:
 - 28. “The palm full of happiness”
- Slavgorod Habilitation Center for Disabled Children:
 - 29. “Live and learn together”

IX. Dissemination of Information campaigns

- Education Department of Brest District Executive Committee:
 - 30. “Family for every child”
- Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center:
 - 31. “There is no justification for child abuse”
- Education Department of Kirovsk Executive Committee:
 - 32. “Family for every child”

X. Prevention of Domestic Violence

- Public Union "Radislava":
 - 33. “National Conference on the Problem of Domestic Violence”

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o ACTIVE MICRO-GRANTS:

I. Chausy community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Chausy executive committee	Education of future foster parents on PRIDE program (Prolongation)	31.10.2008
Address: ul. Leninskaya 17, Chausy		31.07.2009
Amount: \$3,799.10		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to increase the quantity of foster parents in Chausy and Chausy region through introduction of PRIDE program	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In-service training for foster families on PRIDE program 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Foster parents (completed PRIDE program)	18
	Adoptive parents (completed PRIDE program)	3
	Orphans placed into foster care	13
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	2
	Foster parents, completed four sessions of Foster PRIDE Core training (group #1)	14
	Foster parents, completed four sessions of Foster PRIDE Core training (group #2)	14
	total	64

<i>Grantee Name/address:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
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Educational department of Chausy executive committee	Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational and referral system	26.03.2008
Address: ul. Leninskaya 17, Chausy		31.08.2009
Amount: \$24,851		
Brief description:	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Chausy through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
OUTPUTS: The network formation is in process. The software is being developed.		

Grantee Name:	Project name:	Project duration:
Chausy School #1	Children and Parents	28.04.2008
Address: ul. Azarova 44, Chausy		28.07.2009
Amount: \$6,900		Break: 28.05-28.08.2008
Brief description:	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to spread experience of child-parenting relations in families at risk through introduction of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program and involvement of the parents to active family and school social life. Creation of Parenting Association is also foreseen at the end of the project.	
Services established by present time:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting skills enhancement program ▪ Playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk ▪ Round table ▪ Article in local newspaper "Iskra" 	
Number of beneficiaries:	Direct beneficiaries:	
	Members of families (including parents and children from families at risk)	30
	Children, participating in the project	32
	Participants of Round table	24
	Indirect beneficiaries:	
	Article in local newspaper "Iskra"	3055

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<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Chausy School #1	Healthy me - healthy country	21.04.2008
Address: Azarova Str, 44, Chausy		21.04.2009
Amount: \$4,998		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of project is to improve the knowledge and skills of the schoolchildren in the sphere of HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, reproductive health through prevention activities for schoolchildren.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training program on healthy life style ▪ Information actions in schools on substance abuse, HIV/AIDS prevention 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Schoolchildren, who participated in training program	23

II. Zhodino community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Zhodino executive committee	Zhodino Social Network	13.12.2007
Address: per. Molodezhnyi 3, Zhodino		01.10.2009
Amount: \$15,371.08		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of Zhodino child protection organizations through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
OUTPUTS: The network formation is in process. The software is being developed.		

III. Volozhin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Volozhin Territorial Center for Social Support of Population	We choose life	16.09.2008
Address: Mira Str., 8, Vologin		16.08.2009

Amount: \$4,679		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to inform schoolchildren in Volozhin region about healthy life style, reproductive health, drug abuse prevention through training activity.</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training program on healthy life style for schoolchildren • Public awareness activities (school meetings for parents, information meetings for schoolchildren) 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Schoolchildren involved in training program	52
	Schoolchildren, parents and teachers involved in public awareness activities	375

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
<i>Volozhin Territorial Center for Social Support of Population</i>	<i>Region without violence</i>	24.10.2008 24.08.2009
Address: Mira Str., 8, Vologin		
Amount: \$7,871.50		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to provide rehabilitation services for the victims of domestic violence through creation of Support Service and through arranging prevention and educational events in Vologin district. The specialists of the Support Service will provide 24 hours telephone counseling, psychological consultations, and self-help group activity for the victims of domestic violence.</i>	
<i>Project location:</i>	Volozhin	
<i>Services established by present time</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline consultations for abused women and children • Psychological consultations for domestic violence victims • Psychological debriefing • Interventions in families of domestic violence victims • Self-support groups for domestic violence victims 	
	Direct beneficiaries:	
	Victims of domestic violence	58
	Indirect beneficiaries:	
	Participants of lectures on domestic violence problem at local enterprises	422
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Article in local newspaper	6789

