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Development objective:

Democracy, human rights and development

I. PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The number of persons with disabilities in Belarus exceeds 500,000 people. There are 119,000 children with special needs, including about 30,000 children with disabilities, among them. Discrimination and marginalization of adults and young people with disabilities is a typical social phenomenon for Belarus - while adults are often excluded from social and economic life and decision-making practices, children with disabilities suffer from insufficient access to education and inappropriate quality of services.

In September 2009 – September 2010 ChildFund Belarus accomplished the second phase of a four-year “Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities” project component funded by USAID in Belarus in the frame of a cooperative agreement. The project component aims to include Belarusian people with disabilities into mainstream society and to strengthen capacity of organizations of persons with disabilities.

The aim of the project component is being accomplished through three main objectives:

1. To support initiatives of people with disabilities and extend range of services provided by local organizations to PWD in urban and rural areas through small grants;
2. To support advocacy efforts by PWD grassroots organizations to promote rights of people with disabilities and increase public awareness on people with disabilities;
3. To improve capacity of grassroots organizations that support PWD and their families.

II. PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

The Project was implemented according to the Annual Implementation Plan and approved budget. According to semi-annual PMEP report by the end of March 2011 all annual targets have already been exceeded. Service delivery and promotion of rights of people with disabilities were the areas of particular success.

Six partner DPOs continued implementation of small grant projects awarded in the previous year. Three of them were successfully completed in March; the others will be finished in May 2011. Among 24 new/improved services created within small grants were: 24/7 respite care, psychological support for parents of children with disabilities, education and counseling on job placement for PWDs, vocational training, integrated playground for children, services on alternative communication with non-verbal children, volunteer assistance and intermediary services for accessibility and access to information, information and communication through web-sites, and development, communication, play and leisure for children with disabilities. By the end of March 2011, 630 children (against 45 planned annually) and 124 adults (against 105 planned annually) with disabilities were served by partner DPOs. Best practices and new experiences in PWD-services delivery were documented by partner DPOs in manuals, brochures and guides and disseminated among involved governmental and non-governmental organizations at local and national seminars, round tables and presentations. The project’s achievements and detected problems with implementation of PWD’s rights were highlighted through mass media (TV spots, newspaper articles). Implementation of small grants helped partner DPOs to strengthen their managerial and technical capacity, expand their partnership networks, enhance DPOs’ image among general public, and ensure PWDs’ participation in community life.

This quarter the number of advocacy efforts doubled in comparison with the previous quarter and reached 30. This success should be attributed to the effectiveness of the new advocacy course. Its alumni held 11 advocacy events to protect PWD rights. Despite the relatively short period of time half of their efforts have already succeeded. About **53%** of the course participants propelled to the next level of advocacy--they moved from single advocacy efforts and developed comprehensive advocacy campaigns. Next quarter these campaigns will receive financial support and technical assistance from the project.

In addition, within small grants partner DPOs conducted 19 advocacy efforts to ensure sustainability of PWD-related services in the fields of employment, integration, and rehabilitation.

The partner DPOs and alumni of the advocacy course used the variety of advocacy tools learned at the project capacity building events. These included mass media communications, writing letters, photo exhibition, expert groups, presentations at the round tables, meetings, and negotiations with stakeholders.

In total thus far:

- **Six (6)** projects for a total amount of **USD 38,717** continued implementation.
- **24** PWD services (against **10** planned annually) were improved /created within small grants
- **240 (112 girls and 128 boys)** children with disabilities (against 105 annually planned) and **58 (32 men and 26 women)** adults with disabilities (against 45 annually planned) received access to new/improved PWD services
- **Three (3)** new projects by local DPOs for the total amount of **USD 14,977** were awarded **this quarter**
- **Four (4)** capacity building events for people with disabilities were conducted.
- **One (1)** meeting of the Expert Group on Inclusive Education was conducted.
- **118** PWD-related specialists were trained:
- **30** advocacy efforts (against 6 annually planned) were initiated and implemented by participating PWDs and partner DPOs.
- **two (2)** PWD-related decisions were influenced by participating PWDs.

III. CHALLENGES/ CONSTRAINTS/OPPORTUNITIES

- From January to March 2011, there was a 40% price growth for foodstuff. Prices for gas and oil grew two times during this period. Devaluation of the national currency is expected within a few months. Economic deterioration aggravates social problems and increases the risk of poverty and unemployment that in turn inevitably affect lives of most vulnerable groups including people with disabilities and their families. It also impacts resources available for state social services working with them.
- Shrinking financial resources led to the situation when the GoB refused implementation of some state programs that have been planned for 2011- 2015 including the National Program "Belarus Children" for 2011-2015 with its sub-program "Children with Disabilities". Part of the Program's activities will be included to the National Demographic Program. ChildFund Belarus should focus its efforts on advocacy to support orphans and vulnerable children in the country- including the very vulnerable group- children with disabilities.
- The State Committee on Science and Technology contracted the National Institute of Education to elaborate scientific and technical principals of inclusive education in Belarus. The head of the working group appointed by the National Institutes of Education is the member of ChildFund's Expert Group on Inclusive Education. This is a good opportunity for ChildFund to promote its Action Plan on Inclusive Education

IV. LESSONS LEARNED

- ChildFund's requirement to include advocacy in small grants proved its effectiveness. It helped to ensure smooth implementation of the projects, built partnership alliances and institutionalized new types of PWD services.
- A pilot domestic fundraising activity included in the Belorussian Children's Hospice project exceeded all expectations. By the end of March 2011, Hospice raised about \$ 25,681 to sustain respite care- that is 366% of the project amount granted by ChildFund Belarus.

V. SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVE 1: SUPPORT INITIATIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND EXTEND RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PWD IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS THROUGH SMALL GRANTS

In order to support initiatives of people with disabilities and extend the range of services available for them:

- Implementation of 6 projects for a total amount of \$38,717 USD by local DPOs awarded in Year 2 continued
- Three (3) new projects for the total amount of \$14,997 USD were awarded and submitted for registration to the Department of Humanitarian AID

List of small grant projects

#	NGO NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	STATUS
1	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities (Kobrin branch, Brest region) Alternative Communication School Project	\$ 4,797.00	IN OPERATION up to May 2011
2	NGO Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs (Minsk) Healing of Magic Project	\$ 7,000.00	IN OPERATION up to May 2011
3	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities (Zhitkovichy branch, Gomel region) Different, Equal and Active Project	\$ 7,000.00	COMPLETED ON 25/02/2011
4	NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki (Gomel) Life without Barriers Project	\$ 6,691.00	COMPLETED ON 28/02/2011
5	NGO Belarusian Children's Hospice (Minsk) Development of Sustainable Supporting Services for Children with Disabilities and their Families Project	\$ 6,550.00	IN OPERATION UP TO MAY 2011
6.	NGO Invalid i Sreda (Brest) The Art of Being Yourself Project	\$ 6,679.00	COMPLETED ON 31/03/2011

7	NGO Special World (Minsk) First Step to Independence Project	\$ 4980.00	UNDER REGISTRATION
8	NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs (Minsk branch) Do as I Do Project	\$ 4998.00	UNDER REGISTRATION
9	NGO Young Men Christian Association (Vitebsk) Together on the Way to Health Project	\$ 4999.00	UNDER REGISTRATION

Three (3) out of **six (6)** small projects awarded in Year 2, successfully completed implementation this quarter. The other three projects will have been implemented through May 2011.

All the projects met or exceeded the planned targets. According to the PMEP by the end of March 2011:

- **24** PWD services (against **10** planned annually) were improved/created within small grants
- **630** children (against **45** planned annually) and **124** adults (against **105** planned annually) with disabilities obtained access to these services developed by partner DPOs

including:

- **240** children with disabilities and **58** adults with disabilities served this quarter

Among new/improved types of services by DPOs were : 24/7 respite care, psychological support for parents of children with disabilities, education and counseling on job placement for PWDs, vocational training, integrated playground for children, services on alternative communication with non-verbal children, volunteer assistance and intermediary services for accessibility and access to information, information and communication through web-sites, and development, communication, play and leisure for children with disabilities.

New services provided by DPOs produced a lot of positive outcomes in the lives of people with disabilities and their families. PWDs from Gomel, the participants of the project "Life without Barriers" (NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki) addressed their right to work and were employed. Families raising children with disabilities strengthened their coping abilities through respite care provided by Belorussian Children's Hospice. Young people with disabilities had the opportunity to develop their talents, improve communication skills and increased their self-esteem through participation in theatrical performances provided by the project "The Art of Being Yourself" (NGO "Invalid i Sreda" from Brest.). Children with disabilities, their parents and community volunteers improved communication through the innovative method- communication albums- that built the foundation for better integration and inclusion of non-verbal children.

For more information, please see Annex 2 Small Grant Report and Annex 5 Success Story

All the small projects involved advocacy activities aimed at sustainability and promotion of innovations produced by the projects. Due to these efforts some of the services such as respite care were included in the state system of social services guaranteed by the GoB. (*for more information, please see below information under Objective 2*). A pilot fundraising activity through the telephone line included in the Belorussian Children's Hospice project exceeded all expectations. As a result of the telephone hotline service, by the end of March 2011, the Hospice raised about \$25,681 to sustain respite care- that is 366% of the project amount granted by ChildFund Belarus.

