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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 reported period CCF together with partner communities focused its efforts on sustainability of project interventions.

In order to achieve it four communities were assisted in creation of their Strategic Plans on de-institutionalization. Community Strategic Plans capture prevention and rehabilitation services, further development of family type care for orphans and cover period 2008-2011, which is beyond the project timeframe. Kobrin local government has already approved its SP document.

Project-based approach towards service delivery resulted in **18 new projects** developed by local specialists trained by CCF. The projects cover Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Family Centered- approach to child protection services, PRIDE pre-service program for prospective foster parents and information campaigns. About **77%** of above-mentioned programs are managed and implemented by local communities.

Recent project achievements are based very much on the capacity of trained individuals, their knowledge, skills and attitudes. But high level of staff turnover in social sphere put at risk sustainability of project interventions. Development of national quality standards will help to insure project sustainability in the targeted communities and create a platform for further dissemination of the best practices in services delivery countrywide. By the request of Ministry of Education CCF Task Group has been hard working on the Standard for Investigation and prepared its first draft. The challenging task to develop national Standard on Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect required involvement of professionals from the different fields. That's why CCF Task Group doubled the number of its members and was enriched by the diversity of their backgrounds (health care, law enforcement, child protection, education) and positions (practitioners, educators and academics, authorities). In addition to the existing partner organizations five (5) new non-assisted communities agreed to help with testing materials developed by the Task Group. All the participants devoted their time, efforts and expertise voluntarily.

In partnership with CCF communities two oblast level Round tables about project achievement were conducted for the specialists and authorities from non-assisted communities. Fifty eight (58) child protection authorities from 31 organizations were informed about the project and got a chance to establish partnership

with CCF and project assisted communities. In total 71% of all socio-pedagogical centers and Departments of Education located in Mogilev and Brest regions participated in Oblast Round Table discussions.

International workshop on Child Abuse and Neglect identification for medical staff gave great opportunity to enhance role of health care system in child protection. Participation of high level authorities from the Belarus Ministry of Health and Regional Departments of Health together with community specialists opens new perspectives for the project development and service delivery for the most vulnerable age group of children-up-to 3 years old.

Cooperation with National Adoption Center resulted in signing agreement for the research of barriers and obstacles for national adoption. The different aspects will be checked. Among them intra-organizational and inter-system obstacles i.e. effectiveness and consistency of existing policies, fiscal, legal and juridical system barriers, consistency in adoption law, efficiency of organizational structures, preparedness of the specialists involved in the issue, integrity and interdisciplinary collaboration and coordination, myths and stereotypes around adoption in general public and prospective adoptive parents.

In summary thus far:

- **Thirty two (32)** small grants were in the process of implementation;
- **Twenty two (22)** community-based services were implementing within small grant scheme;
- **431 people from more than 120 organizations** took part in project capacity building events;
- The total number of project **direct beneficiaries** having access to prevention and rehabilitation services as well as training program for local specialists this quarter is **1, 428 people**;
- The total number **beneficiaries** reached by information campaigns reached **246, 858 people** (*the total number of beneficiaries is not a sum of coverage by different projects*);
- New Call for Proposals on for social service development for children, families at risk was announced.

CHALLENGES/ CONSTRAINTS

- High level of staff turns over in child protection services– there is a need to train a group of Master Trainers to fulfill HR gaps in a timely manner.
- Tension in diplomatic relations between Belarus and USA, pre-election period and traditional pre-election anti-American and anti-European campaign in mass media caused concerns in some oblast level authorities re partnership with US organization. It resulted in delays with approval receiving for two small grants from Minsk Oblast Department of Education. By the same reason the oblast level round table in Zhodino scheduled for June 2008 was postponed by the decision of Minsk Oblast Department of Education.
- By the same reason the workshop with US expert in June was postponed till September because of her anxiety re political environment in Belarus

II. ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE 1

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

- **Seven (7)** community based **prevention services** programs such as Life Skills, Parenting Skills Enhancement Program, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, playgroup activity for typical children and children at risk, volunteer activity, home visiting for children with disabilities, computer course for children who have disabilities, toy library for children with disabilities were continued in project sites.
- **32 small grants awarded in the Year 2 and 3 were in the process of implementation this quarter.** **Twenty two (22)** community based prevention and rehabilitation services were provided as a result of **small grants** implementation. Among them self-help groups and hot line and individual counseling for

alcohol addicted and co-dependant relatives, information dissemination about alternative care for orphans as well as child abuse and neglect prevention, mobile toy library and respite care for children with disabilities, club activity for parents of children with disabilities, training program for parents raising children with special needs, training program for specialists working with children having special needs, trainings for Child protection specialists, PRIDE training program for prospective foster and adoptive parents, family type care provision for orphaned and sheltered children by trained foster/adoptive parents; trainings for specialists working with victims of domestic violence, hot line and individual counseling for the victims of domestic violence, trainings on family values for evening school pupils, Parenting Skills Enhancement Program and playgroups for children in Orsha, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program, training program for specialists on Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention.

- **1, 428 people** (parents, orphans and children at risk, parents of children with disabilities, children with special needs, alcohol addicted and co-dependant relatives, victims of domestic violence) benefited from prevention and rehabilitation services. **57%** were served through small grants.
- The total number **beneficiaries** reached by Information Campaigns is **246, 858 people** (the total number of beneficiaries is not a sum of coverage by different projects);
- **447** orphans and children at risk were enrolled in Life Skills training program, social apartment, sewing and carpentry workshops activity.
- **71%** of orphans reported improvement of knowledge and skills related to Life Skills trainings.
- **4 new projects** for the total amount of **25,532 USD** were selected;
- **New Call for Proposals** for social services development for children, families and children at risk was announced.

Parenting Skills Enhancement Program

Three (3) out of five (5) projects from Kobrin, Orsha, Chausy, Zhodino and Volozhin were registered in the Department of Humanitarian Aid. New parents' groups will be started in September 2008.

Six (6) groups of parents (68 people) attended the program this quarter.