IV. Kobrin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population	Crisis Center for Women and Children	01.12.2008
Address: Sovietskaya Str., 103 Kobrin		01.09.2009
Amount: \$9,997.05		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to create prevention and rehabilitation services addressing domestic violence issues in Kobrin district. The specialists of the Crisis Centre will provide telephone counseling, psychological and legal consultations, trainings and therapeutic group services for abused women and their children.	
<i>Services established by present time</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotline consultations for domestic violence victims • Psychological consultations for domestic violence victims • Therapeutic groups for domestic violence victims 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Abused women and their children	97 (83 adults, 14 children)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Social-pedagogic center	Education for foster and adoptive parents	24.12.2008
Address: Dzyerzhinskogo Str, 53, Kobrin		01.09.2009
Amount: \$ 6,999.33		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to increase the quantity of foster and adoptive parents in Kobrin and Kobrin district through introduction of PRIDE program. The project activities will be supported by implementation of public awareness campaign on foster care and adoption (publications in local newspapers, posters, public awareness activities).	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PRIDE training for prospective foster and adoptive families. ▪ Core PRIDE training for foster parents. ▪ Public awareness activities on foster care and adoption (school meetings for parents, an article in a regional newspaper). 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Prospective foster and adoptive parents, completed PRIDE program	30
	Foster parents, completed six sessions of Foster PRIDE Core training (group #1 and 2)	41
	Foster parents	6
	Adoptive parents	3
	Guest families	25
	Orphans placed into foster care	4

	Orphans placed into adoptive families	2
	Orphans placed into guest families	17
	total	128
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	
	Activities conducted: public presentations at the public schools, an article in the local newspaper <i>Kobrin Inform</i> , broadcasting of promotional spot on the local TV channel, information actions on local enterprises with dissemination of children's information cards and booklets.	86358 (98,1 % of total population: 88000)
	Individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	159

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Social-pedagogic Center	Family-centered approach in child protection system	11.05.2009
Address: Dzerzhinskogo Str 53, Kobrin		01.09.2009
Amount: \$9,992.22		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to strengthen child protection system in Kobrin region. The project will strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local specialists involved in child protection through implementation of training program.	
<i>Project location:</i>	Kobrin	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	40

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin School #3	My Family	01.09.2008
Address: ul. Proletarskaya 91, 225305 Kobrin		01.09.2009
Amount: \$16,440		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to spread experience of child-parenting relations in families at risk through introduction of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program and involvement of the parents to active family and school social life. The project activities will be supported by information articles in local mass media, sharing project experience among specialists working with families at risk on round tables, master class, and seminar.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting skills enhancement program ▪ Playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performances of Social Interactive Theater ▪ Article in local newspaper “Kobrin Vestnik” 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Direct beneficiaries:	
	Parents participating in Parenting Skills Enhancement Program (including parents from risk families)	64
	Children, participating in project activities	90
	Indirect beneficiaries:	
	Audience of 2 performances of Social Interactive Theater	462
	Article in local newspaper	6420

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin School #9	<i>Our choice is health</i>	03.11.2008
Address: Druzhby Str., 33/1, Kobrin		30.06.2009
Amount: \$4,990		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to inform schoolchildren in Kobrin about healthy life style, reproductive health, drug abuse prevention through training activities.</i>	
<i>Project location:</i>	Kobrin	
<i>Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:</i>	Schoolchildren participated in training activities	131

V. Orsha community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha Social-Pedagogic Center	<i>Educative program for candidates to foster parents (Prolongation)</i>	08.04.2009
Address: Oshuiko str., 20, Orsha		01.09.2009
Amount: \$4,050		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to increase the quantity of foster parents in Orsha through introduction of PRIDE program</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PRIDE training for prospective foster and adoptive families 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Foster parents, completed four sessions of Foster PRIDE Core training	38

