The social service workforce development needs in the recovery process to support the redirection of services away from residential-based care to family-based care and child-centred services.

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Світ, в якому кожна дитина зростає в люблячій сім'ї.
Projects

Children in Alternative Care Monitoring and Support Project (March 2022 – current, all regions of Ukraine)

Supporting Children of Early Age in Martial Law status (September 2022 – current, Lvivska and Zaporizhska oblast)

Families and Community: adaptation – integration – development (September 2022 – current, communities in Ivano-Frankivska, Khmelnytska and Kharkivska oblasts)
Children in Alternative Care in Ukraine: reports

Nº 1 Children and War in Ukraine: the state of children in family-based and institutional care (based on monitoring results for February-June 2022)

Nº 2 Children and War in Ukraine: on the needs of children from family-based and institutional care (based on monitoring results for July-October 2022)

Nº 3 Children and War in Ukraine: on the state and needs of children in baby homes during the war

Nº 4 Children and War in Ukraine: on ensuring the rights of children in institutional care evacuated and located in the Republic of Poland (November-December 2022)

Nº 5 Children and War in Ukraine: on ensuring the rights of children in temporary care institutions during the war (December 2022)

Communities & Social Workers

Data Source: UNICEF/P4EC, 2022

Min – 1,7
Max – 18,3

N= 880 communities
SW – community social workers (ФСР in Ukrainian)
Communities & Social Workers

Min GP = 5423 in Chernihivska oblast
Max GP = 27744 in Zaporizhska oblast

Min CP = 911 in Chernihivska oblast
Max CP = 3980 in Zaporizhska oblast

N= 880 communities
SW – community social workers (ΦCP in Ukrainian)

Data Source: UNICEF/P4EC, 2022
Family-based alternative care in Ukraine

Children in Family-Based Care

In general, in Ukraine there are 33734 foster families, guardianship families, short-term foster carers, family-type children's homes, in which 53170 children are growing up.

*Monitoring data on foster, guardian, short-term fostering families and family-type children's homes that did not leave the region; have been displaced to another region of Ukraine; are temporarily under occupation or returned to the region from abroad and other regions of Ukraine.

Data Source: UNICEF/P4EC CiAC Monitoring Project, 2022
Social Workforce Needs: general recommendations

All directions of social sphere needs increase in workforce
- Child protection services, Social services, Family-based alternative care; Child Care; inter-agency workers

Community Social Workers – increase in number and increase in payment
- more community social workers for prevention, support, universal social services – aligned with number of general population or child population
- increase in salary level is crucial
- on-going and regular training programmes and supervision

Social Workers & Social Assistants for Family-based Alternative Carers
- every community should have separate social workers working on Individual development plans for children placed in alternative care
- every family-based carers need social assistant, especially those raising children with disabilities
Community: Kharkivska oblast

- Population – up to 10000 before the war
- Population – increase of 15000 IDPs
- 118 families with many children in difficult life circumstances
- 75 families with children identified as low income
- Service for Children specialists – 2 (without director)
- Community Social Workers – 2
- Psychologists – 0
Social Service Workforce: there is no one size fitting everyone

- displacement of families and family-based carers – host communities
- displacement of specialists – both communal and non-governmental, social services and child protection services
- de-occupation and communities at the areas at most risk
- decrease of economic situation and social well-being
- constant stress and trauma factors
- short-term humanitarian projects
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