

## Monthly report Liaison Officers (RADNYK) Programme

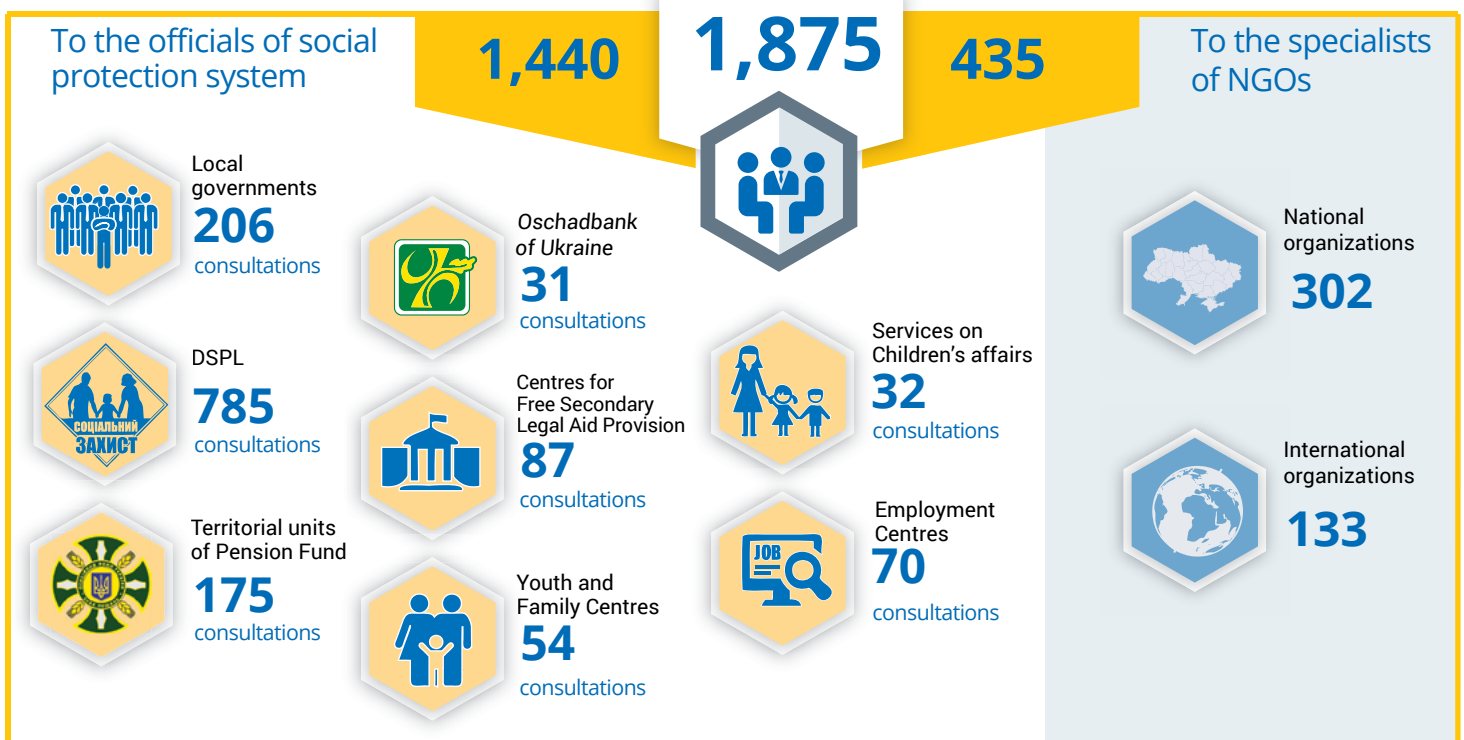
THE LIAISON  
OFFICERS (LOs)  
PROVIDED



**2,742**

SERVICES ON  
THE PROGRAMME

### The LOs provided consultations on social protection of IDPs



### LOs ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED



**90** letters and explanations,  
expert conclusions



**29** monitoring  
and analyses



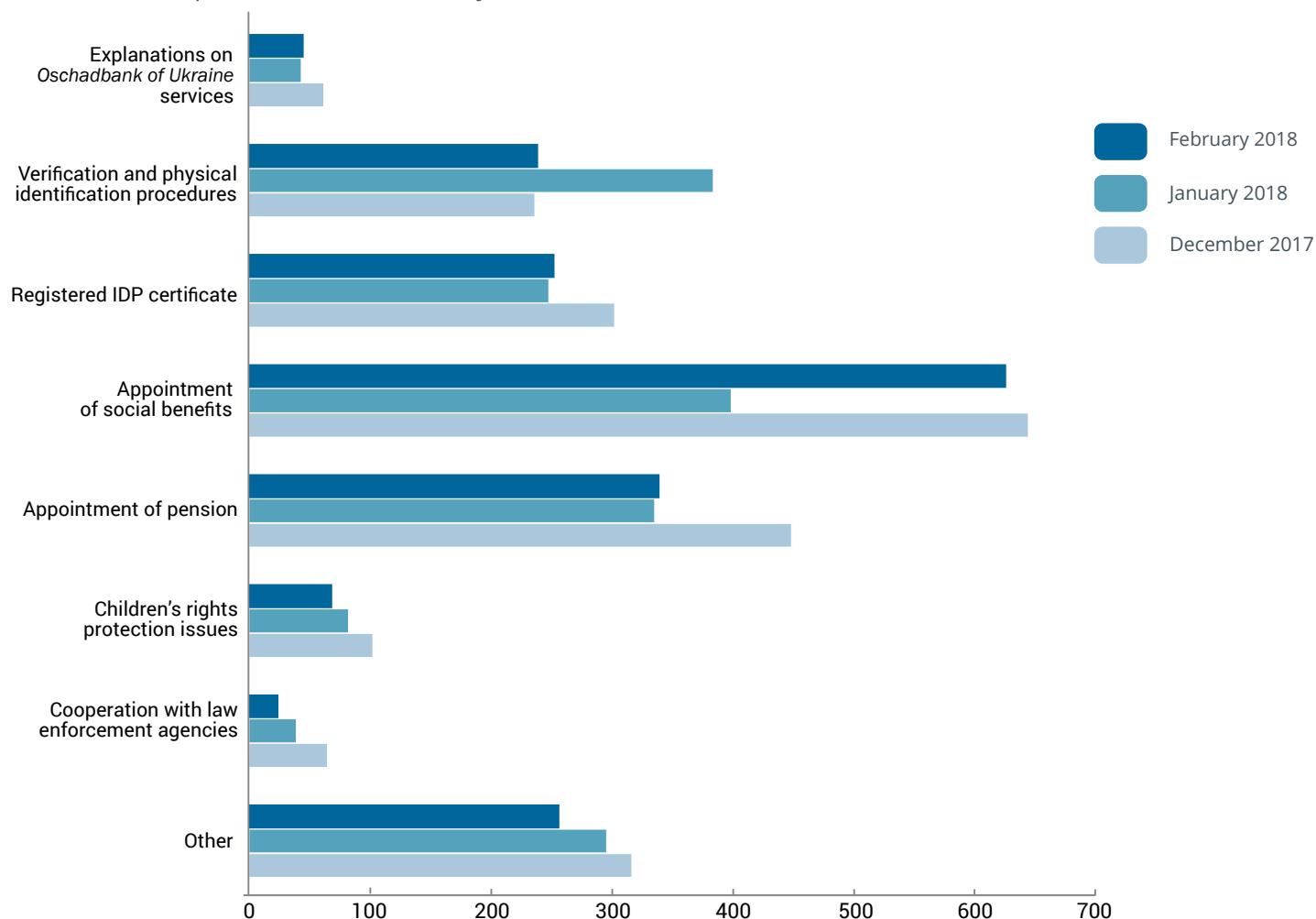
**200** events  
among them



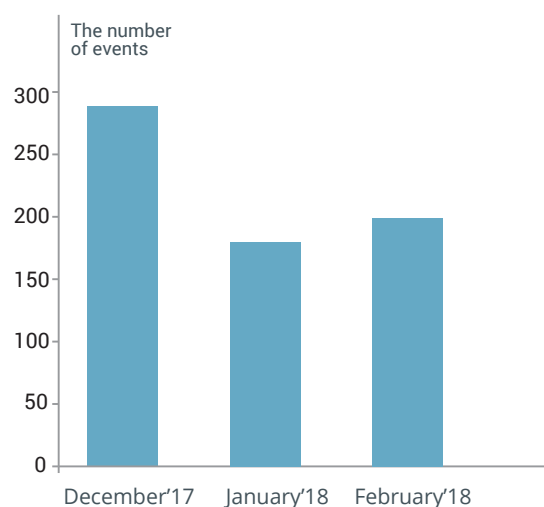
**48** training events  
for **1,181** participants

## Consultations distribution by types of questions

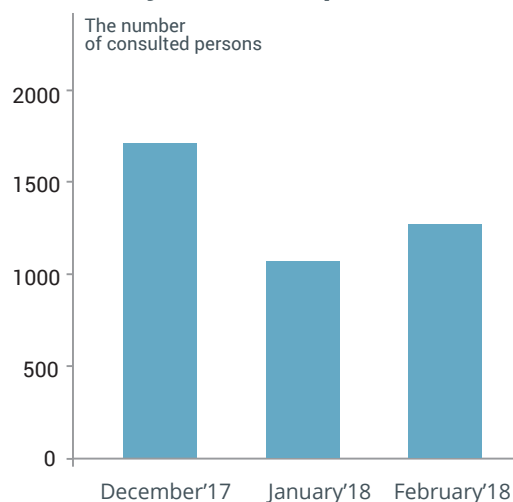
The number of provided consultations by LOs



## Events initiated/organized by LOs



## Appeals to LOs from officials of social protection system and specialists of NGOs





## THE PROGRAMME KEY ACTIVITIES FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

Liaison Officers (LOs) provided 2,742 services during the reporting period.

The Liaison Officer (RADNYK) Programme (Programme) approached to the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) and the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU) with official letters in order to ask to initiate amendments to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (CMU) Order No.1085-p<sup>1</sup>. After the amendments