50 % of groups were implemented through the small grant

Activity: Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino and Orsha	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Six groups (6) of parents (68 people) take part in Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino, Chausy, Kobrin and Orsha</p> <p>Participation will improve parents' competence and develop parenting skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Six (6) groups of parents (68 people) have been working on Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Zhodino, Chausy, Kobrin and Orsha* in schools and kindergartens this quarter. Five (5) of them were completed. ▪ Among them 53% (52 people) were parents from the risk group*. This program helps to integrate them into joint activities and to learn positive models of parent-children relationships. <p>90 % of parents reported that they better understand the reasons of children's misbehavior and cope with it without violence; 92% of trained parents assessed themselves as "responsible parents"; 90% of parents reported about maintaining optimal emotional contacts with their children; 84% of parents reported about using methods of stress management and self-regulation.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes:</u> *Parenting Skills Enhancement Program dissemination in Orsha was continued within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20. Reports about Parenting Skills Enhancement Program group activity including lists of the participants, analyses of pre-post evaluation forms are available from the CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

Parents say:

A mother:

“...As a result of the classes I started practicing family meetings. Now it is a holiday that happened at the end of every week. We plan the family budget together...It is interesting that my children take active part in planning weekends, budget and etc...My son is so happy and proud of it that and he stopped begging for buying s something...Now he asks if we can afford to buy it or not...”

A mother of 6 year old boy:

“...I understood that my child is not a toy but a friend and I cannot do whatever I want with him...I have changed my behavior...The first results have appeared ...I was told in the kindergarten that my son became more attentive at the classes and goes less into hysterics...”

Activity: Playgroups for typical children and children at risk.	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 60 typical children and children at risk (8 groups) take part in playgroup activities.	<p>Sixty (60) typical children and children at risk were involved in 8 playgroups, creative and development activities in Zhodino, Chausy, Kobrin and Orsha* while their parents were at Parenting classes.</p> <p>Twenty three (23 %) of participated children were from risk group, those who are under close supervision of social services and police because of their asocial behavior, removed from the family. Integration of children at risk into joint activity with their peers helps to discover their talents, practice communication skills and develop appropriate patterns of behavior through art therapy, fairytale therapy, mini performances etc.</p>
<p><u>Critical notes.</u></p> <p>* Playgroups for typical children and children at risk supplemented a Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Orsha was continued within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20.</p> <p>Trainer’s reports and developmental programs are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.</p>	

Life Skills Program

36% of Life Skills Groups were implemented through small grant scheme.

Activity: Life Skills Program for institutionalized children in Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, and Volozhin	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>Eleven (11) groups of orphaned, sheltered and children at risk (130 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 300 institutionalized children will practice life skills in social apartments, sewing and carpentry workshops in Orsha, Zhodino, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin</p>	<p>▪ Eleven (11) groups of orphaned, sheltered children and children at risk (136 people) have completed Life Skills Program in Zhodino, Orsha*, Kobrin, and Volozhin this quarter.</p> <p>As a result of the Life Skills course 71% of teenagers learned how to define personal positive characteristics; learned about 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; practiced methods of stress management, how to say ‘no’, how to criticize effectively, how to solve conflicts.</p> <p>Three hundred sixty six (366) institutionalized children have continued life skills development classes in Zhodino, Orsha, Chausy, Volozhin and Kobrin using equipment purchased for these purposes. As a result children keep up sewing and carpentry sills, repaired old clothes and created new one, practiced cooking.</p>

Critical notes.

*Self-assertiveness course for children at risk was conducted within small grant allocated to Orsha school #20

The number of children enrolled in Life Skills course was **447**.

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.

Orphans say:

Anna from Divin boarding school says:

“... Children often consider their problems and conflicts as insoluble. It is seemed to them that it is the end of the life ... After the classes I got to know it is always possible to find a solution...I defined the main values for myself. It is education, creative job and good family...I will go ahead to achieve it as now I know how to avoid obstacles...Practical life skills classes helps me to understand it is very responsible to be a good parent and take care about children...”

Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program

Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention program was continued 100% through small grants supported by CCF.

Three (3) small grants were awarded for replication of the Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Chausy, Kobrin and Smorgon communities. Two projects have been registered in the Department of Humanitarian Aid by the end of this quarter.

Two (2) groups of children (30 people) were in training this quarter.

As a result junior schoolchildren participating in the program reported improvement of knowledge on drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, responsible behavior, self-consciousness and self-assertiveness, life values and attitudes.

Care and Support for children with disabilities and their families

Activity: Volunteer activity to support families with children who have disabilities	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
Seven youth volunteer groups in targeted communities provide support for disabled children and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven volunteer groups continued its activity in Kobrin, Orsha, Volozhin, Chausy and Zhodino. • Eleven (11) cultural/leisure activities were conducted for <i>one hundred fourteen (114)</i> disabled children by <i>one hundred and four (104) volunteers</i> from Volozhin, Chausy, Kobrin, Zhodino and Orsha schools. Volunteers organized home visiting, sports games, concerts dedicated to the end of the school year, art gallery and handicraft creation, worked in the summer. • Home visits for 2 children with disabilities were organized by <i>five (5) volunteers</i> on the regular basis in Kobrin.
<u>Critical notes.</u>	
Volunteer group leaders' reports are available upon request at CCF-Belarus office.	

Services for families of children with disabilities have continued its development.

Toy library was highly appreciated and demanded by parents and children in Zhodino, Orsha, Chausy and Volozhin.

Special computer and software for children with disabilities in Zhodino gave more developmental opportunities for children with special needs. This quarter money was transferred for purchasing computer for children with special needs from Kobrin Habilitation Center. It will help to verify the palette of community based services.

The mobile toy library and club for parents raising children with special needs have been continued within small grant of Kobrin Branch of NGO BelAPDIIMI. As a result **29 children with special needs** as well as **110 parents of children who have disabilities** got access to new services. Taking into account the need to

verify and create new services for children with disabilities and their families Kobrin branch of BelAPDIIMI submitted a proposal for cost-extension project prolongation. It was supported by CCF this quarter.

NGO “Belarusian Children’s Hospice” has started home-based services provision for young families with children having special needs in Minsk and Pinsk town (Brest oblast). **72 parents** have been united into Family Club and got practical skills in taking care of a child who has a disability. As a result **37 children** were provided with proper home based care.

Other prevention and rehabilitation services developed through small grants:

- **Public Information Campaigns on child abuse and neglect**

To raise public awareness *information campaign on child abuse and neglect prevention* is going on in Volozhin, Zhodino and Kobrin. This quarter information booklets and posters on child abuse and neglect issues were disseminated in the communities. Audio clip, video clip and a poster on emotional abuse were developed and disseminated on the community level. On the average in all cities the number of individuals reporting child abuse and neglect cases **has increased four times** compared with the same period of time before the information campaign was started. Approximately 85% of all complaints about child abuse and neglect have been proved by investigation of child protection services. Children were provided with safe placement and rehabilitation plans for these families developed.

