

GOOD TO KNOW!

UN AND UKRAINE TO FORMULATE NEW DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FRAMEWORK FOR UKRAINE 2018 – 2022

On 29-30 November 2016 the Government of Ukraine together with the UN system and stakeholders, including line ministries, parliament, civil society, academia and development partners took part in a Strategic Prioritization Retreat (SPR), aiming to relate the comparative advantages of the UN system to specific national development priorities and the 2030 sustainable development agenda. The SPR provides a forum for participants to review major challenges in Ukraine; agree on priorities for the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and joint coordination mechanisms for the successful implementation of the UNDAF.

Stepan Kubiv, First Vice Prime-Minister of Ukraine, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine said: «Definition of strategic priorities of the Framework Programme of development between the UN and the Government of Ukraine (UNDAF) 2018 – 2022 will reflect positive dynamics of the development of Ukraine and its advantages in international relations, as well as attract the attention of donors, investors and the public to Ukraine and to its extreme capacity of development and growth. We are grateful to the UN for supporting Ukraine and for facilitation of the restoration of peace and territorial integrity of our country».



Warm welcome to Marthe Everard new WHO Representative in Ukraine

Dr. Marthe Everard, native of the Netherlands, joined the UN Country Team on 1 December as the new WHO Representative, Head of WHO Country Office in Ukraine. Before coming to Ukraine Dr. Marthe Everard worked as WHO Representative for Somalia. Dr. Everard joined WHO in 1987 as Associate Professional Officer in Guinea, with the National Programme of Essential Drugs (1987 – 1989), and subsequently worked with the Nile Province Essential Drugs Project, Atbara, Sudan (1990-1991). From 1992 until 1996 she worked as Technical Officer for the Regional

Essential Drugs Programme and the Regional Traditional Medicine Programme at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in Alexandria, and Egypt. Before joining the WHO, Marthe worked as a qualified Pharmacist in the Dhamar Governorate Health Services Project, Republic of Yemen, which was a bilateral project of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ DGIS.

Dr. Everard holds a PharmD from the University of Amsterdam and MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine/ London School of Economics and Political Science.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL DAYS IN DECEMBER

3th International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5th International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

9th International Anti-Corruption Day
10th Human Rights Day
31st New Year

OHCHR, UNHCR AND IOM



The UN launched the awareness raising campaign in Ukraine to mark the International Human Rights Day. The campaign, initiated by the OHCHR together with UNHCR and IOM, features Ukrainian celebrities and opinion leaders appealing to learn about fundamental rights and stand up for the rights of others.



The campaign in Ukraine aims to increase awareness among the wide audience about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly

adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This is a cornerstone international document that lays out human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as proclaims that all persons have equal rights. The Declaration has been translated into in 370 languages setting a world record of being the most translated text.

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OHCHR

On 8 December OHCHR presented its 16th report on the human rights situation in Ukraine. Highlighting continuous suffering of civilians, the report contains findings on civilian casualties, incommunicado detention, military presence in villages and homes, restrictions on freedom of movement across the contact line, isolation and insecurity of people living in the areas controlled by the armed groups. The report provides concrete recommendations to the Government of Ukraine and other parties to the armed conflict on how to improve compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law obligations.



THE FULL TEXT OF THE REPORT



Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1950, the Assembly passed resolution 423 (V), inviting all States and interested organizations to observe 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day.



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

“Upholding human rights is in the interest of all. Respect for human rights advances well-being for every individual, stability for every society, and harmony for our interconnected world”

OHCHR



On 10 December, to celebrate Human Rights Day and to support the global year-long campaign ‘Stand up for someone’s rights today!’ OHCHR field teams reached out to schools in Avdiivka, Dnipro, Kharkiv and Tatarbunary (Odesa region). Students engaged in interactive games and took up the role of human rights defenders. In Kyiv, a human rights discussion was held at Tavrychnyi University, the only one relocated from Crimea.