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha Social-Pedagogic center	Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills	19.10.2007
Address: Oshuiko str., 20, Orsha		15.06.2009
Amount: \$ 9,008.80		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p>The goal of the project is to strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local child protection specialists</p> <p>A training program which covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduced to the community</p>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training program for child protection specialists 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries</i>	Child protection specialists	12

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha School #20	Parents and Children – a way to each other	26.05.2008
Address: ul. Flerova 13, Orsha, Belarus		01.07.2009
Amount: \$12,000		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p>The goal of the project is to spread experience of child-parenting relations in families at risk through introduction of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program and involvement of the parents to active family and school social life, dissemination of positive experience of work with a family. The project activities will be supported by information leaflet about family relations, sharing project experience among project' partners and specialists working with families at risk on round tables. Creation of Parenting Association is also foreseen at the end of the project.</p>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting skills enhancement program • Playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk • Joint activities of children and their parents • Life skills training program for teenagers • Parent's Club 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Parents, participating in parenting skills enhancement program	63 (including parents from risk families)
	Children, participating in the playgroups within Parenting course	49
	Teenagers, participating in Life Skills training program	48
	Participants of 7 joint events of parents and children	200

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Orsha executive committee	Creation of network database on child protection in Orsha	26.10.2007
Address: ul. Zamkovaya 11, Orsha		15.08.2009
Amount: \$19,862		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Orsha through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk.	
OUTPUTS: The network formation is in process. The software is being developed.		

VI. Innovative projects

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Belarusian Children's Hospice"	Upbringing of a «special» child in a family (Prolongation)	16.03.2009
Address: ul. Beryozovaya Roscha, 100, Borovlyany, Minsk District		16.08.2009
Amount: \$4,999		
<i>Brief description</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the innovative project is to develop empathy, attachment and improve social adaptation of parents who have children with disabilities through provision of psychological and social support. The target group includes 30 families who have disabled children 0-10 y.o. living in Minsk and Minsk region. The project activities include training program for parents on family relations, individual psychological support within Parent's Club and Father's Club.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training program for mothers of children with disabilities • Parent's Club for • Father's Club 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Parents of children with disabilities involved in project activities	59

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Belarusian Children's Hospice"	Translation and publication of methodologic materials on psychotrauma	08.05.2009
Address: ul. Beryozovaya Roscha, 100, Borovlyany, Minsk District		08.09.2009
Amount: \$10,000		

<i>Brief description</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to increase the capacity of community child protection specialists working with children who experienced psycho trauma through translation and publishing methodological materials. 8 books and brochures will be translated and published in circulation of 500 copies.
OUTPUTS: 8 books and brochures on psychotrauma have been translated.	

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO “Penitentiary Health”	<i>Social rehabilitation of children from prison’s Baby House and their mothers</i>	26.05.2008
Address: ul. Aranskaya 1, 345 220006 Minsk		26.06.2009
Amount: \$10,000		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the innovative project to develop and introduce a program of social rehabilitation for children from prison’s Baby House and their mothers. The project is implemented in partnership with Belarus Department of Penalty Execution and Colony #4 of Gomel region.	
<i>Project location:</i>	Gomel	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills training program for women servicing a sentence in Gomel Colony • Joint play group activities for mothers and their children from a baby house of the prison • Assistance of pedagogues for children in baby house • Reference book for released mothers (100 copies) • Manual for professionals working in prison’s baby houses (100 copies) 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:</i>	Children from a baby house of the prison	75
	Their mothers, who are servicing a sentence in Gomel Colony	75
	<i>total</i>	150
<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center	<i>First steps of motherhood</i>	01.09.2008
Address: ul. Y. Kolasa 17, k.1, Smorgon		20.07.2009
Amount: \$9,560		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the innovative project is to develop empathy, attachment and parenting skills among mothers of children from 0-3 y. o. from disadvantaged families and their children, and expectant mothers through implementation of rehabilitation services.	
<i>Project location:</i>	Smorgon	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings on effective parenting for mothers from disadvantaged families • Trainings on effective parenting, healthy life style for expectant mothers • Rehabilitation services for mothers from disadvantaged families 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metodologic materials on Marte Meo therapy for specialists of social – pedagogic institutions 	
Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:	Mothers of 0-3 y.o. children (including mothers from disadvantaged families)	46
	0-3 y. o. Children, participating in project activities	56
	Expectant mothers	45
	total	147