- **Family type care for orphans**

Alternative family type care has been developed through PRIDE model. Training program for prospective foster/adoptive parent based on PRIDE methodology was continued in Chaussy, Orsha, Zhodino and Volozhin communities. Training program is supplemented by *information campaign on alternative care development* to inform the population of the local communities. As a result of information campaign the number of inquiries about family type care for children has increased **4 times** in comparison to the period before the information campaign. *Twenty four (24) prospective foster and adoptive parents* completed PRIDE training program this quarter. As for now there are **39 people** providing family type care including foster care, guardianship, or adoption for **27orphans** from boarding schools or shelters. Among them **3 children** were adopted, **14 children** placed into foster care, **6 children** are at the guardianship and **4 children** are placed into guest families.

- **Prevention of child abuse and neglect among youth at risk**

Children and youth at risk are one of the small grants’ target groups. *Training program on family values* was continued for **68 children** from Zhodino evening school within NGO “Focus Group” small grant. It was supplemented by issuing information booklet for children.

- **Rehabilitation of alcohol additive parents through AA 12-step program**

12 steps AA programs were continued in Orsha, Kobrin, Zhodino and Volozhin within small grant to NGO “Mothers against Drugs”. The project is oriented at parents with drinking problem to avoid child removal from the family or to support their rehabilitation while the child is staying in the shelter. As a result **31 alcohol addicted people** and **30 co-dependant relatives** participated in the program. Hot line counseling services were provided for **115 people**, and **22 people** got individual psychological counseling on alcohol related problems.

- **Domestic violence prevention**

Services for victims *of domestic violence* development through NGO “Radislava” small grant. As an outcome of the training program community specialists provided hot line and individual counseling for **105 people suffering from domestic violence**. In order to meet the community needs in new services available for victims of domestic violence (hot line counseling, individual counseling, self-help group activity, legal counseling etc.) **4 projects** were designed by community specialists and submitted to CCF for funding. Two of them were supported by CCF this quarter.

For more information about services through small grants please, see Annex 1.

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

To assist social services development for children, families and children at risk *a new Call for Proposals* was announced this quarter.

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.

- **173 participants** took part in **11 capacity building events** conducted by CCF-Belarus (international workshops on substance abuse counseling and treatment, identification of child abuse and neglect, PRIDE in-service; additional capacity building for Community Advisory Boards and trainers team working on child protection, trainings for volunteers, camp for trainers implementing Parenting Skills Enhancement program)
- **258 community specialists** representing **121 organizations** were trained through the small grants by partner organizations
- **93 %** (against 85% planned) of the participants reported improvements of specific knowledge and skills

Activity: International Workshop “Advanced training on Substance Abuse Treatment and Counseling” (28-30th of April, 2008)	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 20 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>Twenty (20) community specialists working with alcohol and drug abusing people and their relatives from governmental structures such as police, health care, centers of social protection, social-pedagogic centers, habilitation centers for children with disabilities as well as from non-governmental organizations took part in Advanced 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, practiced the skills of engagement of the person who is substance abusing into rehabilitation process, 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 substance abusing people and their families.</p> <p>This workshop was an advanced training supplemented the one conducted last year. It was carried out by the expert from the Institute of Human Service (IHS), USA.</p>
<p><u><i>Planned activity for the next quarter:</i></u> Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms are available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

Activity: International training on alternative care development “Supporting foster parents” (PRIDE in-service program) 28th -30th of May , 19-21st of June 2008	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
<p>At least 15 representatives from the targeted communities will take part in PRIDE in-service Workshop.</p>	<p>Twenty (20) local community specialists implementing PRIDE training program for prospective foster and adoptive parents within small grants, local community specialists working on alternative care development as well as representatives of the higher educational institutions took part in the Workshops “Supporting</p>

<p>Trainees will obtain knowledge and practical skills regarding support provision for foster parents in managing the fostering experience, working as a professional team member; supporting relationships between children and their families; responding to signs and symptoms of sexual abuse, addressing developmental issues related to sexuality; understanding and promoting infant and child development,</p>	<p><i>foster parents” (Module 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11) PRIDE in-service program).</i> It has continued PRIDE in-service training program consisting of 11 Modules.</p> <p>As a result 100% of the participants reported obtaining both knowledge and practical skills to support foster parents in respecting and supporting a child’s connection to birth family, recognition of cultural, spiritual, social and economic similarities and differences; helping a foster family to assess own strengths and needs for support; advocating for children to obtain needed services; preparing foster parents for the possibility of abuse/neglect allegations and managing the investigation process; provision of developmentally appropriate information about sexual development and behavior, recognition of the problematic sexual development and adequate responding to it, recognition of signs and symptoms of sexual abuse, appropriate interventions to situation in the case of sexual abuse experience; understanding the core concepts of early child development.</p>
<p><u>Planned activity for the next quarter:</u> Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<p align="center">Activity: International Workshop for doctors “Identification of Child Abuse and Neglect” (5-7th of June, 2008)</p>	
<p><i>Expected results</i></p>	<p><i>Actual targets achieved</i></p>
<p>At least 20 representatives of Health Care involved in identification of child abuse and neglect cases will participate in the workshop</p> <p>Trainees will obtain knowledge on identification of different types of inflicted traumas.</p>	<p>Twenty (23) representatives from Belarus Ministry of Health, oblast level Health Care Departments and community health care institutions involved in investigation of child abuse and neglect cases took part in the Workshop carried out by Jordan Greenbaum, MD (USA).</p> <p>As a result of these Workshops 100 % of the trainees learned about recognition of physical abuse (suspicious and no suspicious skin injuries (bruises, burns), appropriate questions to ask the caretaker, common mimics of abuse, etc.); inflicted skeletal fractures; abusive head traumas; inflicted abdominal trauma; inflicted asphyxia; fatal child abuse; medical aspects of child sexual abuse evaluations; recognizing and responding to sexual abuse in the primary care setting; etiology of neglect, examples of neglect subtypes, short and long-term consequences of child neglect; the effects of early maternal deprivation (emotional neglect); investigation of child neglect; Munchausen’s syndrome by proxy.</p>
<p><u>Planned activity for the next quarter:</u> Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms are available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.</p>	