Best practices and new experiences in PWD service delivery were documented by partner organizations in manuals, brochures and guides and disseminated among involved governmental and non-governmental organizations at local and national seminars, round tables and presentations. The project's achievements and

detected problems with implementation of PWD's rights were highlighted through mass media (TV spots, newspaper articles).

Implementation of small grants helped partner DPOs to strengthen their managerial and technical capacity, expand their partnership networks, enhance DPOs' image among the general public, and ensure PWDs' participation in community life.

ChildFund Belarus' project team provided timely and comprehensive technical support to partner DPOs through training, consultations, regular and ad hoc monitoring of project events and processes, analyses of narrative and financial reports, prompt feedback and recommendations.

Three (3) new small projects have been awarded this quarter. It is expected that they will start implementation in May 2011 upon receiving registration by the Department of Humanitarian Aid.

OBJECTIVE 2: TO SUPPORT ADVOCACY EFFORTS BY PWD GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS TO PROMOTE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES;

In order to support advocacy efforts of DPOs ChildFund Belarus **held:**

- **two (2)** sessions within Advocacy Course.
- **one (1)** meeting of Expert Group on Inclusive Education.

The first group of PWD-related specialists (**13 participants**) **completed the Advocacy Course. 53%** (against 50% planned) of the participants of the Advocacy Course developed advocacy campaigns to raise public awareness and promote rights of PWDs

As shown in the semi-annual PMP between the period of October 1, 2010- March 31, 2011:

- **46** advocacy efforts (against 6 annually planned) were undertaken and
- **12** PWD-related decisions (against 2 planned annually) were influenced by PWDs who are participants of the project

including:

- **30** advocacy efforts undertaken this quarter (**19** efforts within small grants, **11** advocacy efforts by the participants of Advocacy Course) and
- **two (2)** PWD-related decisions were influenced by participating DPOs this quarter

ACTIVITY: Advocacy Training Course: Session 2: Practical Tools for Effective Advocacy (February 11-13, Minsk) Session 3 : Advocacy Campaigns (March 18-20, Minsk)	
Expected results	Actual targets achieved
Session 2 Practical Tools for Effective Advocacy : 15 participants with disabilities acquired skills necessary to implement effective information campaigns	15 DPOs' representatives improved their advocacy skills with special emphasis on existing legislation in the area of disability, writing letters and appeals, negotiations with decision makers and local authorities, information campaigns. <i>12 out of 15 participants (80%) reported application of acquired skills and knowledge in their professional and everyday lives.</i>

<p>Session 3 Advocacy Campaigns:</p> <p>15 participants improved their knowledge and skills in planning and implementation of advocacy campaigns.</p>	<p>13 participants were introduced to national and international experience of planning and implementation of advocacy campaigns, methods and forms. All the participants were involved in small groups work on designing public campaigns.</p>
<p><i>7 out of 13 participants (53%) developed four (4) advocacy campaigns to be implemented in their communities. They were:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • challenging stereotypes about people with disabilities - to be carried out in Bobruisk (Mogilev region); • supporting independent living of people with mental disorders – to be carries out in Kobrin (Brest region); • providing car-drivers in wheelchairs with better access to the reserved parking places – to be carried out in Minsk and Mozyr (Gomel region); • changing attitudes of the general public toward people with Down's syndrome- to be carried out in Polotzk and Novopolotzk (Vitebsk region). <p><i>From April - September 2011, ChildFund Belarus will provide its technical and financial assistance to participating DPOs to undertake developed advocacy campaigns.</i></p>	

<p>ACTIVITY: Expert Group on Inclusive Education Meetings (March 14, Minsk)</p>	
<p>Expected results</p>	<p>Actual targets achieved</p>
<p>Recommendations and plans of action to introduce inclusive education in Belarus are developed</p>	<p>11 participants attended the meeting, including six (6) alumni of the USAID Community Connections program and two (2) new persons representing the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus and the National Institute of Education. Participants further coordinated their views on introducing inclusive education in Belarus. They revised the master-plan taking into account all the legislative changes as well as new knowledge, ideas inspired by the exchange visit to the US within USAID-funded Community Connections Program.</p>
<p><i>ChildFund Belarus scheduled a round table on inclusive education for May 2011. Participants - the key stakeholders - will discuss ways and opportunities to implement the master plan.</i></p>	

Advocacy has been an integral part of all 6 small projects. From January-March 2011, implementing DPOs conducted 19 advocacy efforts to ensure sustainability of PWD-related services in the field of employment, integration, and rehabilitation. 11 advocacy efforts to protect PWD rights were undertaken by the alumni of the Advocacy Course. The partner DPOs used the variety of advocacy tools learned at the project capacity building events including mass media communications, writing letters, photo exhibition about PWDs, presentations at the round tables, meetings and negotiations with stakeholders and working groups.

Institutionalization of Respite Care in Belarus

The NGO Belarusian's Children Hospice (Development of Sustainable Supporting Services for Children with Disabilities and Their Families Project) continued its advocacy efforts for institutionalization of respite care in Republic of Belarus. This quarter they targeted National Parliament where Regulations on Respite Care developed by the project Expert Group last quarter was presented. In addition, a rationale for respite care was explained to the general public through three publications in local and national newspapers.

For more information about advocacy efforts in the frame of small grants implementation, please see Annex 2.

Accessibility

NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities from Zhitkovichi (Different, Equal and Active Project) took further action to promote a barrier free environment in their community. This quarter the results of needs assessment conducted by the project Task Group last quarter were compiled into a set of recommendations on local barrier free environment. The recommendations were presented at the final round table to local stakeholders and forwarded to the **Local Social Welfare Department, Education Department, and local Capital Construction Management.**

For more information about advocacy efforts in the frame of small grants implementation, please see Annex 2.

Sergey Baumanis, an alumnus of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Invalydy-Spinalniki (Gomel) negotiated with the local administration the problem of deficiency of specialized parking place for cars of people with disabilities. As a result, one person in a wheelchair was allocated a territory near his house to park the car.

Tatyana Sinkevich, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from Social Welfare Center (Bobruisk, Mogilev region) wrote a letter to the local administration with a request to construct a barrier free environment and ramps near the places of living of people in wheelchairs in Bobruisk.

The Right to Work

NGO Invalydy-Spinalniki (Life without Barriers Project) conducted 6 meetings and 2 round tables with local stakeholders (private and state-owned businesses, local authorities) on expanding job opportunities for PWD in Gomel region. As a result, the stakeholders adopted a Resolution on Employment of People with Disabilities. In February 2011, Gomel Region Executive Committee issued a decision **that commissions all the regional administrative bodies to contribute to implementation of the Resolution.**

For more information about advocacy efforts in the frame of small grants implementation, please see Annex 2.

Tatyana Sinkevich, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from the Social Welfare Centre (Bobruisk, Mogilev region) convinced the local authority of the relevance of the Center's program on PWD employment. As a result, the local administration allocated financial resources to support this program.

Promotion of Equality and Non-discrimination

NGO Invalid I Sreda (The Art of Being Yourself Project) conducted a photo exhibition **about people with disabilities engaged in stage activities.** About 150 local citizens explored new aspects of disability through 100 photos illustrating achievements, challenges and identity of youth actors with disabilities. This activity helped to raise public awareness about underestimated talents of people with disabilities and their ability to participate in the cultural life of their communities.

For more information about advocacy efforts in frames of small grants implementation, please see Annex 2.

Promotion of the Right to Education

Elena Strakh, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth (Zhitkovichi, Gomel region) took legal action against the local Social Welfare Center for unlawful expulsion of an 18-year old man with mental disabilities. As a result, the local prosecution office in Zhitkovichi redressed the injustice against the boy. He returned to his activities at the Center.

Oksana Ukrainets, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Child's Diabetes (Mozyr, Gomel region) wrote a letter to the local administration with a request to provide children with diabetes with special facilities at school in order to better include them into school learning. As a result, the local administration commissioned every school in Mozyr to set nursing points for children with diabetes to carry out lifesaving manipulations. In addition, every school administration should introduce regular activities to raise awareness of pupils about diabetes.

Natalya Pronkina, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Stroumok (Polotzk, Vitebsk region) in collaboration with the head of the local kindergarten discussed at the local administration terms and conditions to set up a Montessori day care centre in Polotzk. This center will accept both children with and without disabilities. They will enjoy an individual approach and the best inclusive practices there.

Eugeny Shevko, an alumnus of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs (Mozyr, Gomel region) officially addressed local authorities with a request to revise all the city maps and insure that all buildings and services accessible to PWD are marked.

Living Independently and with Dignity in the Community

Pavel Rutkovsky, an alumnus of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Rodnik Vozrozhdeniya (Kobrin, Brest region) negotiated with local administration and the head of the PWD asylum about the possibility to participate in an exchange visit in Poland and adopt Polish practice of independent living for people with disabilities. As a result, key partners to participate in the exchange program were appointed.

The Right to Habilitation and Rehabilitation

Andrey Bakhun and Elena Serkulskaaya, alumnae of the Advocacy Course from the NGO Osoby Mir (Minsk) addressed the local administration and the Ministry of Education with a complaint against performance of the local Habilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities. As a result of the authority's intervention, the Center constructed ramps, introduced an individualized approach to children, and improved residential conditions and meals.