IOM



On 2 December 2016, on the occasion of the International Day for Abolition of Slavery, the International Organization for Migration has opened in Kyiv a public installation DIMENSIONS3 to educate public on risks of human trafficking and motivate Ukrainian communities to join in the fight against human trafficking – a form of modern day slavery. According to the IOM estimates, more than 160 000 Ukrainians have fallen prey to human trafficking since 1991.

“Since the year 2000, IOM has provided over 12,500 victims of trafficking with comprehensive reintegration assistance, which included legal aid, medical care, psychological counselling, financial support, vocational training, and other types of assistance based on individual needs,” said Manfred Profazi, IOM Ukraine’s Chief of Mission.

“Crisis and protracted conflict prompt additional risk factors and heighten vulnerabilities of Ukrainian men, women and children to false promises of recruiters and traffickers,” he added.

FAO



On December 07, 2016 FAO Ukraine Emergency Office in collaboration with the Department of Agro-industrial Complex and Rural Development of Donetsk Oblast State Administration organized a round table discussion focused on revival of agricultural extension service as an effective tool to support small agricultural businesses in the region. The event was held in Kramatorsk (Donetsk oblast) and brought together representatives of the local authorities, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Agencies of Regional Development, national experts on extension services, representatives of international organizations, the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, large-scale local agricultural holdings and local farmers. The event resulted in establishment of a permanent working group and outlining of further steps for revival of agricultural extension service in the region. The next meeting of the working group is planned to be held in Severodonetsk (Luhansk oblast) in the middle of February 2017.

UNDP

Shipments will start at the end of November. Comparative savings amount to almost USD 3 million, already allowing for UNDP to provide additional treatment for people with Gaucher disease, and consequently lengthening treatment for current patients and supplying new patients with treatment as well.

Today UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine launched a nationwide campaign to foster mutual understanding, inclusion and social cohesion in Ukraine’s communities. The campaign will also raise awareness regarding the challenges and hardships that Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) face when seeking housing, employment and a place within their new community.



UNDP



YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EAST UKRAINE LEARN HOW TO START A CAREER IN IT

“The IT sector is a great opportunity for Ukraine to develop and modernize its economy. The industry has a promising potential for growth, its export revenues expected to exceed USD 10 billion by 2020. With today’s educational workshop we strive to involve young people into the IT and help them to discover their talents,” said Mr Andrei Pivovarov, CEO and the co-founder of GoIT Company.

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UNFPA



16 DAYS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



United Nations together with UN Women, UNFPA, and many other partners launched the national-wide information campaign “16 Days of Activism” against Gender-based Violence on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The campaign calls upon activists, governments, parliaments, civil society organizations and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls. In Ukraine which begin on 25 November, events will be organized all throughout of the country to draw attention to the issue and stimulate action.

[FACTS ABOUT GENDER VIOLENCE](#)

[CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

UNFPA OPENED THE FIRST SHELTER FOR GBV SURVIVORS IN KHARKIV



The aim of the centre is to create a 24/7 shelter for GBV survivors for them to receive professional psychological, social, medical and judicial help there. UNFPA hopes that this shelter to become a special place for women, where they could live safely from three to six months.

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UNFPA

UNFPA unveiled murals as symbols of peace within every family, city and the region, and to emphasize the importance of respect for women and girls. The murals were created by UNFPA with the support of local authorities of the city of Kramatorsk and of the Donetsk region as well as the Severodonetsk city in the Luhansk region.



UNFPA Ukraine supported the global Orange Day initiative. On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Independence Monument at Independence Square was lit orange. The event was organized by the United Nations Population (UNFPA) as a part of a worldwide initiative of the UN Secretary General “Orange Day”. The event is the beginning of the global national campaign “16 Days of activism against gender based violence.” In Ukraine at the event there was a short press briefing held with representatives of the Ministry of Social Policy, the UN Resident Coordinator in Ukraine, representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the ICF “Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health.