<p align="center">Activity: Social Interactive Theatre (SIT) in Volozhin. (18-20th of April)</p>	
<p><i>Expected results</i></p>	<p><i>Actual targets achieved</i></p>
<p>At least 15 participants will attend additional capacity building events on Social Interactive theater and Child Protection training.</p>	<p>Fifteen (15) schoolchildren attended training on SIT supplemented with training on child protection in Volozhin (18-20th of April, 2008).</p>

Volunteers will develop knowledge and skills on organizing Social interactive theatre performances and writing the scenario on child abuse and neglect issues.	The knowledge on types, symptoms and consequences of child abuse and neglect became the platform for development of the scenario for Social interactive theatre performance in Volozhin school. <i>Two (2) performances</i> have been showed up for school children from Kobrin and Volozhin this quarter. Performance created by Kobrin school # 3 won a Regional Prize.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

Activity: Capacity building for the Child Protection Trainer's team <i>(13-14th of May, 2008).</i>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 10 trainers from 5 communities implementing projects on Child Protection capacity building will take part in the training Adapted curriculum for teaching Modules 7-8 ("The effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development", "Separation, Placement and Reunification) is designed. Trainees will developed their trainer's skills	Sixteen (16) trainers disseminating family-centered approach to child protective services among local multidisciplinary teams within small grants took part in additional capacity building workshop for the child protection trainers' team. As a result participants developed a curriculum for the Module 7 and 8 (The effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development; Separation, Placement and reunification) and keep up different trainers' skills including methods of feedback collection from the participants about implementing new knowledge and skills into practice as a result of the training program.
Report about the workshop including lists of the participants is available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

Activity: Trainer's Camp for trainers implementing Parenting Skills Enhancement Program <i>(24th -27th of June)</i>	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 25 <i>trainers</i> implementing Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in project sites will take part in Trainer's camp. Trainers will exchange the experience and keep up professional skills required to work with parents and children.	Twenty eight (28) trainers implementing Parenting Skills Enhancement Program in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin, Chausy, Volozhin and Bykhov participated in the Trainer's Camp. Trainers exchanged their experience during the Roundtable discussion, developed trainers' capacity through participation in a training program focused on new interactive methods to incorporate new tools into trainers' work with parents' and children's groups as well as on self-regulation methods.
Report about the Camp for trainers implementing Parenting Skills Enhancement Program including lists of the participants, analyses of their evaluation forms available at CCF-Belarus office upon request.	

Community Advisory Board's activity.

Strategic planning process on de-institutionalization was started in Chausy (22-23rd of April) and Orsha (20-21st of May) this quarter with CCF technical support provided to CAB members.

Twenty two (22) CAB members from above mentioned project sites took part in the training on Strategic Planning and defined community priorities to be addressed in the sphere of deinstitutionalization as well as objectives, indicators and related action plans. The final version will be ready next quarter.

Strategic plan designed as a result of similar training in Kobrin has been approved by local Administrations this quarter. Kobrin social services have submitted two (2) new projects for CCF funding to fill in the existing gaps in Kobrin child protection system identified during the training on Strategic Planning.

To develop capacity of CAB members the ***Training on Facilitation*** was conducted on ***10-11th of April*** for ***14 CAB members*** from Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin, and Chausy communities. The participants learned about types and goals of meetings, developed facilitation skills, practiced methods of gathering information and decision making while conducting the meeting/discussion.

To guarantee the quality of the reports received from grantees a Workshop “Monitoring and Evaluation: Reporting Tools” was conducted on *17th-18th of June, 2008* for organizations implementing small grants awarded in the Year 3 (21 people). As a result a Reporting Form developed by CCF-Belarus Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist was presented and participants practiced how to use it to reflect the results achieved within their small grants. As a result revised monitoring and evaluation forms with indicators by goals and objectives were presented to CCF-Belarus office by grantees and approved by program specialists.

Training activity for specialists provided by partner organizations through small grants

This quarter partner organizations continued training program implementation on different aspects.

As a result:

- ***47 trainings*** were conducted for ***258 child protection specialists*** representing ***121 organizations***.

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 5 project sites. As a result ***189 child protection specialists representing 117 organizations*** in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin, Chuasy and Volozhin ***continued*** training program this quarter. Introduced multidisciplinary approach to child protection services proved to be very helpful to improve and unite efforts of different organizations dealing with families and children at risk, to make sound decisions about child removal from the family and to provide adequate services to support families in overcoming the crisis.

To support ***services development for victims of domestic violence*** a ***training program for the community specialists*** has been continued by NGO “Radislava”. As a result of the training local community specialists started information dissemination about the problem of domestic violence as well as about services available on the community level. Training program was supplemented by issuing and further dissemination of information booklets, calendars and information cards on domestic violence in 5 project sites.

Series of workshops on family values formation as well as final Round Table were conducted in Zhodino boarding school for 30 ***specialists*** within small grant implemented by NGO “Focus Group”.

To replicate ***Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program*** Smorgon Regional Youth Creativity Center has started training program on interactive methods of teaching for ***15 teachers*** from Smorgon local schools and boarding school for orphaned children.

Capacity building program for ***17 community specialists*** working with children having special needs and staff of Pinsk Children’s Hospice was started by NGO “Belarusian Children’s Hospice”. Participants were acquainted with new knowledge and practiced skills on services provision for young families with children who have disabilities.

For more information, please, see Annex 1.

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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 building a platform for replication and sustainability on the national, regional and local levels.

- Two (2) oblast level Roundtables in Chausy (Mogilev oblast) and Kobrin (Brest oblast) were conducted .
- To increase dissemination of project achievements, information about the project results was regularly up-dated on CCF-Belarus website (www.ccf-belarus.org).
- Three (3) Task Group meetings were conducted; the first draft of National Standards of Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect cases prepared.
- Research on national adoption was started;

Activity: Oblast level Round Tables	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 2 Oblast level Roundtables organized to present the new model of integrated community-based services to the stakeholders from non-assisted communities.	<p>Oblast level Roundtables were organized in Chausy (21st of May, 2008) and Kobrin (11th of June, 2008) for fifty eight (58) child protection specialists representing 31 organizations from Mogilev and Brest oblast.</p> <p>The results of the projects supported by CCF were presented in partnership of CCF-Belarus specialists and local project managers. Community Coordinators facilitated the Roundtable applying skills developed at the training on facilitation organized by CCF earlier this quarter.</p> <p>To define the interest and demand of the oblast level child protection services to implement similar programs in new communities, CCF staff developed the questionnaire about each program area and disseminated it among the Roundtable participants. The results of the questionnaires will become a platform for the action plan for dissemination of the OVC project results on oblast level.</p>
<p><u>Critical note.</u> Reports about Oblast level Round Tables including lists of the participants available at CCF-Belarus office upon request. <i>For more information, please see Annex 2.</i></p>	