The Right to Participate in Sports and Culture

Klavdiya Skrebkova, an alumna of the Advocacy Course from the Social Welfare Centre Novopolotzk (Vitebsk region) ensured participation of a local theatre group of people with disabilities in the art festival in Poland. She approached the local administration with a request to financially support the trip. As a result, the local administration covered travel expenses of the group.

Strengthening DPO Networking and Cooperation

As an added value of the Life without Barriers Project, NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki mobilized four local DPOs to set up a coalition of DPOs advocating for the implementation of PWD's right to work. As a result, the four DPOs signed an official partnership agreement and adopted a communication plan.

For more information about advocacy efforts in frames of small grants implementation, please see Annex 2.

Representatives of four organizations trained within the Advocacy Course (NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs (Minsk), NGO Osoby Mir (Minsk), NGO Child's Diabetes (Mozyr), NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities (Zhitkovichi)) took part in a national NGO advocacy campaign to prevent further restriction of NGO regulations in Belarus. Along with the other 100 Byelorussian NGOs they signed a document with detailed analyses of the restrictive legislation and its consequences that was proposed by the government. They also suggested a set of alternative recommendations regarding further development of the non-governmental sector in Belarus.

The document was submitted to the Parliament of Belarus. As a result, the Parliament had to stop passing this law and forwarded it for further development and improvement.

OBJECTIVE 3 : IMPROVE CAPACITY OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT PWD AND THEIR FAMILIES.

In addition to training reported under Objective 2, ChildFund-Belarus conducted *two (2)* capacity building events – sessions of the Leadership without Limitations Training Course.

As indicated in the semi-annual PMP for the period of October 2010- March 2011:

- 208 (against 50 planned annually) PWD- related specialists
- 81% of trained specialists (against 75% planned) demonstrated application of acquired knowledge and skills in practice
- 64 PWD-service organizations (against 25 planned annually) were strengthened by trained specialists

including:

- *118* PWD-related specialists (*99 women and 21 men*) from *44* PWD- service organizations trained this quarter

During the reported period 29 PWD-related specialists from 23 organizations were trained by ChildFund and *90* people from *21* organizations were trained by partner DPOs within their small grants.

For more detailed information, please see Annexes 2,3, 4

ACTIVITY: Leadership without Limitations Training Course: Session 1: Enhancement of Personal Performance (January 14-16, Minsk) Session 2 : Effective Management and Development of Non-profit Organization(February 25-27, Minsk)	
Expected results	Actual targets achieved
Session 1 15 PWD-related specialists improved communication, negotiation, self-presentation and conflict management skills	14 participants improved basic leadership competencies, acquired assertive behavior, debating and effective communication skills. <i>100% participants drafted 4-month personal development plan as a home assignment and reported application of acquired skills and knowledge in their professional and everyday lives.</i>
Session 2: 15 PWD-related specialists improved skills in team building, human resources management, participatory decision making and project management	15 participants were provided with tools to comprehend their role and place in development of their organizations. <i>9 out of 15 participants (60%) reported application and implementation of acquired knowledge and skills in their professional activities.</i>
Though participants did not yet graduate from the Course (in April-May 2011 two more sessions will be conducted), four of them already produced outcomes by introducing changes and innovations in their organization:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two participants from NGO Osoby Mir (Minsk) initiated a participatory process for elaborating the organization's mission and strategy and conducted an assessment of the organization's needs. • A participant from NGO Association of People in Wheelchairs (Pinsk branch) introduced a practice of monthly activity planning in their organization. • A participant from NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities (Smorgon branch) 	

disseminated acquired knowledge among peers at the seminar: Effective Management and Development of Non-profit Organization. In addition, the participant found an opportunity to join an Internet Course: Situational Leadership (www.mental-skills.ru).

VI. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

COORDINATION WITH USAID

Irina Mironova, ChildFund's COP and Jahor Novikau, USAID AOTR communicated regularly through meetings, e-mails and phone calls. Jahor Novikau also provided his input and expertise in the small grant selection process.

Cooperation with ChildFund International Headquarters –

ChildFund Belarus was in regular communication with ChildFund International's Headquarters in Richmond via e-mail and Skype.

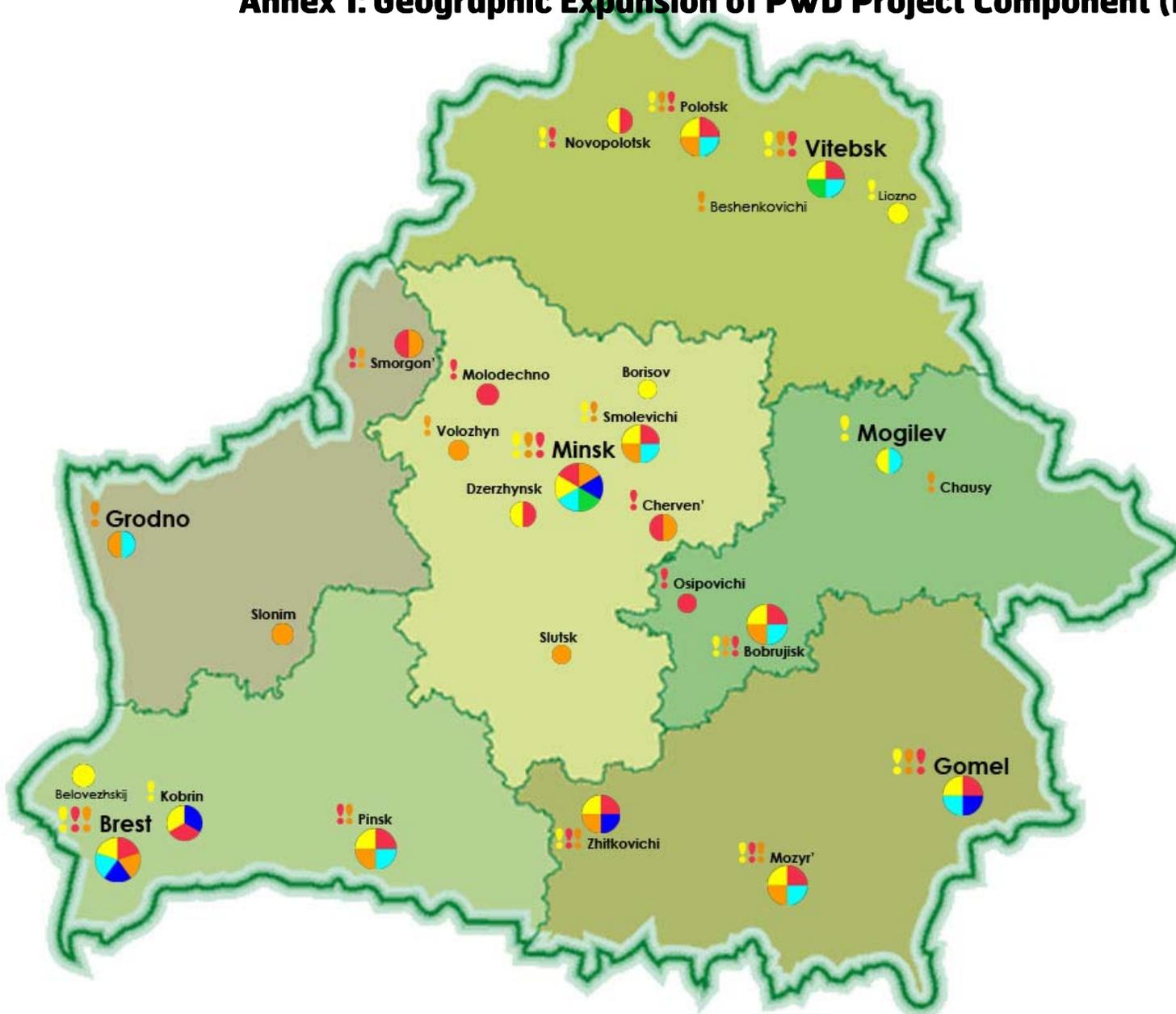
VII. PROJECT MANAGEMENT & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ChildFund Belarus holds regular project review meetings. These meetings strengthened project management, performance, and integration leading to enhanced cooperation and communication between project staff.

VIII. BUDGET

The SF425 report will be submitted under separate cover by ChildFund's Headquarters.