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO” Belarusian public union of riding and hippotherapy”	Lucky horseshoe	21.05.2008
Address: 220013p/b 351, Minsk		21.05.2009
Amount: \$9,900		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the innovative project to integrate disabled children 3-14 y. o. and teenagers – inmates of boarding schools from Minsk and Minsk region through rehabilitation trainings on hippotherapy method of Pat Parelli “Natural Horsemanship”.</i>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation services on “Natural Horsemanship” method for disabled children • Trainings on hippotherapy method of Pat Parelli “Natural Horsemanship” for teenagers from boarding schools 	
Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:	Disabled children	14
	Children from boarding schools	14
	total	28

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO BelAPDIiMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	Family for every child	17.04.2008
Address: Serdich str.9, Minsk		30.06.2009
Amount: \$9,994		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the innovative project is to develop the system of prevention of child with disabilities’ refuse and institutionalization in Republic center “Mother and Child” and Minsk maternity hospital #2.</i>	
<i>Project location:</i>	Minsk	

<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal and psychological support for families with disabled children • Accompanying families with disabled children • Seminars for specialists on support of families with disabled children • 500 copies of legal reference book for families with children with disabilities • 200 copies of manual for specialists of maternity hospitals and children's hospitals 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:</i>	Parents of disabled children	127
	Specialists from health care, education and social protection institutions	154
	total	281

VII. Social Support for Families and Children in Disadvantaged Situation

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Local Foundation "Center for Support of Rural Development and Entrepreneurship of Stolin District"	My Second Home	30.10.2008 30.06.2009
Address: Krasnoarmeyskaya Str, 2, Stolin, Brest Region		
Amount: \$9,994.77		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to improve child-parenting relations in families at risk and creation of favorable environment for children's development through creation of Day Care Center.	
<i>Project location:</i>	Rubel Village, Brest Region	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day care center for children from disadvantaged families is organized ▪ Individual and group psychological consultations for parents and children ▪ Consultations for schoolchildren on school curriculum 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries by the end of the reported period:</i>	Children from disadvantaged families	71
	Parents	30

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Youth Educational Centre "Fialta"	Think. Act. Play	05.12.2008
Address: 220030 Miasnikova str., 35, Minsk		05.08.2009

Amount: \$9,962		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to promote successful social adaptation of orphaned teenagers from SOS-Youth Home through educational activities focused on the development of basic life skills.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk and Minsk region	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainings on leadership for youth ▪ Series of trainings on social adaptation 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Young people (15-18 y.o.)	51

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Habilitation Center for Disabled Children	<i>Assistance to Disabled Children of Early Age</i>	26.01.2009
Address: Dzerzhinskogo Str, 53, Kobrin		26.08.2009
Amount: \$5,336.46		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is the assistance to young children with special needs and their families living in rural area through provision of informational, medical, psychological and social services based on multidisciplinary approach.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Kobrin and Kobrin district	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multidisciplinary screening for early detection of developmental delays of young children living in rural area ▪ Multidisciplinary consultations for parents of young children living in rural areas on the services available ▪ PORTAGE service program for children with severe forms of disabilities living in rural area 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Children (0-3 y.o.) living in rural area	48
	Parents of children with special needs (0-3 y.o.) who received consultations (living in rural area)	45
	Children with severe forms of disabilities living in rural area covered by PORTAGE service program	4

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha Children's Polyclinic №1	<i>Competent mothers – healthy children</i>	09.02.2009
Address: Pionerskaya Str, 15 Orsha, Vitebsk region		31.08.2009
Amount: \$6,274.58		

<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to develop empathy, attachment and parenting skills among single mothers of children (0-3 y. o.) and pregnant under-age mothers and pregnant women from disadvantaged families through implementation of training program "Parenting School".	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Orsha and Orsha district	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training program "Parenting School" for pregnant women and single mothers of 0-3 y.o. children 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Single mothers of young children and expectant mothers	151