Activity: Technical Task Group activity	
<i>Expected results</i>	<i>Actual targets achieved</i>
At least 2 meeting of the Task Group conducted.	Three (3) meetings of the Technical Task Group were conducted on 7 th of May, 23 rd of May, and on 27 th of June 2008.
The draft of National Standard on Child Abuse and Neglect Investigation created.	Multidisciplinary team representing child protection, health care, juvenile delinquency, Police Department and education developed the first draft National Standards on Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Investigation.
<p><u>Critical note.</u> It is expected that the final version of the Standard will be presented at the Task Group meeting next quarter.</p>	

To carry out the **Research on national adoption** a Terms of Reference was developed this quarter and disseminated among the interested stakeholders. As a result the Director of Belarus National Adoption Center developed a concept of the research to identify myths, stereotypes and barriers towards adoption existing in the targeted communities. The contracts with the research team were signed in May 2008.

It is expected that the research team will check intra-organizational and inter-system obstacles i.e. effectiveness and consistency of existing policies, fiscal, legal and juridical system barriers, consistency in adoption law, efficiency of organizational structures, preparedness of the specialists involved in the issue, integrity and interdisciplinary collaboration and coordination, myths and stereotypes around adoption in general public and prospective adoptive parents.

III. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

- ***Coordination with USAID***

On 29th of April, 2008 Irina Mironova, CCF-Belarus Chief of the Party, and Mariana Ananenko, CCF-Belarus OVC Project Manager had a meeting with Jahor Novikov, USAID-Belarus CTO, to discuss the project results. Besides there was regular coordination/ communication through telephone calls and e-mail.

- ***Coordination with other stakeholders***

CCF-Belarus carried out a Meeting of grantees implementing Information Campaigns on family type care development on 24th of April 2008. Six project managers and community coordinators from Chausy, Orsha, Kobrin, Zhodino and Volozhin shared their achievements and obstacles they face implementing information campaigns.

Midterm results of information campaigns were analyses, including analyses of the coverage of general public, the number of inquiries to social services as a result of info campaigns. As a result of the meeting an action plan to minimize the obstacles was developed. The meeting helped small grant coordinators to understand the importance and effect of information campaigns and to become acquainted with information tools used in different communities.

IV. PROJECT MANAGEMENT & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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

To increase CCF-Belarus staff performance 3 day training “NLP for peak performance” was organized on 12-15th of June. Issues of effective communication, time and project management were discussed. All the expenses were covered through CCF budget.

Anna Arhangelskaya, CCF-Belarus Small Grant Manager left CCF-Belarus. Inna Chirko was promoted to the position of Small Grant Manager.

V. BUDGET

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ACTIVE MICRO-GRANTS contracted in 2007-2008:**I. Chausy community:**

- Educational Department of Chausy Executive Committee :
 1. “Education of prospective foster parents on PRIDE program”,
 2. “Prevention of social orphanage through introduction of family-centered approach to institutions of child protection system”,
 3. “Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational record system”;
- Chausy Social-pedagogic center;
 4. “Information campaign on alternative forms of child care development”
- Chausy School #1
 5. “Children and parents”
 6. “Healthy me - healthy country”

II. Zhodino community:

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

III. Volozhin community:

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

IV. Kobrin community:

- Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population
 15. “Children against violence”
- Kobrin Habilitation Center :
 16. “Family-centered approach in child protection system”;
- Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth
 17. “Family Support Center – 2”;
- Kobrin School #3
 18. “My family”

V. Orsha community:

- Social-pedagogic center of Orsha:
 19. “Education program for candidates to foster parents”,
 20. “Informational campaign on alternative care for orphans”
 21. “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
 22. “Development of preventive services to strengthen family capacity and to prevent child abuse and neglect”;

- 23. "Children and parents - a way to each other"
- Educational department of Orsha Executive Committee
- 24. "Creation of network database on child protection in Orsha";

VI. Projects implemented in more than one community:

- Public Union "Radislava"
- 25. "Community Services to prevent domestic violence";
- National NGO "Mothers against Drugs"
- 26. "A Way to Recovery -2";

VII. Innovative projects:

- Belarusian Children's Hospice:
- 27. "Upbringing of a «special» child in a family";
- NGO "Penitentiary Health"
- 28. "Social rehabilitation of children from prison's Baby House and their mothers"
- Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center
- 29. "First steps of motherhood"
- NGO Belarusian public union of riding and ippotherapy
- 30. "Lucky horseshoe"
- NGO BelAPDiMI "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth"
- 31. "Family for every child"

VIII. Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention

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

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

Organization Name	Project name	Contract signed	Amount \$	Transfer date	Start of registration
<i>Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention Program</i>					
Kobrin School #9	Our choice is health	12.02.2008	\$4990,00	15.02.2008	February 2008
<i>Parenting Skills Enhancement Program</i>					
Volozhin school #1	We are together	29.02.2008	\$9 996,00	05.03.2008	March 2008
NGO "Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth"	Family Support Center-2 Prolongation	17.06.2008	\$4 794,33	18.06.2008	June 2008

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

I. Chausy community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Chausy Executive Committee	Education of prospective foster parents on PRIDE program	26.06.2007 - 26.06.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal 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"> ▪ Recruitment and pre-service training for prospective foster and adoptive families on PRIDE program 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Prospective foster parents, completed PRIDE program	10
	Foster parents	14
	Adoptive parents	1
	Orphans placed into foster care	10
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	1
	total	36

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Chausy	Information campaign on alternative forms of child care development	27.06.2007 - 27.06.2008 Project completed
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to increase the quantity of requests of citizens from Chausy and Chausy region on alternative care issues through implementation of information campaign In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets and poster on the problem, to held public awareness activities, attracting attention of the citizens	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	Information activities: 2 articles the local newspaper "Iskra" (5 articles total since the start of the campaign), 2 talks on the local radio (6 talks on the radio total since the start of the campaign), distribution of posters and information leaflets, dissemination of information cards about institutionalized children who need to be placed in alternative care (among workers of local enterprises), public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools.	
	Population reached by public awareness activities (total number since the start of the campaign):	10 034 (42% of population total)
	Number of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care (total number since the start of the campaign):	236 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 37)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educative department of Chausy Executive committee	Prevention of social orphanage through introduction of family-centered approach to institutions of child protection system.	20.02.2008 – 5.04.2009

<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen child protection system in Chaussy region. Introduced training program covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduced to the community	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	38
	Round table	22
	An article in local newspaper «Iskra»	2679
	Talks on local radio channel	2000
	total	4739

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Chaussy Executive Committee	<i>Cross-sector cooperation on child and family protection through creation of unified informational and referral e- system</i>	26.03.2008 – 26.03.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Chaussy through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
OUTPUTS: Equipment for network Database is purchased, network formation has started.		