Annex 1: Geographic Expansion of PWD Project Component (March 2011)



- I.  Localities covered by advocacy training
-  Localities covered by advocacy follow up activities
- II.  Localities covered by training on capacity building
-  Localities that applied for small grants in calls for proposals
- III.  Localities covered by Leadership without Limitations Training Course
-  Localities covered by follow up training sessions by LLTC alumni
- IV.  small grant implementation 2009\2010
- V.  small grant implementation - 2010\2011
- VI.  Localities having councils for disability issues

Annex 2: Overview of small grants supported by ChildFund Belarus under PWD Project Component January–March, 2011

List of small projects

#	NGO NAME	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	STATUS
1	Kobrin branch of NGO "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities"	Alternative communication school	\$ 4,797.00	IN OPERATION
2	Zhitkovichy branch of NGO "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities"	Different, equal and active	\$ 7,000.00	Completed. Final reports are being monitored.
3	Gomel Non-Governmental Organization of People with Supporting Motor System Disabilities "Invalidy-Spinalniki"	Life without barriers	\$ 6,691.00	Completed. Final reports are being monitored.
4	NGO "Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs"	Healing of Magic	\$ 7,000.00	IN OPERATION
5	NGO "Belarusian Children's Hospice"	Development of sustainable supporting services for children with disabilities and their families	\$ 6,550.00	IN OPERATION
6.	Brest Youth NGO of People with Disabilities "Invalid I Sreda"	The art of being yourself	\$ 6,679.00	Completed. Final reports are being monitored.
7.	NGO "Special World"	First step to independence	\$ 4980.00	UNDER REGISTRATION
8.	Minsk branch of NGO "Association of people on wheelchairs"	Do as I Do!	\$ 4998.00	UNDER REGISTRATION

9.	NGO "Young Men Christian Association"	Together on the way to health	\$ 4999.00	UNDER REGISTRATION
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Description of small projects in operation in the reported period:

NGO name: Kobrin branch of NGO "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities"	Grant amount: \$ 4,797	Project dates: 01.08.2010 31.05.2011
Project duration: 10 months		
NGO contact information: 153 Dzerzhinskogo str., Kobrin, Brest Region, Tel: 375 1942 2-86-86, Elena-Xeylo@yandex.ru		
Project name:	Alternative communication school	
Brief description:	<p>Within this project, an innovative supporting method of alternative communication will be introduced to parent and siblings of non-verbal children as well as to young community volunteers. The project will contribute to the development and better integration of children with complex disabilities.</p> <p>Within the project, family members of children with speech disorders, PWD-related specialists and young volunteers will be trained to use alternative methods of communication with non- verbal children. These innovations will be analyzed and systematized in a guide that will be distributed among regional branches of Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities and Habilitation Centers for children with disabilities.</p>	
Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation and regular updating of individual communication book for children with disabilities • Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method for parents of children with disabilities and PWD-related specialists • Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method for siblings of children with disabilities and volunteers from local schools • Guide on alternative nonverbal communication • Video/film on alternative nonverbal communication method that will be shown on local TV channel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 children with disabilities 17 parents and specialists 11 siblings and volunteers 80 copies
Established services and number of	Number of participants:	Total In the reported

beneficiaries:	period	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 individual communication books have been created and regularly updated by parents and siblings 	20 children with disabilities (8 girls/12 boys)	20 children with disabilities (8 girls/12 boys)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method for parents of children with disabilities and PWD-related specialists (11 trainings in total, 4 in the reported period) 	21 parents and specialists (21 female)	21 parents and specialists (21 female)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working meetings of parents' club to share experience of using individual communication books (3 meetings in total, 2 meetings in the reported period) 	16 (female) parents	16 (female) parents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop with the expert from the National Institute of Education on using alternative nonverbal communication methods for parents of children with disabilities and PWD-related specialists 	22 (female) parents and specialists	22 (female) parents and specialists
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method for siblings of children with disabilities and volunteers from local schools (12 trainings in total, 4 trainings in the reported period) 	11 siblings and volunteers (8 girls/3 boys)	11 siblings and volunteers (8 girls/3 boys)
Project outcomes for the whole project period :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 girl (4 y.o) started to communicate with words due to this new communication method, thought there was little hope that she would ever speak in the future • 13 (7 male/5 female) children with disabilities improved communication with their parents, siblings, teachers and volunteers with the help of individual communication books • The volunteers from local schools keep visiting children with disabilities in the Habilitation Center after they completed the trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method. 	

NGO name: Zhitkovichy branch of NGO "Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Young People with Disabilities"		Grant amount:	Project dates:
Project duration: 9 months		\$ 6,550	25.05.2010 25.02.2011
NGO contact information:	apt. 1 Katsubinskogo Str, 7, Zhitkovichi, Gomel Region, Tel: 375 2353 21417, 375 29 9107966, strah@mail.gomel.by		
Project name:	Different, equal and active		
Brief description:	<p>The project is aimed to increase the level of inclusion of children and adults with disabilities into community life in Zhitkovichy. Within the project, an integrated playground for children with and without disabilities will be built on the grounds of Zhitkovichy Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities.</p> <p>As a barrier-free environment is considered a pre-condition for full inclusion of people with disabilities, a series of trainings on barrier free environments, advocacy for PWD rights, and a community needs assessment will be conducted for parents of children with disabilities, young PWD, NGOs and state body representatives. The most active trainees will be engaged in a Task Group that will assess community needs and monitor implementation of a State Program on Creation of Barrier-Free Environments in Zhitkovichy region. The Task Group will prepare a report on implementation of barrier free environment and offer suggestions for further development for local authorities.</p>		
Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries	• Training on advocacy of PWDs' rights for PWD-related specialists, representatives of NGOs, local authorities, people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities	15 participants	
	• Training on barrier-free environment for PWD-related specialists, representatives of NGOs, local authorities, people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities	15 participants	
	• Training on community needs assessment for PWD-related specialists, representatives of NGOs, local authorities, people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities	15 participants	
	• Training on partnership for PWD-related specialists, representatives of NGOs, local authorities, people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities	15 participants	
	• Assessment Group on Accessibility	6 members	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final round table discussion on results of community needs assessment and monitoring and perspectives of implementation of State Program on Creation of Barrier-Free Environment in Zhitkovichy region 	25 participants	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up of an accessible playground for children with and without disabilities 	40 children (including 20 children with disabilities)	
Established services and number of beneficiaries:		Number of participants: Total	In the reported period
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on advocacy of PWD's rights for specialists, people with disabilities, and parents 	13 participants (13 female)	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on community needs assessment for PWD-related specialists, people with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities 	14 participants (13 female and 1 male)	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on partnership for PWD-related specialists, people with disabilities "Group, team, organization" 	17 (16 female/1 male)	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for PWD-related specialists, representatives of local authorities, people with disabilities "Barrier-free environment" 	15 (12 female/3 male)	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening ceremony of an integrated playground for children with disabilities and their peers from local schools. The playground was built on the grounds of Zhitkovichy Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities. 	13 (5 girls/8 boys) children with disabilities, 27 children (15 girls/12 boys) without disabilities	-
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training "Art of Negotiation" for PWD-related specialists, people with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities 	13 participants (13 female)	13 participants (13 female)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final round table discussion on results of community needs assessment and perspectives of implementation of State Program on Creation of Barrier-Free Environment in Zhitkovichy region. 	25 participants (22 female/3 male)	25 participants (22 female/3 male)

Representatives of local NGOs of PWDs and governmental organizations participated in the discussion. The resolution of the round table discussion that included suggestions for further development of barrier-free environment in Zhitkovichy was submitted to local authorities.

- The results of the round table were highlighted in the local newspaper "Novoe Polesye" (circulation - **4822**).

Project outcomes and advocacy efforts for the whole project period:

The Assessment Group on Accessibility including **6** (all female) community members, questioned 50 PWDs and parents of children with disabilities about problems related to barrier-free environments in the local community. Then members of the Group monitored the buildings most visited by PWDs. As a result of these activities, **6** letters regarding the creation of barrier-free environment in schools, shops, state institutions, and dwelling houses were submitted to local authorities. The report on accessibility of environments in Zhitkovichy, prepared by the Assessment Group, was presented at the final round table.

NGO name: Gomel Non-Governmental Organization of People with Supporting-Motor System Disabilities "Invalidy-Spinalniki"	Grant amount: \$ 6,691	Project dates: 17.05.2010 28.02.2011
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Project duration: 8 months

NGO contact information: 6-1 Mezhdugorodnaya str., 246012 Gomel; Tel: 375 232 46-08-94, 375 232 45-88-48, 375 29 667-66-01

Project name: Life without barriers

Brief description: The project aims to help people with disabilities in Gomel to enforce their labor rights as it is an integral component of life without barriers for people with disabilities. In the frame of the project a group of 60 PWD aged 18-45 will have an opportunity to learn a new profession or find a job. The project partner-organization – a local labor and social welfare committee – will deliver legal assistance to them. Every PWD will have access to an individual rehabilitation program and career building counseling. 10 PWD will be provided with 6-months of vocational training on PC operation, another 10 PWD will be trained as sales managers. In order to assist trained PWD in job placement, an advocacy campaign about PWD right and interests will be

conducted among the leadership of 50 local businesses and organizations. The project results will be summarized at a final round table. Representatives of local authorities, businesses and NGOs will participate in the discussion. The resolution of the round table will be disseminated among stakeholders.

Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries:	• Consultations (by telephone and in person) for PWDs on employment issues	240 consultations for 60 PWDs	
	• 6-month vocational training on PC operation	10 people with disabilities	
	• 4 trainings on different aspects of employment of people with disabilities	60 people with disabilities	
	• Training on sales management and marketing	10 people with disabilities	
	• Legal guide with instructions and advice on employment issues for people with disabilities	300 copies	
	• Brochure on tax remissions regarding employment of people with disabilities for executives of local businesses	150 copies	
	• Final round table discussion on project results	30 participants	
Established services and number of beneficiaries:	Number of participants:	Total	In the reported period
• Consultations (by telephone or in person) on labor rehabilitation, employment issues and on planned project activities (264 consultations in total)		145 (58 female/87 male) people with disabilities	-
• Legal guide with instructions and advice on employment issues for people with disabilities was published		300 copies Completed, September 2010	-
• 4 trainings on different aspects of employment of people with disabilities,		69 (38 female/31 male) PWDs	-
• Training on sales management and marketing		10 people with disabilities (6 male/4 female)	-
• Vocational training on PC operation in the local Employment Center		11 (10 male/1 female) PWDs	11 (10 male/1 female) PWDs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brochure on tax remissions regarding employment of people with disabilities for executives of local businesses 200 copies 	200 copies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final round table discussion on project results. PWDs, representatives of local authorities and NGOs participated in the discussion. The resolution of the round table was approved by the Deputy Head of Gomel region Executive Committee. 	30 (15 female/15 male) participants	30 (15 female/15 male) participants
Project outcomes and advocacy efforts for the whole project period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 (9 female/16 male) people with disabilities covered by the project services were employed. It was planned that only 10 PWDs would find employment. • Gomel City Coordination Council on PWD issues created by the initiative of the DPO. • The DPO initiated the discussion on employment opportunities for PWDs at the meeting of Gomel Region Coordination Council on PWD issues. • 41 PWDs (29 male/ 12 female) PWDs received individual rehabilitation programs. • 2 minute news spot about the project activities was demonstrated on local TV-channel that covers a population of 200,000 in Gomel Region. • 2 news spots about the final round table discussion and the project results were demonstrated on 2 local TV-channels, that covered a population of 200,000 in Gomel Region. • The NGO "Invalidy-Spinalniki" initiated further cooperation of local DPOs for advocating for PWDs rights in Gomel Region. 4 DPOs signed the agreement of cooperation. • The DPO organized presentation of the publication on tax remissions regarding employment of people with disabilities for representatives of 14 local businesses. • Perspectives and problems of employment were discussed at the round table, that gathered 11 (10 male/1 female) PWDs who participated in the vocational training on PC operation, and 10 (5 male/5 female) representatives of local businesses and governmental organizations. 		

NGO name: NGO "Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs"	Grant amount:	Project dates:
Project duration: 12 months	\$ 7,000	28.05.2010 27.05.2011
NGO contact information:	25 Masherov ave, office 231, Minsk, Tel: 375 17 237 48 57, Magic-by@tut.by	
Project name:	Healing of Magic	

Brief description:

This project will introduce an innovation in the field of rehabilitation - a method called Healing of Magic.

The Healing of Magic method is new for Belarus. Designed by American illusionists Kevin and Cindy Spencer this method makes use of simple magic tricks based on providing a lot of fun and reaching therapeutic results.

Within the project, a group of volunteers will be trained on the Healing of Magic method. As a follow up, trained volunteers will visit young in-patients with disabilities staying in two (2) rehabilitation centers and one (1) hospital of Minsk weekly. During visitation, volunteers will show magic tricks to children and train children to do these tricks.

Thus, a volunteer and a child with disabilities work together in order to help a low-functioning child to advance their fine motor skills, attention and perceptual development, interpersonal and cognitive abilities, and emotional wellbeing.

Project experience and know-how method will be described in a brochure. Best practices will be shared with main stakeholders in the field of child rehabilitation in Belarus during a final round table and at a national workshop. The project materials and the presentation will be found on the web-site www.magic-help.org.

Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries:	• Training on Healing of Magic methodology for volunteers	10 volunteers
	• Healing of Magic program activities for children with disabilities	720 children with disabilities
	• Brochure on project results	50 copies
	• Creation and functioning of the project web-site	1,100 visitors
	• Final round table on analyzing project results and discussing the perspectives of dissemination of Healing of Magic methodology in rehabilitation institutions for children with disabilities	30 PWD-related specialists and representatives of NGOs

Established services and number of beneficiaries :	Number of participants:	Total	In the reported period
		• Creation and functioning of the project web-site: Magic-help.org	1561 visitors
• 3 trainings on Healing of Magic methodology for volunteers	34 (27 female/7 male) participants	-	
• 14 trained volunteers held Healing of Magic program activities in 2 rehabilitation centers and 1 children’s hospital	725 (356 girls/369 boys)	206 (101 girls /105 boys)	

	children with disabilities	children with disabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 trained volunteers held Healing Magic program activities in rehabilitation center in for adults with disabilities 	56 (24 female/32 male) people with disabilities	16 PWDs (8 female/8 male)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 working meetings of volunteers to discuss the implementation of Healing Magic program (5 meetings in the reported period) in 2 rehabilitation centers and 1 children's hospital 	17 (4 male/13 female) volunteers	8 (1 male/7 female) volunteers

NGO name: NGO "Belarusian Children's Hospice"		Grant amount:	Project dates:
Project duration: 12 months		\$ 7,000	07.05.2010 06.05.2011
NGO contact information:	100-A Berezovaya roscha str., Borovliany, Minsk district; Tel: 375 17 505-27-45, 5052746; hospice-minsk@tut.by		
Project name:	Development of sustainable supporting services for children with disabilities and their families		
Brief description:	The project is the second step of establishment of a 24/7 Respite Care Service for Children with Disabilities Project, which won financing in 2009. Within the current stage of the project further development of respite service will be promoted. The project will mobilize community resources and create favorable conditions for replication of a respite care model in Belarus, advocating for incorporation of respite care service into state and NGO practices.		
Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 respite care service (children with disabilities are provided with medical care, free food, medical equipment and materials, assistance of caregivers(volunteers), art therapy, music therapy) 	25 children with disabilities of at least 25 parents are planned	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological consultations for parents of children with disabilities 	25 parents	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 trainings for community volunteers, who will provide assistance at the respite care center 	25 volunteers	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 seminars on respite care service and project best practices for specialists working with children with disabilities and their families 	40 participants	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 meetings of the Expert Group representing key Ministries and other stakeholders. The Expert Group will work to advocate for incorporation of respite care service into state and NGO practices and to develop quality standards for a twenty-four hour respite care service. 	6 members	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual about innovative respite care in Belarus 	300 copies	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up and maintenance of the telephone hotline service to raise funds for respite care service in Hospice 	2,000 phone calls	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 round table discussions on promotion of further development of respite care service in Belarus 	30 participants	
Established services and number of beneficiaries:		Number of Participants:	Total
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 Respite care service (children with disabilities are provided with medical care, free food, medical equipment and material, assistance of caregivers (volunteers), art therapy, music therapy) 		31 (21 boys/10 girls) children with disabilities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological consultations for parents of children with disabilities who used 24/7 Respite care service 		51 (22 male/ 29 female) parents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 trainings for community volunteers, who will provide assistance at the respite care centre 		25 (6 male/19 female) volunteers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up and functioning of the telephone hotline service to raise funds for respite care service in Hospice. 		9452 phone calls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation and updating the project web-page to advocate for incorporation of respite service into state and NGO practices www.hospice.by/proekt-mezhdunarodnogo-detskogo-fonda/index.php 		5613 visitors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 seminars on respite care service and project best practices for specialists working with children with disabilities and their families (1 seminar in the reported period) 		62 (60 female/2 male) participants
			14 (3 girls/11 boys) children with disabilities
			8 (4 male/4 female)
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			3328 phone calls
			1257 visitors
			24 (24female) participants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 meetings of the Expert Group that includes 6 (6 female) representatives of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and parents' association. 	5 meetings	1 meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 round table discussions on prospects of development of respite care services in Belarus (2 in total, 1 round table in the reported period) 	25 (25 female) participants	10 (10 female) participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 presentations on respite care service and project activities for representatives of NGOs and governmental institutions working with children with disabilities and their families (1 presentation in the reported period) 	33 (33 female) participants	11 (11 female) participants
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information about the telephone hotline service was disseminated throughout local and national newspapers "Vecherniy Minsk", "Komsomolskaya Pravda", "Va-bank", "Vecherniy Mogilyov", "Minsk na Ladonyakh". In the reported period the information about the project services was published in newspapers "Vmeste" and "Minskiy Kurier". 	235194	15194
Project outcomes for the whole project period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Expert Group worked out an action plan on advocating for incorporation of respite service into state and NGO practices. The elaborated and approved by the Expert Group draft of "Regulations of Respite Care Service" was submitted to the House of Representatives of Parliament of Belarus. <p>As a result of the telephone hotline service, Hospice raised about \$ 25,681 to sustain respite care, that is 366% of the project amount granted by ChildFund Belarus.</p>		

NGO name: Brest Youth NGO of People with Disabilities "Invalid I Sreda"	Grant amount:	Project dates:
Project duration: 8 months	\$ 6,679	01.08.2010 31.03.2011
NGO contact information: 10 Naganova Str, office 10, Brest, Tel: 375 29 527 96 92, belshlyah@gmail.com		