UNFPA



**WOW-EFFECT:
A SPEECH BY CASPAR PEEK**

In the framework of initiative “Ukrainian Pact for youth - 2020” a forum “Business youth: WOW-effect from cooperation” was conducted by the Ministry of Youth and Sport, the Centre for Development of Corporative Social Responsibility, The Kyiv Youth Centre, and The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Caspar Peek, UNFPA representative in Ukraine, performed a speech, in which he emphasised the value of a first job experience and the importance of self-education during the whole life.

UNHCR



On 20–24 November, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, visited Ukraine to assess at the situation of internally displaced people and the conflict affected population. This was the first time in twenty years that a High Commissioner has visited Ukraine. During his visit, Mr. Grandi witnessed the growing humanitarian challenges in towns and villages near the line of contact in eastern Ukraine as harsh and bitter winter conditions set in

UN WOMEN



Through an inter-active theatrical performance, women-IDPs from 7 oblasts of the eastern, central and western parts of Ukraine shared with the Minister of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs, the members of parliament, as well as government representatives, civil society and international organisations their problems and suggested solution.

UN WOMEN



Journalists and media representatives of the Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts received training in conflict and gender sensitive reporting. The trainings were organized in Severodonetsk and Kramatorsk on the 25th and 28th of November part of the 16th days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Ukraine. More than thirty journalists from regional media, local correspondents of national media outlets and local civil society activists learned about the ethical aspects of media-related work in conflict-affected communities.

UN OCHA

An armed conflict in eastern Ukraine, largely unnoticed, continues to trigger humanitarian needs of an estimated 3.8 million people. On 5 December, the Humanitarian Country Team, together with the Ministry of the Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs, launched the 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) for Ukraine. The 2017 HRP appeals to donors to contribute US\$ 214 million for the needs of 2.6 million most vulnerable people affected by the conflict. Activities worth US\$ 127 million were identified as critical priorities, as their early funding is crucial to ensure timely delivery of life-saving assistance, particularly in winter. The 2017 HRP encompasses 94 projects and 215 partners, with many national NGOs among them.

THE FULL VERSION OF HRP CAN BE FOUND AT

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ukraine>



WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Starting January 2017, WFP Ukraine is changing its response to humanitarian crisis in eastern Ukraine from Emergency Operation that was in place since November 2014 to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO). The PRRO's objective is to meet the short-to medium term food security needs of vulnerable population in eastern Ukraine, incorporating cross-cutting issues such as gender and protection while adhering to seasonality considerations. WFP is planning to assist 220,000 people affected by the conflict throughout 2017 with a budget of USD 35,7 million.

LOGISTICS CLUSTER



Logistics Cluster assists all UN humanitarian agencies and NGO with providing logistics services and delivery of humanitarian support to people affected by the conflict in Eastern Ukraine.

On 08 December, the Logistics Cluster delivered the largest UN joint humanitarian convoy to Luhansk. The convoy consisted of 54 trucks carrying 721.4 metric tons of supplies in total. The trucks delivered 346 metric tons of shelter materials, 13,000 food parcels, 4,000 hygienic kits and diapers, as well as furniture, equipment and school items for 9 schools and 10 kindergartens.

WHO

WHO and partners support health reform in Ukraine. In collaboration with the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, and with the support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, WHO co-organized the Intersectoral Strategic Forum "Healthcare Reforms: Financing, Governance, Primary Healthcare" which took place on 17 November 2016 in Kyiv in support of the ongoing health care reforms. The forum had large high level governmental engagement and strong support of multi and bilateral partners and NGOs. Representatives from the Canadian Government, European Commission, the Global Fund, Swiss Development Cooperation, UNICEF, WHO and the World Bank released a joint statement supporting the current health system reform.

STRENGTHENING THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME IN UKRAINE

WHO is working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and partners to enhance the routine immunization programme country's as routine coverage is alarmingly low. Technical guidance is provided especially for immunization programme strategy and multi-year planning, strengthening programme management, and training in vaccine safety for health care workers at the national and oblast levels.

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