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Bragin Branch of NGO "Belarusian Women's Union"	Peace and Harmony into Every Home	17.03.2009
Address: Krylov Square, 7, Bragin, Gomel region		31.08.2009
Amount: \$10,000		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to enhance prevention and rehabilitation services for domestic violence victims through creation of crisis shelter in Bragin district.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Bragin and Bragin District	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 hour shelter for domestic violence victims ▪ Psychological, legal and pedagogic and medical consultations for domestic violence victims and members of their families 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Domestic violence victims and members of their families	79

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Pinsk Branch of NGO "Mothers Against Drugs"	The Youth Choose Friendship	18.03.2009
Address: Telephonnaya Str, 8 Pinsk, Brest region		31.08.2009
Amount: \$10,000		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to provide assistance for teenagers with deviant behavior (who fail school, have drug and alcohol or legal problems, etc) through their mentoring by adult volunteers.	

<i>Project locations:</i>	Pinsk and Pinsk district	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual counseling of teenagers with deviant behavior ▪ Individual counseling of parents of teenagers with deviant behavior ▪ Mentoring of teenagers with deviant behavior by adult volunteers ▪ Dissemination of the information about the project at school meetings 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Teenagers with deviant behavior	82
	Their parents (families)	86
	Pairs of teenagers and mentors-volunteers	11

VIII. Portage Projects

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Slavgorod Habilitation Center for Disabled Children	Live and learn together	25.02.2009 25.08.2009
Address: Oktyabrskaya Str, 5 Slavgorod, Mogilyov Region		
Amount: \$4,930		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to increase the number of rehabilitation services for children with special needs living in rural area and promote the capacity of families with young disabled children.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parenting skills enhancement program ▪ Playgroup activity for typical children and children with disabilities ▪ Toy-library ▪ PORTAGE service program for children with disabilities living in rural area 	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Slavgorod and Slavgorod district	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Children with disabilities using toy-library	31

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Education Department of Bykhov Executive	The palm full of happiness – The project has just started	14.04.2009

Committee		29.08.2009
Address: Kirova Str., 18 A Bykhov, Mogilyov Region		
Amount: \$4,999		
Brief description:	<i>The goal</i> of the project is to increase the number of rehabilitation services for children with special needs living in rural area and promote the capacity of families with young disabled children. The specialists of Bykhov Habilitation Center will start home visiting of children with severe forms of disabilities in the framework of PORTAGE service program. The series of mobile toy-library will be available for families with children with disabilities living in remote districts of Bykhov region.	
Project locations:	Bykhov and Bykhov region	
Planned number of beneficiaries:	Children with disabilities	80
	Parents of children with disabilities	80

IX. Dissemination of Information campaigns

Grantee Name:	Project name:	Project duration:
Education Department of Brest District Executive Committee	Family for every child	26.03.2009
Address: Rechitskaya Str, 55, Brest		26.08.2009
Amount: \$4,950		
Brief description:	The goal of the project is to increase motivation of citizens in Brest District to become foster or adoptive parents for orphaned children living in state institutions; and to train 10 prospective foster parents in the PRIDE model.	
Project locations:	Brest district	
Services established by present time:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 articles in the local newspapers “Zarya nad Bugom” and “Brestsky Kurier” - broadcasting of promotional TV-spot on the local TV channel Bug-TV - distribution of posters and information leaflets, calendars - 69 public presentations at the local enterprises, public schools, etc, in 12 villages and small towns of Brest District - 1 special event for foster and adoptive parents “My Family – My Home” 	

	- 1 group of prospective foster parents for PRIDE training formed (10 parents)	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	34 895 (over 90 % of population total)
	Number of inquiries about adoption and foster care:	30 (during 12 month period before the start of the campaign - 10)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center	There is no justification for child abuse	27.03.2009 27.07.2009
Address: Kolas Str, 17, Smorgon, Grodno region		
Amount: \$4,960		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to form understanding of inadmissibility of child abuse and neglect and raise awareness of Smorgon citizens about the services of child protection institutions through social advertising campaign.</i>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Smorgon and Smorgon district	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information activities: - 1 round table for specialists, - distribution of posters and information leaflets, and calendars - public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools - broadcasting of promotional TV-spot on the local TV channel 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	24587 (over 50 % of adult population total)
	Number of inquiries to the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about non-abusive parenting methods:	36 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 72)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Education Department of Kirovsk Executive Committee	Family for every child	12.03.2009 12.08.2009