Project name:	The art of being yourself		
Brief description:	<p>The project is aimed to integrate youth with disabilities aged 18-31 into cultural and social life through theater.</p> <p>Within the project, youth with disabilities from Brest region will be trained on various aspects of stage activity. A group of community volunteers without disabilities will provide support within the project. Trained young people with disabilities will stage theater performances for general public.</p> <p>At the end of the project, printed methodological materials on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities will be developed and disseminated among PWD-related specialists. Information about the project activities will be highlighted on the webpage developed within the project as well as in regional and national mass media.</p> <p>Brest State Pedagogic University, Brest Region Library, Territorial Center of Social Welfare and Professional Psychological Center Insight are chosen as partner organizations to implement this project.</p>		
Planned services and planned number of beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Master-classes on various aspects of theater activities • 3 trainings for volunteers on specifics of assistance and communication with people with disabilities • 3 theater performances staged for general public • Photo exhibition on theater activity of people with disabilities for the general public • Methodological materials on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 45 members of PWD theater groups 20 volunteers 150 spectators 100 visitors 100 copies 	
Established services and number of beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for volunteers on communication and conflict resolutions with people with disabilities "I am a Volunteer" 	<p>Number of participants:</p> <p>Total 18 participants (14 female /4 male)</p>	<p>In the reported period</p> <p>-</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master-class on methods of organization of theater activities for 3 theater groups of people with disabilities from Brest, Stolín and Baranovichy 	<p>14 participants (7 female / 7 male), including 10 PWDs, 5 of them are children with disabilities</p>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for volunteers on communication methods and specifics of communication with people with disabilities "Rules of Communication" 	<p>19 (16 female/3 male) participants</p>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for volunteers on specifics of assistance to people with disabilities "What? Where? When?" 	<p>9 (8 female /1 male) participants</p>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master-class "Active nature of theater art. Practical usage of theater technologies" for 3 theater groups of people with disabilities from Brest, Stolín and Baranovichy 	<p>16 participants (7 male/9 female), including 10 (5 male/5 female) PWDs and 1 child with disability (1 boy)</p>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master-class "Costumes and Scenery for Performance" 	<p>15 participants (4 male/11 female), including 11 (4 male/7 female) PWDs</p>	<p>15 participants (4 male/11 female), including 11 (4 male/7 female) PWDs</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance to PWDs of 3 theater groups at master-classes and theater performances staged for general public 	<p>21 volunteers (4male/17 female)</p>	<p>18 volunteers (3 male/15 female)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 information materials about the project events were published on the re- 	<p>159 visitors</p>	<p>159 visitors</p>

	designed NGO web-site www.daebrest.org		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo exhibition on theater activity of people with disabilities for the general public 	120 visitors	120 visitors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 theater performances staged by 3 theater groups of people with disabilities from Brest, Stolin and Baranovichy for general public 	26 (11 male/16 female) PWD actors	26 (11 male/16 female) PWD actors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities for PWD-related specialists 	26 (4 male/22 female) specialists	26 (4 male/22 female) specialists
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 articles about project activities in local newspaper "Zarya" (1 article in the reported period) 	46990 (population of Brest and Brest region)	46990 (population of Brest and Brest region)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article about project activities in local newspaper "Vecherniy Brest" 	10 000	10 000
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 news spots about the project activities on local TV-channel "Bug-TV" (1 news spot in the reported period) 	30 000 (population of Brest and Brest region)	30 000 (population of Brest and Brest region)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News spot about the photo exhibition on TV-channel "LAD" 	30 000 (population of Brest and Brest region)	30 000 (population of Brest and Brest region)
	* Methodological materials on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities (100 copies) are still being printed		
Project outcomes for the whole project period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trained theater groups of people with disabilities from Brest, Stolin and Baranovichy staged 3 theater performances for 120 spectators. • The trained theater groups of people with disabilities from Brest, Stolin and Baranovichy were selected as participants of "Neprotaptany Shlyakh" International Theater Festival of People with Disabilities that is annually organized in Brest. 		



Annex 3: Comments to PMP semi-annual report
Component III “Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities”
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Reporting period: October 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011

Objective 1: Support initiatives of people with disabilities and extend current services provided by local organizations to PWD in both urban and rural areas through small grants

Indicator 1.1. Number of PWD services created/improved and provided by and/or with PWDs within the project component

The target number for this indicator is **10.**

The current number is **24.**

From October 2010-March 2011, six partner DPOs provided **24** PWD-related services in frames of small projects implementation:

Service		Provider
Minsk		
1	Rehabilitation of children with disabilities through Healing Magic methodology	NGO Belarusian Association of UNESCO clubs
2	Rehabilitation of adults with disabilities through Healing Magic methodology	
3	Project web-site http://www.hospice.by/proekt-mezhdunarodnogo-detskogo-fonda/index.php	
4-6	24-hour complex respite care for children with disabilities (including professional nursing, baby sitting by trained volunteers, art, music therapy)	NGO Belarusian Children’s Hospice
7	Project web-site http://www.hospice.by/proekt-mezhdunarodnogo-detskogo-fonda/index.php	
8	Psychological support to parents of children with disabilities	
9	Charitable Telephone Line	
Gomel		

10	Telephone line on rights to work and employment opportunities for PWDs	NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki
11	In-person counseling on rights to work and employment opportunities for PWDs	
12	Training of PWDs on employment-related issues	
13	Computer courses for PWD	
14	Marketing and sales courses for PWD	
15	Manual for PWD on legal issues of employment	
Zhitkovichi (Gomel region)		
16	Training on communication techniques of members of the Community Needs Assessment Task Group (PWDs, parents of children with disabilities and PWD-related specialists)	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities
17	Integrated playground for children with and without disabilities	
Kobrin (Brest region)		
18	Training of parents and siblings of children with disabilities, PWD-related specialists and young volunteers on innovative methods of nonverbal communication with children with speech disorders	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities
19	Professional assistance in compilation of personal communication books for children with speech disorders	
20	Workshop for members of the Parent's club on using communication books	
Brest		
21	Personal assistance at project events provided by volunteers	NGO "Invalid i Sreda"
22	Project web-site: www.daebrest.org	
23	Master classes on stage activities for theatre directors and actors with disabilities (Active Nature of Theater Art and Performance Costumes and Scenery)	
24	Theatrical performances by/with people with disabilities	

Indicator 1.2 Number of children with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) covered by PWD's new/improved services

*The target number for this indicator is **45**.*

*The current number is **630 (324 boys and 306 girls)***

A 14-times surplus in children with disabilities was achieved due to small project of Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs 'Healing Magic'

List of children with disabilities covered by PWD services available upon request at the ChildFund Belarus office.

Indicator 1.3. Number of adults with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) covered by PWD's new/improved services

The annual target number for this indicator is 105.

The current value is 124 (67men and 57 women).

An 18% excess in adults with disabilities coverage was mainly conditioned by the two factors:

- Belarusian Association of UNESCO Clubs included adults with disabilities in the target group of the project (originally, the target group was comprised only of children with disabilities).
- NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki mobilized local community resources to geographically expand its project from one to three towns that in turn increased the number of served people with disabilities.

Note: List of adults with disabilities covered by PWD services available upon request at ChildFund Belarus office.

Objective 2: Improve advocacy efforts by PWD grassroots organizations to promote rights of people with disabilities and increase public awareness on PWD issues

Indicator 2.1. Number of PWD advocacy efforts

The annual target for this indicator is 6.

The current value is 46.

This indicator measures the number of efforts aimed at promoting interests and rights of PWD, initiated and implemented by and/or with participation of PWD within ChildFund Belarus' PWD Project Component 2010-2011.

Comment

35 advocacy efforts were carried out by four small grant implementers from October 2010 to March 2011 in order to promote and sustain innovative PWD-related services:

NGO Belarusian Children's Hospice conducted **10 advocacy** actions. There were: *three (3)* meetings of the Expert Group on Respite Care Service, *three (3)* public events (round table, presentation and seminar) for stakeholders and PWD-related specialists, *one (1)* meeting with decision-makers of the local and national levels, and *three (3)* publications in local and national newspapers. As a result, a discussion on draft Regulations on Respite Care and Respite Care Rationales was included in the agenda of one of the sessions of the National Parliament of Belarus. The Council of Ministers of Belarus included Respite Care Service into the Integrated Action Plan of Service Development for Children with Disabilities.

NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki conducted **12** advocacy actions/ there were two *(2)* round tables and *one (1)* presentation for stakeholders; *one (1)* meeting with decision makers and *four (4)* meetings with peer NGOs. Collaboration with mass media resulted *in four (4)* TV reports on job placement of people with disabilities. NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki initiated a working meeting with four local DPOs that resulted in creation of DPO coalition aimed at

protection of PWDs" right to work. An Agreement of Collaboration on the field of job placement of PWD and Communication Plan was signed by four local DPOs. A Resolution on Job Placement of PWD developed by DPO and its counterparts was accepted by Social Welfare Department of Gomel Region Executive Committee.

*Zhitkovichi branch of
Belarusian Association of Assistance to
Children and Youth with Disabilities*

conducted **seven (7)** advocacy actions. There were: a Task Group on Community Needs Assessment evaluated accessibility of public services for people with disabilities in Zhitkovichi and targeted **four (4)** local companies (private and state-owned businesses, and an administrative body) with the written appeals to repair detected shortcomings of local barrier free environment. **One (1)** official letter with a request to the Gomel Representative of President of the Republic of Belarus to improve employment possibilities for youth with disabilities was referred. **One (1)** set of recommendations on Barrier Free Environment compiled of the results of Community Needs Assessment by the Task Group was submitted to the local administration and presented at **one (1)** round table to different stakeholders. The recommendations were forwarded to the Social Welfare Department, Education Department of the local executive committee as well as to the local capital construction management.