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
<i>Chaussy School #1</i>	<i>Children and Parents</i> - the project has just started	28.04.2008 - (28.04.2009) prolonged till 28.07.2009
<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. Creation of Parenting Association is also foreseen at the end of the project.	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Members of families (including parents and children from families at risk)	190

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
<i>Chaussy School #1</i>	<i>Healthy me - healthy country</i>	21.04.2008 - (21.01.2009) prolonged till 21.04.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal</i> 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>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Schoolchildren	200

II. Zhodino community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Zhodino Social-pedagogic center	Education course for prospective foster parents	06.08.07 - 06.06.08
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to increase the quantity of foster parents in Zhodino through introduction of PRIDE program</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public awareness activities on foster care and adoption (publications in local newspapers, information actions on local enterprises, presentations on the local radio, dissemination of children's information cards) 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	
	Prospective foster parents, completed PRIDE program	11
	Foster parents	1
	Adoptive parents	2
	Guardians	12
	Guest families	3
	Orphans placed into foster care	1
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	1
	Orphans placed under guardianship	6
	Orphans placed into guest families	4
	<i>total</i>	41
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	
	Information activities: 1 article in a local newspaper (6 articles total since the start of information campaign), information presentations at local enterprises, 1 presentation on the 2 local radios on local enterprises (5 presentations since the start of information campaign), dissemination of information cards about institutionalized children who need to be placed in alternative care (among workers of local enterprises).	27259 <i>(41, 9% of total population: 65 000)</i>
	Individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care.	45

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Zhodino	Childhood without violence	06.08.2007 - 06.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect among Zhodino citizens, to inform about the services of child protection institutions through social advertising campaign.</i>	

	In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets, audio clip and poster on the problem, held public awareness activities, attracting attention of the citizens.	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	Information activities (1 April - 30 June): 2 talks on the local radio (4 talks on the radio total since the start of the campaign), 2 articles in the local newspapers (4 articles total since the start of the campaign), broadcasting of a radio spot on the local radio, distribution of posters and information leaflets, public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools.	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities (total number since the start of the campaign):	38640 (60% of population total)
	Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods (total number since the start of the campaign):	55 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 14)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Educational department of Zhodino executive committee	Zhodino Social Network	13.12.2007 - 13.12.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of Zhodino child protection organizations through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
OUTPUTS: Equipment for network database is purchased, network formation has started.		

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Zodino	Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills	06.12.2007 – (06.12.2008) prolonged till 06.02.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to assist in prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills</i>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Direct beneficiaries	
	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	40
	Indirect beneficiaries	
	Round table	27
	Meeting in the local Department of Education	35
	An article in local newspaper "Zhodinskiya naviny"	7321
	total	7423

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Focus Group"	Future Without Violence and Abuse	12.06.2007 - 12.06.2008

<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is prevention of child abuse and neglect, creation of favorable environment for children's and youth's development through trainings for youth and specialists, psychological counseling provision as well as development of informational materials for them At the end of the project apart from the services established accumulated experience and developed methodology will be spread out among other specialists working on child abuse and neglect prevention in Zhodino.	
<i>Services established by present time and outputs:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trainings for young people on parenting skills development on 2 topics were implemented ▪ Ongoing psychological counseling for young people is being implemented 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	pupils (15-19 y.o.) of the Zhodino evening school	68
	Teachers from Zhodino schools	30
	total	98

III. Volozhin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Volozhin region Social-pedagogic center	A family for every child	22.08.2007 - 22.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to increase the quantity of foster parents in Volozhin and Volozhin district through introduction of PRIDE program The project activities will be supported by implementation of public awareness campaign on foster care and adoption (creation of audio reel, posters, public awareness activities)	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PRIDE training for prospective foster and adoptive families ▪ 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>	Foster parents	2
	Adoptive parents	1
	Orphans placed into foster care	1
	Orphans placed into adoptive families	1
	total	5
<i>Indirect beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities:	
	Activities conducted: 1 article in a newspaper (6 articles total since the start of information campaign) , information presentations on school meetings for parents, presentations on Education and Methodic Association, dissemination of posters	21,107 (50,3% of total population: 41,950)
	Individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care	48 (during 12 months before the start of the public awareness campaign – 14)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Vologin	Introduction of social orphanage prevention services to the work of child protection system	02.11.2007 – (02.11.2008) prolonged till 02.01.2008

<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local child protection specialists</i> A training program which covers early detection of abused and neglected children, family-centered approach to assessment and investigation, case planning and case work in child protection services; the effects of abuse and neglect on child development; separation, placement, and reunification in family-centered child protective services will be introduced to the community		
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training program for child protection specialists 		
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Direct beneficiaries		
	Child protection specialists		34
	total		34

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Volozhin region	Let's say "no" to child abuse	22.08.2007 - 22.08.2008 Break: 01.06.08-31.08.08 Prolonged: 01.09.08-22.11.08
<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 Volozhin citizens about the services of child protection institutions through social advertising campaign</i> In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets, audio reel and poster on the problem, held public awareness activities, attracting attention of the citizens	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	Information activities: 1 talk on the local radio (1 talk on the radio total since the start of the campaign), 1 article in the local newspaper (1 article total since the start of the campaign), distribution of posters and information leaflets, public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools.	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities (total number since the start of the campaign):	21,900 (52 % of population total)
	Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods (total number since the start of the campaign):	62 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 32)

