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Ensuring vulnerable children have the best start in life

**Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
Re-Granting 2016**

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Presentation Outline

- Provide a summary of our newly funded grant
- Provide an introduction to grant lead organisation, HealthProm
- Answer any questions

The Grant

Communities, Classrooms & Civil Society: Sharing Experience & Developing Regional Approaches to Addressing the Rights and Needs of Children with Disabilities in Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

HealthProm, UK (lead)

Belarusian Children's Hospice, Belarus

Partnerships for Every Child, Moldova

Early Intervention Institute (Kharkiv), Ukraine

Grant amount: € 24,681

Grant Objectives

Overall objective: to galvanise regional commitment to addressing the rights and needs of children with disabilities and to facilitate the development of regional approaches to this end.

Mechanisms:

1. Sharing multi-sectoral experience, skills and innovations from each country;
2. Developing strategies to address shared challenges where possible.

Target Groups

- Civil society organisations (disability and parent led)
- Health, education and social care professionals
- Local and national authorities

Final beneficiaries:

Children with disabilities and their families

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Who are we?



We are a small international NGO based in London, working to support vulnerable children, women and families in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the former Soviet Union.

Our work addresses **3 key challenges**:

1. Poor maternal and child health;
2. High levels of institutionalisation of young children;
3. Social exclusion of children with disabilities.

Our Countries



Afghanistan

Belarus

Kyrgyzstan

Moldova

Russia

Tajikistan

Ukraine

What do we do?

- Our **mission** is to work together with local partners to promote health and social care for vulnerable children and their families. Our work is guided by building local capacity, evidence-based practice and working through partnership.
- We support...
 - **Health and social services** to improve maternal and child health and better support vulnerable families;
 - **Schools** to improve inclusive education opportunities for children with disabilities;
 - **Civil society organisations** and **community groups** to prevent child abandonment and promote grassroots advocacy for vulnerable children; and
 - **Governments** in their efforts towards de-institutionalisation of care and inclusive education.

Our Projects



- *Reducing maternal and neonatal mortality in rural **Afghanistan***
- *Siberian Initiative for Inclusion – building local partnerships for inclusion of children with disabilities in **Siberia***
- *Strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations to support the delivery of reforms that address the rights and needs of young children with disabilities in **Ukraine**.*

Our Projects



- *Improving access to preschool support services for vulnerable children with special needs in **Moldova***
- *Putting families first: safe, sustainable families in urban and rural communities in **Tajikistan***
- *Developing a pilot advocacy service in **Belarus** to protect the rights of children with severe disabilities and children with life-limiting conditions.*

Our Major Donors



Grant Activities

Background research (June – July):

- Mapping exercise, policy analysis of each country for comparison.
- Review of key initiatives and trends at the EU level, with a focus on the UK
- Production of a report

Regional Forum Event (September/October):

- Hosting a regional event in Kyiv with professionals from each country focusing on challenges, innovations and shared strategy.
- Production of a report and recommendations
- Facilitation of an online professional network

What has been done already?

- Partner MoUs drafted and signed;
- Financial admin procedures initiated by HealthProm;
- Work plan circulated and discussed with partners;
- Protocol for Phase 1 (Background Research) developed;
- Questionnaire developed and circulated to partners;
- Plan developed for EU and UK background research;
- Location of Regional Forum Event selected.

Questions?



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