Youth NGO Invalid I Sreda

conducted **three (3)** advocacy actions. There were: **one (1)** photo exhibition "The Art of Being Yourself" about people with disabilities engaged in the project implementation, **two (2)** Mass Media products (a local newspaper article and a report on a national TV channel).

The participants of Leadership without Limitation Training Course and Advocacy Course undertook **14 advocacy** efforts promoting rights of people with disability:

- March 2011 – Elena Strakh from Zhitkovichi, Gomel region (Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities) referred to the local prosecution office an inquiry to control the appropriateness of a decision taken by the local Social Welfare Centre with respect to her son with disabilities. The boy was unlawfully expelled from the institution.
- February 2011 – Elena Strakh from Zhitkovichi, Gomel region signed on behalf of her organization (Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities) a joint address to the Nation Parliament aimed at deregulation of legislation on non-governmental organizations.
- February 2011 – Tatyana Sinkevich from Bobruisk (Social welfare Centre) successfully negotiated at the local administration allocation of financial assistance to activities aimed at employment of people with disabilities.
- February 2011 - Pronkina Natalya form Polotzk (Stroumok) negotiated at the local administration a possibility to set up a local Montessori day care centre.

- February 2011 - Eugeny Shevko from Mozyr (Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs) wrote a letter to local administration with a request to revise all the city maps in order to mark all the places accessible to people in wheelchairs.
 - February 2011 – Pavel Rutkovsy form Kobrin (Rodnik Vozrazhdeniya) negotiated with local authorities a possibility to conduct an exchange visit to Poland in order to adopt international practice of independent living of people with disabilities in Belarus.
 - February 2011 – Sergey Baumanis from Gomel (Invalidy-Spinalniki) successfully negotiated at the local administration allocation of a parking place for a car driven by a person in wheelchair.
 - February 2011 – Klavdiya Skrebkova – negotiated at the local administration reimbursement of travel expenses to the theater group of people with disabilities going to art festival in Poland.
 - February 2011 – Inna Digilevich from Minsk signed on behalf of her organization (Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs) a joint address to the National Parliament aimed at deregulation of legislation on non-governmental organizations.
 - February 2011 – Tatyana Sinkevich from Bobruisk (Social welfare Centre) wrote a letter to the local administration with a request to build ramps at the places of living of people with disabilities.
 - February 2011 – Elena Serkulsaya from Minsk signed on behalf of her organization (Osoby Mir) a joint address to the National Parliament aimed at deregulation of legislation on non-governmental organizations.
 - February 2011 – Oksana Ukrainets from Minsk signed on behalf of her organization (Child's Diabetes) a joint address to the National Parliament aimed at deregulation of legislation on non-governmental organizations.
- March 2011 – Andrey Bakhur and Elena Serkulsaya from Minsk (Osoby Mir) wrote a letter to the local administration and the Special Education Department of the Ministry of Education with a request to take appropriate steps to improve performance of the local Habilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities.
- November 2010 – Segey Baumanis from Gomel (InvalidyOSpinalniki) successfully negotiated at the local administration allocation of eight sports wheelchairs to the local basketball team of people with disabilities.

Indicator 2.2. Number of PWD-related official decisions

The annual target for this indicator is 2.

*The current value is **12.***

Comment

Three (3) national-level decisions were taken:

1. Under initiative of NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs, the following aspects were included into the wrap around National Program on Social Services Development 2011-2015:
 - *Introduction of Personal Assistance to Persons with Disabilities in Belarus;*
 - *Independent living of people with disabilities as an alternative to their institutionalization.*
2. Under Initiative of NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities, Annual *Art Festival of Young People with Disabilities* was included into the state program Children of Belarus 2011-2015.
3. Under Initiative of NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities, conditions for giving care to families with children with disabilities (baby sitting) were included in the state program Children with Disabilities 2011-2015.

Six (6) local level decisions were taken:

1. Vice Chairperson of Gomel Region Executive Committee responding to the NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki initiated resolution on employment of people with disabilities commissioned as per order #28/21 of February 16, 2011, all the involved Committee Departments render assistance and contribute to implementation the Resolution.
2. Under initiative of Oksana Ukrainetz (participant of the Advocacy Course) from Mozyr (Gomel region) and as per decree # 340-p of March 10, 2011, of the Educational Department of Mozyr Executive Committee, administration of every educational institution in Mozyr should provide school facilities to children with diabetes to carry out lifesaving activities. In addition, administration should raise awareness on diabetes among pupils.
3. Under initiative of Tatyana Pukalo (participant of advocacy training 2009\2010) a set of recommendations on employment of people with disabilities was addressed to the local council on disability issues. As a result, a private business employing 10 people with disabilities was established.
4. Under initiative of NGO Special World, and as per decision of Minsk Executive Committee # 1216 of October 18, 2010, a social taxi service in Minsk became available to children with disabilities.
5. Under initiative of NGO Special World as per recommendation of the Social Welfare Department of Minsk Executive Committee # 6625 of January 12, 2011, Minsk state orthopedic enterprise introduced target group needs assessment into standardized industrial process.
6. Under initiative of Minsk branch of Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchairs, the following aspects were included into the Municipal Program on Social Services Development 2011-2015:
 - *Reimbursement of personal-care products (disposable diapers) costs to people in wheelchairs;*
 - *Reconstruction of municipal hospitals #4, 11 for wheelchair accessibility.*

Three (3) decisions on local councils on disability issues were taken:

1. Under initiative of NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki Gomel Municipal Executive Committee of January 30, 2010, issued its official decision about creation of a Local Council on Disability Issues.
2. Under initiative of Lyudmila Tishko (alumni of the Leadership without Limitations Training Course 2009-2010) from Smolevichi (Minsk region) and Smolevichi Executive Committee issued its official decision n (# 3578 of November 26, 2010) on creation of a Local Council on Disability Issues.
3. According to the information from Oksana Ukrainetz, Mozyr local DPO Child's Diabetes became an associate member of the Mozyr Council on Disability Issues.

Objective 3: Improve capacity of grassroots organizations supporting PWD and their families

Indicator 3.1. Number of PWD-service organizations trained in the project

The annual target for this indicator is **25**

The current value is **63**

Comment

PWD-related specialists representing **33** organizations were trained by ChildFund Belarus within capacity building events of the annual Implementation Plan. PWD-related specialists representing **33** organizations were trained by small grants implementers.

The total number of organizations is 63 as three (3) organizations participated both in trainings of ChildFund Belarus and in training of partner DPOs.

List of organizations trained by ChildFund-Belarus

No	Organization	Location	Training
1	NGO Charity and Health	Minsk	Project Proposal Design and Writing
2	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities	Osipovich (Minsk region)	Sessions 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course
3	NGO Rodnik Vozrozhdeniya	Kobrin (Brest region)	Advocacy Course
4	NGO Invalid I Sreda	Brest	Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course Session 1 of the Advocacy Course

5	<i>NGO Invalidy-Spinalniki</i>	<i>Gomel</i>	<i>Advocacy Course</i>
6	<i>NGO Child's Diabetes</i>	<i>Mozyr (Gomel region)</i>	<i>Advocacy Course Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course Project Proposal Design and Writing</i>
7	<i>GO Social Welfare Centre</i>	<i>Novopolotsk (Vitebsk region)</i>	<i>Advocacy Course Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course</i>
8	<i>GO Otkrovenie (state-sponsored Youth Health Resource Centre)</i>	<i>Polotsk (Vitebsk region)</i>	<i>Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course</i>
9	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>	<i>Zhitkovich (Gomel region)</i>	<i>Session 2, 3 of the Advocacy Course</i>
10	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>	<i>Kobrin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Session 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course</i>
11	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of People with Disabilities</i>	<i>Liozno (Vitebsk region)</i>	<i>Session 1 of the Advocacy Course</i>
12	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchair</i>	<i>Mozyr (Gomel region)</i>	<i>Advocacy Course</i>
13	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchair</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Advocacy Course</i>
14	<i>NGO Independent Assistance to Children</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Project Proposal Design and Writing</i>
15	<i>NGO International Assistance to Children</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course</i>
16	<i>GO Social Welfare Centre</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Advocacy Course</i>
17	<i>Youth NGO Altera</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Project Proposal Design and Writing Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course</i>
18	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchair</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Project Proposal Design and Writing</i>

19	NGO Prometej	Polotsk (Vitebsk region)	Session 1 of the Advocacy Course Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course Project Proposal Design and Writing
20	NGO Special World	Minsk	Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course Advocacy Course Project Proposal Design and Writing
21	NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities	Minsk	Project Proposal Design and Writing
22	NGO Belarusian Association of People with Disabilities	Bobruisk (Mogilev region)	Project Proposal Design and Writing
23	NGO Olympics	Minsk	Project Proposal Design and Writing
24	NGO Ogonyok Nadezhdy	Smorgon (Grodno region)	Project Proposal Design and Writing Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course
25	NGO Osoboe Detstvo	Brest	Project Proposal Design and Writing
26	NGO Sports and Rehabilitation Club for People with Disabilities	Minsk	Project Proposal Design and Writing
27	NGO Stroumok	Polotsk (Vitebsk region)	Advocacy Course
28	NGO Belarusian Red Cross	Bobruisk	Advocacy Course
29	NGO Belarusian Association of People in Wheelchair	Pinsk	Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course
30	GO Social Welfare Centre	Bobruisk	Advocacy Course
32	NGO Sports Club for People with Disabilities	Novopolotsk (Vitebsk region)	Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course
33	NGO Association of Families with Many Children	Cherven (Minsk region)	Session 1, 2 of the Leadership without Limitation Course Project Proposal Design and Writing

