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SOCIAL SERVICES FOR EXPOSED
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN”**



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RESULT 2.1

**MONTHLY SURVEY OF THE NEW REGULATIONS AND
DRAFT REGULATIONS RELATED TO
CHILD CARE AND THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

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I. General provisions

In April 2007, Verkhovna Rada and President of Ukraine approved none regulations for the exposed families and children care and, correspondingly, the Project objectives.

II. Expected impacts for the Project objectives

1. The developments in Ukrainian legislation in April 2007 did not concern the procedures of placement of orphans and children removed from parental care.

2. The important development in Ukrainian legislation will be implementation of the experiment in Kyiv oblast from April 1 to December 31, 2007. This experiment concerns granting public social allowances for orphans and children removed from parental care under the money follows child principle. The allowances for the wards living at their guardians and custodians as the experiment were specified with CMU Decree N 605 of April 4, 2007. Unfortunately, the draft regulations for reassignment of the budget funds are to be made until July 1, 2007, that is retroactively, again.

Regulations for allocation of national budget funds assigned for leisure and sanitation of children in summer camps and children centers Artek and Young Guard were defined with CMU Decree № 615 of April 10, 2007. This decree specifies procedures for public procurement of vouchers to these facilities and their distribution, as well as partial compensations for buying them out with private persons.

3. A few legal developments in April, 2007, were of some importance for the Project objectives.

3.1. The Concept for Reforming system of social services was approved with CMU Order № 178-p of April 13, 2007. The top priorities for reforming have been recognized as follows: promotion of the market of social services, effective quality control, result-based management of public funds in transparent and decentralized way, as well as involvement of beneficiaries in settling their problems and deprivations.

Implementation of this Concept would require development and adoption of a number of regulations, including ones of interagency scope.

3.2. The variety of programmatic activities for securing leisure and sanitation of children in summer 2007 were approved with Ministry of health care Order 181 of April 11, 2007, and Ministry of education and science Order N 319 of April 23, 2007.

3.3. The draft classificatory for the training of professionals in social welfare getting bachelor degree provides for a new specialization, “social work” (letter by Ministry of education and science N 1/9-194 of April 4, 2007); this draft was publicized for the public debates.

III. Legislative proposals in Verkhovna Rada

In April 2007, Verkhovna Rada was still active in lawmaking related to the children’s rights protection.

In particular, the national legislature passed the mentioned below bills in first reading:

- 1) „On amending the law „On social work for children and youth” and some legislative regulations” (Verkhovna Rada Resolution № 940 of April 17, 2007);
- 2) „On international technical assistance” (Verkhovna Rada Resolution № 848 of April 3, 2007); this bill is of importance for the Project implementation;
- 3) „On amending the law „On social housing”” (Verkhovna Rada Resolution № 915 of April 10, 2007)
- 4) “On securing housing for youth” (Verkhovna Rada Resolution № 945 of April 18, 2007)
- 5) “On amending some legislative regulations on rehabilitation of the disabled persons” (Verkhovna Rada Resolution № 944 of April 17, 2007); it concerns rehabilitation of the children with disabilities;
- 6) „On agencies and services for minors and special institutions for minors” (on better protection of children’s rights) (№ 2065)

However, in April 2007, none legislative proposals related to children’s rights protection were submitted to Verkhovna Rada.