IV. Kobrin community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Territorial Center of Social Support of Population	Children against violence	10.09.2007 - 10.07.2008 Break: 10.05.08-10.09.08 Prolonged: 10.09.08-10.11.08
<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 citizens about the services of child protection institutions through social advertising campaign in the town of Kobrin and Kobrin district</i> In frames of the project it is planned to create leaflets, poster on the problem, held public awareness activities, attracting attention of the citizens, family consultation, thematic telephone consultations on abuse and neglect problem	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	Information activities (1 April- 30 June): 1 talk on the local radio (3 talks on the radio total since the start of the campaign), 0 articles in the local newspaper (2 articles total since the start of the campaign), distribution of posters and information leaflets, public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools.	
	Population reached by public awareness activities	49,025 (56% of population total)

	(total number since the start of the campaign):	
	Number of individuals who contacted the local child protection agency to inform about child abuse and neglect or to receive consultation about effective (non-abusive) parenting methods (total number since the start of the campaign):	83 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 65)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin Habilitation Center for Disabled Children	<i>Family-centered approach in child protection system</i>	12.12.2007 – (12.10. 2008) prolonged till 12.12.2008.
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to strengthen child protection system in Kobrin region. The project will strengthen multidisciplinary cooperation and increase professional competence of local specialists involved in child protection through implementation of training program.</i>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	<i>Direct beneficiaries</i>	
	Multidisciplinary team working in child protection system	37
	<i>Indirect beneficiaries</i>	
	An article in local newspaper ‘Kobrin INFORM’	6000
	<i>total</i>	6037

OUTCOMES

Cross Sector cooperation has improved in the sphere of prevention and rehabilitation activity aimed to support disadvantaged families and children; 18 families has managed to strengthen their parenting capacity in taking care about their children

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO “Kobrin branch of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	<i>Family Support Center - 2</i>	26.12.2007 - 26.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to prevent social orphan hood and institutionalization of disabled children through strengthening family capacity and coping skills, increasing community support and acceptance of disabled children</i> <i>Within the project it is expected to carry out joint activities of disabled children and their parents, to improve excess to services for disabled children in the region through mobile toy-library and home-based service provision, to involvement of disabled children who are not attending Rehabilitation center or graduated from the institution , to raise awareness through information dissemination about the project results.</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joint activities of disabled children and their parents ▪ Computer courses for disabled children; ▪ Respite care for children with disabilities or children graduated from the institution ▪ Consultations on using mobile toy-library ▪ Mobile toy-library 	
<i>Number of direct beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Parents of disabled children who received consultations on using toy-library	102
	Parents of disabled children participated in joined workgroups	8

	Disabled children using Respite care, computer classes and joined activities with parents	13
	Disabled children using mobile toy-library services	16
	<i>total</i>	139

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Kobrin School #3	My Family	27.05.2008 (will start from 01.09.2008 - 01.09.2009) prolonged till 27.05.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>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. 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 regional seminar. Creation of Parenting Association is also foreseen at the end of the project.</i>	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Families (including children and parents from risk families)	522

V. Orsha community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha Social-pedagogic center	Educative program for candidates to foster parents	04.10.07 - 04.07.08
<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>	Prospective foster parents, completed PRIDE program	3
	Foster parents	3
	Orphans placed into foster care	2
	<i>total</i>	8

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Social-pedagogic center of Orsha	Informational campaign on alternative forms of adoption of orphans	04.10.2007 - 04.10.2008 Break: 01.08.08-31.08.08 Prolonged: 01.09.08-04.11.08
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to increase awareness of Orsha region citizens on alternative care questions through implementation of information campaign In frames of the project it is planned to create video reel, leaflets and poster on the problem, held public awareness activities, attracting attention of the citizens</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information activities (1 April- 30 June): 2 articles the local newspaper <i>Arshanskaya Gazeta</i> (5 articles total since the start of the campaign), broadcasting of TV spot on the local TV channel <i>Skif</i>, distribution of posters and information leaflets, public presentations at the local enterprises and public schools. 	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Population reached by public awareness activities	100,000 (71% of population total)

	(total number since the start of the campaign)::	
	Number of individuals who contacted the appropriate state education agency for information about adoption and foster care (total number since the start of the campaign):	82 (during 12 months before the start of the campaign - 20)

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Orsha School #20	<i>Development of preventive services to strengthen family capacity and to prevent child abuse and neglect</i>	04.10.2007 - 04.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<p>The goal of the project is prevention of child abuse and neglect, creation of favorable environment for strengthening family capacity through implementation of programs for the risk group families</p> <p>It is planned to strengthen the risk families' capacity by means of Parenting Skills Enhancement Program implementation in kindergartens #1, 3 and joined activities such as thematic photo-exhibition and actions for the families, who completed this program.</p> <p>Within the project framework it is expected to raise public awareness towards the problem of child abuse and neglect through conduction of public events, thematic leaflets, round tables.</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 ▪ Public awareness activities on prevention of child abuse and neglect on working places for the workers of local enterprises 	
	<i>Direct beneficiaries</i>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Parents, participating in parenting skills enhancement program	33
	Children, participating the project	73
	<i>total</i>	106

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
<i>Social-pedagogic center of Orsha</i>	<i>Assistance to prevention of social orphanage through creation of favorable conditions for family support, strengthening family upbringing and development of children life skills</i>	19.10.2007 г. – (19.10.2008) prolonged till 19.12.2008
<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 introduces to the community</p>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training program for child protection specialists 	
	<i>Direct beneficiaries</i>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Child protection specialists	40
	<i>total</i>	40
<i>OUTCOMES</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of the training an investigation of child abuse and neglect was initiated by the participant of the program; • Multidisciplinary team was involved in decision making about the situations of child abuse and neglect. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to the questionnaire the specialists use the acquired at trainings skills and knowledge on child abuse and neglect investigation and rehabilitation in their work.
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<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 - 26.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to strengthen cross-sector cooperation of community child protection organizations in Orsha through creation of a computer network with access to electronic data-base on disadvantaged families and children at risk	
OUTPUTS: Installation of purchased equipment is in process; network formation has started.		