Address: Gararin Str., 2 Kirovsk, Mogilyov region		
Amount: \$4,960 Dzerzhinskogo Str 53, Kobrin		
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to form understanding of inadmissibility of child abuse and neglect and raise awareness of Smorgon citizens about the services of child protection institutions through social advertising campaign.</i>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Kirovsk and Kirovsk district	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 round table for specialists - 2 talks on local radio channel - 2 articles in local newspaper “<i>Kirovets</i>” - 1 special event for foster and adoptive parents “Family for Every Child” - distribution of posters and information leaflets - public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools - 1 group of prospective foster parents for PRIDE training formed (10 parents) 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	<i>Population reached by public awareness activities:</i>	12 000 (over 50 % of adult population total)
	<i>Number of inquiries about adoption and foster care:</i>	113 (during 12 month period before the start of the campaign - 26)

X. Prevention of Domestic Violence

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO “Radislava”	“National Conference on Problem of Domestic Violence” – <i>The project has just started</i>	22.05.2009
Address:		22.08.2009
Amount: \$5,823		
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen inter-sector cooperation in the field of domestic violence prevention at the national level and to increase the number of services available for children and women, suffered from abuse and neglect through organizing national conference on domestic violence problem.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Participants of the conference	65

CCF-Belarus' Poster on Child Abuse Prevention Wins at International Social Advertising Contest

The poster "Emotional Abuse" of Christian Children's Fund - Belarus won the third prize in the International Social Advertising Contest which took place in Minsk on April 16-18 2009.

The contest was held within the International Advertising Festival "Bely Kvadrat" ("White Square") which brought together leading advertising and marketing professionals from Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Armenia, Latvia, Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands, and Check Republic. Professional contest on social advertising of such level was held for the first time in Belarus. Its main purpose was to enhance the effectiveness of social advertising and to raise public awareness about important social issues. About 100 posters, audio- and video-clips on various social problems developed by advertising agencies and independent designers were submitted for participation in the contest.

The poster "Emotional Abuse" produced by CCF-Belarus and the advertising agency "Belaya Karona" in 2008 within the public awareness campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention won the Third Prize of the contest in the category "Best Printed Social Advertising".

The jury of the contest consisting of the internationally renowned experts in social advertising and marketing highly appreciated the creative idea of the poster – stamp prints on a girl's face expressing the harmful effects on a child caused by emotional abuse.

The contest results were widely covered by the national media. The participation in the contest was a good opportunity for CCF-Belarus to widely present its accomplishments in social advertising and to attract public attention on the national level to the issue of the child abuse and neglect in Belarus.

About the child abuse and neglect prevention public awareness campaign

The public awareness campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention was conducted by CCF-Belarus jointly with the local child protection services in the target communities (Zhodino, Kobrin, Volozhin) in 2007 and 2008 within the "Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children" project. The campaign aimed to raise public awareness about the issue of child abuse and neglect, and to encourage citizens to report cases of child abuse and neglect to the child protection services.

A wide variety of tools and methods were used during the campaigns, including distribution of brochures and posters, broadcasting promotional spots on the radio, publishing articles in the newspapers, organizing presentations at local enterprises, special city-wide events, and other activities. As a result, the campaign reached **over 50%** of the total population in the target communities; and the number of individuals who reported cases of child abuse and neglect to the local child protection agencies increased **over four times** compared with the same time period before the start of the campaign.



Poster "Emotional Abuse".

Stamp prints on the girl's face: "Stupid, Sloppy, Block-head".
Caption below the picture: "Emotional abuse: insults, threats, intimidation, humiliation, constant criticism of a child".

Text below: description of harmful consequences of emotional abuse for the child's health and development, and contact information of the local child protection agency for consultations on good parenting practices.

Caption at the bottom: "The Child Has a Right To a Life without Abuse" (slogan of the campaign).