List of organizations trained by small grants implementers

No	Organization	Location	Training	Training Provider
1.	<i>GO Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities</i>	<i>Stolin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Master-class on methods of organization of theater activities Master class: Healing Nature of Stage Activities Master-class: Costumes and Scenery for Performance</i>	<i>NGO Invalid I Sreda</i>
2.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Baranovichy (Brest region)</i>	<i>Master-class on methods of organization of theater activities Master class: Healing Nature of Stage Activities Master-class: Costumes and Scenery for Performance</i>	
3.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Master-class on methods of organization of theater activities Master class: Healing Nature of Stage Activities Master-class: Costumes and Scenery for Performance</i>	
4.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Kobrin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
5.	<i>NGO Rayok Youth Art Studio</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
6.	<i>GO School for children with Disabilities</i>	<i>Antopol (Brest region)</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
7.	<i>GO School for children with Disabilities</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
8.	<i>NGO Insight Psychological Center</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
9.	<i>GO Regional Library</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	

10.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Stolin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Workshop on setting up theater groups of people with disabilities</i>	
11.	<i>NGO Invalid I Sreda</i>	<i>Brest</i>	<i>Training for Volunteers: "Rules of Communication Training for volunteers on specifics of assistance to people with disabilities"</i>	
12.	<i>NGO Children's Hospice</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	<i>NGO Belarusian Children's Hospice</i>
13.	<i>GO Oktyabrsky Rayon Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
14.	<i>GO Belarusian Agriculture University</i>	<i>Minsk</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
15.	<i>NGO Belarusian Red Cross Society</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
16.	<i>GO Leninsky Rayon Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
17.	<i>GO Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
18.	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
19.	<i>GO Centre for Youth Extra Curriculum Activities</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
20.	<i>GO MogilyovskieVedomost Newspaper</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
21.	<i>GO Local Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Volozhin (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
22.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Stolbtsy (Brest region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
23.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Gomel</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
24.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Zaslavl (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	

25.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Nesvizh (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
26.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Mogilev</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
27.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Dzerzhinsk (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
28.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Uzda (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
29.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Molodechno (Minsk region)</i>	<i>Workshop on Respite Care Service Delivery Model</i>	
30.	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>	<i>Zhitkovichi (Gomel region)</i>	<i>Training on advocacy of PWD's rights Training on community needs assessment Training on partnership Training on Barrier-free environment</i>	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>
31.	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>	<i>Kobrin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method Workshop with the expert from the National Institute of Education on using alternative nonverbal communication methods</i>	
32.	<i>GO Social Welfare Center</i>	<i>Kobrin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method Workshop with the expert from the National Institute of Education on using alternative nonverbal communication methods</i>	<i>NGO Belarusian Association of Assistance to Children and Youth with Disabilities</i>
33.	<i>GO Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities</i>	<i>Kobrin (Brest region)</i>	<i>Trainings on an alternative nonverbal communication method Workshop with the expert from the National Institute of Education on using alternative nonverbal communication methods</i>	

Indicator 3.2. Number of PWD-related specialists (sex-disaggregated) trained in the project

The target value for this indicator is 50.

The current value is 208 (30 men and 178 women).

This indicator measures the number of PWD-related specialists (sex-disaggregated) who were trained within the PWD Project 2010-2011.

Comment:

38 PWD-related specialists took part in the trainings arranged by ChildFund International (Project Proposal Design and Writing, three sessions of the Advocacy Course and two sessions of the Leadership without Limitations Course).

170 PWD-related specialists were trained by partner DPOs within small grants that were supported by ChildFund Belarus in 2009-2010

Note: List of the participants available at the ChildFund-Belarus office upon request

Indicator 3.3. Percent of PWDs trained in the project who have applied acquired knowledge and skills in practice

The target value for this indicator is 75%.

The current value is 81%.

This indicator reflects the percent of PWD-related specialists trained within ChildFund-Belarus' PWD project who demonstrated application of acquired knowledge and skills in practice and produced evidence of it.

Comment:

31 of 38 PWDs trained by ChildFund in the project applied acquired knowledge and skills in practice. Thus 81 % of the participants of ChildFund capacity building events applied acquired knowledge and skills in practice.

Note: Only PWD-related specialists trained by ChildFund Belarus were taken into account for this indicator. As application of new knowledge and skills acquired by specialists trained within small grants is not monitored by ChildFund Belarus.



Annex 4: Performance and Measurement Plan
Component III “Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities”
USAID Cooperative Agreement Number: 121-A-00-05-00703-00
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Objective 1: Support initiatives of people with disabilities and extend current services provided by local organizations to PWD in both urban and rural areas through small grants

Indicator		Definition & Unit of Measure	Baseline		Annual Planned Targets	Achieved Targets
1.1.	Number of PWD services	Number of services created/improved and provided by and/or with PWD within the Project Component	2009	65	10	24
1.2.	Number of children with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) covered by PWD's new/improved services	Number of children with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) who have accessed new/improved services created/improved and provided by and/or with PWD within the Project Component	2009	324 (148m/176f)	45	630 (324 boys and 306 girls)
1.3.	Number of adults with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) covered by PWD's new/improved services	Number of adults with disabilities (sex-disaggregated) who have accessed new/improved services created/improved and provided by and/or with PWD within the Project Component	2009	n/a	105	124 (67m/57f)

Objective 2: Improve advocacy efforts by PWD grassroots organizations to promote rights of people with disabilities and increase public awareness of their issues

Indicator		Definition & Unit of Measure	Baseline		Planned Targets	Achieved Targets
2.1.	Number of PWD advocacy efforts	Number of efforts aimed at promoting interests and rights of PWD, initiated and implemented by and/or with the participation of PWD within the Project Component	Dec 2009	38	6	46
2.2.	Number of PWD-related official decisions	Number of PWD-related official decisions influenced by and/or with participation of PWD within the Project Component	Dec 2009	n/a	2	12

Objective 3: Improve capacity of grassroots organizations supporting PWD and their families

Indicator		Definition & Unit of Measure	Baseline		Planned Targets	Achieved Targets
3.1.	Number of PWD-service organizations trained in the project	Number of PWD-service organization representatives who have been trained within the Project Component	Dec 2009	65	25	63
3.2.	Number of PWD-related specialists (sex-disaggregated) trained in the project	Number of PWD- related specialists (sex-disaggregated) that have been trained within the Project Component	Dec 2009	143	50	208 (30m-178f)
3.3.	Percent of PWDs trained in the project who have applied acquired knowledge and skills in practice	Percent of PWD-related specialists trained within ChildFund's project who have demonstrated application of acquired knowledge and skills in practice and produced evidence of it	Dec 2009	72%	75%	81%

ChildFund's USAID-funded project brings new hope for parents of children with disabilities

Among 7,000 children with disabilities who visit 143 Habilitation Centers for Children with Disabilities in Belarus, 58% are non-verbal (i.e. having serious language or speech disorders). Language disorders affect the way children communicate, understand, analyze and process information that in turn impedes their cognitive, emotional and social development. Very often staff of Habilitation Centers face difficulties while working with such children as specialists are unfamiliar with methods of alternative (non-verbal) communication with such children.

In 2010-2011 ChildFund within its USAID funded project *Community Services to Vulnerable Groups: Expanding Participation of People with Disabilities* component supported an innovative project of Kobrin Habilitation Center for Children with Disabilities on development of alternative communication tools.

Within the project, children with disabilities together with their parents and under the guidance of Habilitation Center specialists, created individual communication albums. Communication albums consist of pictures or icons of daily life objects that "non-verbal" children can use to express their needs. Each album was made considering the individual needs of a child. Specialists of the center conducted a series of trainings on alternative communication for parents and siblings of children with disabilities as well as for young community volunteers who attend the center. They all learned new knowledge and skills that enhanced their communication with children with disabilities.



Olga with her communicative album

Olga was one of the children covered by project services. She was born with multiple disorders and couldn't pronounce a word. Her parents could hardly understand her. Using the communication album Olga improved her communication and even started building simple sentences from pictures and icons.

Olga's Mother, Natalia says: *"From the very beginning we didn't believe in the effectiveness of a new method though we participated in the trainings and updated Olga's album. But Olga's progress made us believe that our girl is very talented and sometimes we just underestimate the potential of our child. Participation in the project brought us new hope!"*

Olga's example is not unique. To date, 65% (13 of 20) of children who participated in the project activities improved their communication through using communication albums. Joint efforts of parents, specialists and volunteers help children with disabilities develop their communication skills as well as integrate them into community life.

The National Institute of Education highly appreciated the project results. As a result, scientists from this Institute asked practitioners from Kobrin Habilitation Center to jointly develop “Methodological Recommendations on Alternative Communication with Non-verbal Children.” This document will help to capitalize on this innovative project experience and use it countrywide to enhance knowledge and skills of the specialists working with children with disabilities as well as with their parents and family members.