

Legal Action Plan

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Specific Objective 2

To provide assistance to the Ministry for Family Youth and Sport (MFY&S) and its State Social Services for Family, Children and Youth (SSSFC&Y) to elaborate recommendations for the improvement of the existing legislation that should facilitate the new forms of social services and social care included in the package.

Objective	Activities	Outcomes	Time table
Project deliverables list clarified for Objective 2 and this Legal Action Plan 3 presented to the Steering Committee	Steering Committee to include in their protocol the status report on objective 2 deliverables and this Legal Action Plan 3	this Legal Action Plan is approved and the previous Legal Action Plans and priority reorientation is protocolled.	11/2006
Provide support to the Ministry of Family Youth and Sports in developing and implementing a mechanism for the distribution of allowances in Kyiv oblast	With MFY&S develop a joint Terms of Reference to establish a Working Group on MFC Mechanism Allocate local Project Experts (Legal and Social Finance) to support Working Group Develop and propose options for implementation of the mechanism within the current legislative context	Working Group is operational Report on MFC Mechanism presented to MFY&S and Steering Committee MFC Mechanism is piloted in Kyiv oblast by end of 2006	Dec 2006-Sept 2007 Institute of Family, Youth and Sports, a think tank under the MinFYS chairs the Working Group, in which the Project Representative participates. This activity is combined with Financial Team activities. ES to nominate project representative in this WG after VKa
Support the MFY&S in developing implementation regulation, Support Ministry of Labour in developing implementation regulation (support to MinLabour due to reshuffling of CMU duties between Ministries)	Analyse the existing legislation Identify anomalies and contradictions Propose amendments to ensure that the Regulations support promote the reintegration of children	Proposed amendments are considered by MFY&S and recommended for approval by the Government	Dec 2006-Sept 2007 The leadership of these Working Groups decide about the Working Programme of

<p>The Project Representatives participate in the work of three other Working Groups, namely, 1) Working Group of Standards of Quality of Social Services provided for vulnerable families and children, 2) Ministry of Labour and USIF (Ukrainian Social Investment Fund under World Bank auspices) Working Group on the Implementation of Law of Social Services, 3) Ministry of Family, Youth and Sports Working Group on Development of Care and Guardianship rules.</p>	<p>to their own families. All activities within the framework of these Working Groups</p>		<p>the WGs.</p> <p>ES to decide about project representatives in these working groups</p>
<p>Prepare proposals to develop legislation as it affects young people's rights as they become adults and leave state care</p>	<p>Analyse the existing legislation. Identify anomalies and contradictions Propose amendments to ensure that the Regulations (normative acts) support reintegration of young adults into the society</p>	<p>Proposal for amendments to MFY&S</p>	<p>Dec 2006-Sept 2007</p>
<p>Contribution to the development of A Ukrainian Children's Law.</p>	<p>EU Legal Expert contribution, as defined in the ToR 1.6.2006.</p>	<p>.Pro Memoria</p>	<p>February – March 2007</p>
<p>Quality Standards and control procedures for the provision on integrated social services developed and piloted. This part of work is dependent upon Objective 1 User Groups being created and operational.</p>	<p>Research and collate existing standards for Ukraine Identify gaps Propose defined areas to work on and agree with MFY&S and SSSFC&Y Work with Service Development Team and oblast and rayon administration to develop appropriate</p>	<p>Quality Standards are applied in the pilot rayons</p>	<p>Dec 2006-Sept 2007</p>

	documentation		
Produce Good Practice Guidance. (See activity 1.9.7). cross reference to Objective 1, National Legal Expert provides this support Objective 1 User Groups, as soon as they are created and operational.	Provide analysis of relevant legislation and regulations and draft proposals for improvement of databases of SSSFC&Y and Service for Minors	Draft proposals are considered and approved by MFY&S	May – August 2006
Set target times for in-country adoption of babies abandoned at birth. Ratification of the Hague Adoption Convention of 1993 is decisive for the timetable of this activity.	Maintain links and contacts with Verhovna Rada and Cabinet of Ministers. The issue is covered partly in the Pro Memoria of EU Legal Expert (mission 9-11/2006)	Monthly Legal digest published on Project website and disseminated.	Monthly
Promote the piloting of service user groups probably in collaboration with an NGO Service users will be consulted during the implementation phase of the project using focus groups in particular. This is especially important during the social research phase of the project since it will inform the service development and allow Managers to be more responsive to needs. During this phase and through contact with local NGOs, particularly those attending the NGO coordination Group set up as part of the project, the selection of appropriate organisations to commence this piece of work will begin. The creation of the Service Users Groups is an Objective 1 activity. As soon as the Service User Groups are running and operational, the National	Develop training materials and continuous updates Attend and deliver seminars at oblast and rayon level	Manual of relevant legislation and it's implications for social work practice in the sphere of child care published.	On the regular basis by request of Service Development Team

Legal Expert will support them with legal advice and awareness raising activities at the request of Objective 1 management. .			
Service-user group piloted	<p>Service User Group Minutes</p> <p>This task is related to Objective 1 activities. As soon as the Service User Groups have been created and are operational, the National Legal Expert will provide the required assistance</p>	<p>Availability of appropriate NGO partner to facilitate service-user group</p> <p>National and local government authorities cooperate in multi agency working</p>	Dec 2006-Sept 2007