<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 -26.05.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	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.	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Members of families	380

VI. Projects implemented in more than one community:

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO "Radislava"	Community Services to prevent domestic violence	27.08.2007 - 27.08.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	The goal of the project is to facilitate service development for victims of domestic violence through training program for specialists from Kobrin, Zhodino, Orsha, Volozhin and Chausy. Project objectives are: Training of the staff working with victims of domestic violence, development of information materials, and web-site on the problem of domestic violence, issuing information bulletins on project implementation, and a Manual on services provision for domestic violence victims.	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, Chausy, Volozhin	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training program for the specialists of Territorial Centers of Social Support of Population and Social-pedagogic centers on creation and work of Support Service as a form of assistance for victims of domestic violence Public awareness activities (TV and radio programs, thematic articles, Information leaflets) on Support service as a form of assistance for women and children suffered from violence Hotline Counseling in the communities Individual Consultations in the communities 	

	Hotline Counseling	71
<i>Number of beneficiaries and outputs:</i>	Individual Consultations	34
	Specialists of Territorial Centers of Social Support of Population and Social-pedagogic centers participated in trainings	7
	Total number of direct beneficiaries	112
	Population reached by public awareness activities (articles in local and national newspapers, talks on local and national TV and radio channels, meetings on local enterprises):	414219
	Dissemination of Information leaflets on the problem and Support Service availability in the communities	5100
	Total number of indirect beneficiaries:	419319

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
National NGO "Mothers against Drugs"	A Way to Recovery - 2	19.10.2007 - 19.10.2008
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project is to decrease institutionalization risk of children through involvement of alcohol addicted to 12- step program Within the project self-support groups for alcohol-addicted and their co-dependant relatives, individual consultations, methodological support to the groups leaders will be provided.</i>	
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuation of Self-help groups for alcohol addicted in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin communities. A new group in Volusia was created; ▪ Continuation of Self-help groups for co-dependant relatives in Orsha, Zhodino, Kobrin communities. A new group in Volozhin was created; ▪ Creation of video and library for methodological support of the groups; ▪ Psychological counseling for addicted persona and their relatives; ▪ Hot-line consultations for alcohol addicted and co-dependant ; ▪ Interventions to families with high risk of losing their children due to child abuse and neglect. 	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Zhodino, Orsha, Kobrin, Volozhin	
<i>Number of direct beneficiaries:</i>	4 self-help groups for alcohol addicted	31
	4 self-help groups for co-dependant relatives	30
	Psychological counseling	22
	Hotline consultations	115
	total	198

VII. Innovative projects

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Belarusian Children's Hospice	Upbringing of a «special» child in a family	01.04.2008 - 01.01.2009

<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the innovative project to develop empathy, attachment and improve social adaptation of young parents who have children with disabilities through provision of medical, psychological and social support. The target group includes 46 families (parents' age is 18-30 y.o.) who have 30 disabled children 0-5 y.o. living in Minsk and Minsk region, as well as 16 families (parents' age is 18-30 y.o.) who have 16 disabled children 0-5 y.o. from Pinsk. The project is being implemented in collaboration with Pinsk Children's Hospice. The project activities include training program for parents on medical skills and family relations, individual psychological and law consultations within Parent's Club, and seminars for specialists on particularities of medical, psychological, social support of families with disabled children.</i>		
<i>Services established by present time:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home visiting of families with disabled children • Parent's Club • Seminars for specialists on psychological support of families with disabled children 		
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk, Pinsk		
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>		Parents with disabled children	72
		Specialists working with families who have disabled children	17
		Disabled children	37
		total	126

<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 - 26.05.2009	
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal 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>		
<i>Project location:</i>	Gomel		
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>		Children from a baby house of the prison	50
		Their mothers, who are servicing a sentence in Gomel Colony	50

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>	
<i>Smorgon Social Pedagogic Center</i>	<i>First steps of motherhood</i> – the project has just started	27.05.2008 - 27.03.2009	
<i>Brief description:</i>	<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>		
<i>Project location:</i>	Smorgon		
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>		Mothers from disadvantaged families	40
		0-3 y. o. children	40
		Expectant mothers	25

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO Belarusian public union of riding and ippotherapy	Lucky horseshoe	21.05.2008 - 21.02.2009
<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 ippotherapy method of Pat Parelli “Natural Horsemanship”.</i>	
<i>Project locations:</i>	Minsk	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Disabled children	20
	Children from boarding schools	20

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
NGO BelAPDiMI “Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth”	Family for every child – the project has just started	17.04.2008 - 17.04.2009
<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 locations:</i>	Minsk	
<i>Planned number of beneficiaries:</i>	Families with disabled children	100
	Specialists from health care, education and social protection institutions	155

VIII. Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention programs

<i>Grantee Name:</i>	<i>Project name:</i>	<i>Project duration:</i>
Smorgon regional creativity center for youth	We choose health	01.04.2008 - 01.01.2009
<i>Brief description:</i>	<i>The goal of the project: to inform schoolchildren in Smorgon about healthy life style , reproductive health, drug abuse prevention , through training activity</i>	
<i>Number of beneficiaries:</i>	Schoolchildren	30
	Teachers	15
	total	45



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CCF-Belarus Disseminates the Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project Results through Oblast-Level Roundtables

To disseminate the successful results of the community-based programs implemented within the *Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children* project, CCF-Belarus conducted two oblast-level roundtables – in Chausy on May 21 and in Kobrin on June 11. 58 child protection specialists and directors of social-pedagogic centers representing 29 communities of Mogilev and Brest oblasts took part in these events.

During the roundtables, the project managers assisted by CCF-Belarus program specialists presented the following programs: *Parenting Skills Enhancement, Health Education and Substance Abuse Prevention, PRIDE Model for Training Prospective Foster Parents, Life Skills Program, Family-Centered Approach to Child Protection System Development, Public Awareness Campaigns on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Family-Type Care Development, and 12-step Community Programs for the Alcohol-Dependent and Their Relatives.*

Each presentation described the methodology, innovations, results and lessons learned, and also contained specific examples illustrating the positive changes produced by the programs in the lives of individuals and for the community in general.

Commenting on the presentations, many participants admitted that introduction of such innovative programs in their communities is highly desirable as it would greatly increase the methodological capacity of the child protection specialists.

Galina Boyarenko, representative of the Mogilev Oblast Institute of Professional Development: *"...The effectiveness of the presented programs is evident. In our country there are no similar programs focused on parenting skills development or training prospective foster parents ... We will be happy to train oblast specialists in all areas that were presented... It will help us to equip them with effective tools and methodologies."*

Irina Zhoglo, Director of the Brest Oblast Social-Pedagogic Center: *"...I had a chance to see the multidisciplinary approach to child protection services and the marvelous example of cooperation of different stakeholders aimed at institutionalization prevention... It was a good example of a well-coordinated team of enthusiasts working together..."*

As a result of these dissemination efforts, CCF-Belarus has already received a number of requests for replication of the presented programs in several communities of Mogilev and Brest oblasts.