to the order were adopted in the February 2018, Travneve village of the Bakhmut district of the Donetsk oblast referred to the list of settlements in the NGCA, although it is located on the contact line. In addition, the Programme initiated similar appeals via the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and internally displaced persons (MTOT) on Hladosove village being under the sway of Horlivska city council of Donetsk oblast, and Novooleksandrivka village of Popasniansky district of Luhansk oblast.

Having representatives in the regions of Ukraine and cooperating actively with the central and local government bodies, the Programme analyzed the most acute children issues in the context of the armed conflict. For this purpose the Programme approached to the Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on the Family Matters, Youth Policy, Sports and Tourism with official letter requesting to organize and conduct committee hearings on human rights in Ukraine in the context of the armed conflict. This information was introduced at the Committee session at the end of February 2018. The decision made claimed the Committee will initiate and conduct hearings at the end of March 2018.

The public discussion of the draft law *On rehabilitation of persons having ensured the state security of Ukraine, emergencies protection and some other persons*<sup>2</sup> co-authored by the Programme expert has started. The draft law was developed by the representatives of the Commissioner of the President of Ukraine for rehabilitation of veterans of conflict together with the representatives of professional communities of experts on rehabilitation and psychological health, as well as the public activists. The draft law provides clear and modern understanding of psychological rehabilitation and defines the procedures for its implementation covering psychological assistance for children and conflict-affected population.

In Kharkiv the coordinating seminar Current issues on pension provision taking into account the amendments to the Ukrainian legislation dated 01.01.2018 and IDP pension provision initiated by the UNHCR and organizational support of the Programme was held for the specialists of the Pension Fund of Ukraine (PFU) departments in Kharkiv oblast. More than a hundred professional specialists of the PFU and social protection system participated in the seminar. The issues discussed during the event were as follows: pension provision for the citizens living in the NGCA from the international organizations' point of view, amendments to the Ukrainian legislation concerning the pension provision, as well as practical aspects of the IDP pension provision, peculiarities of the cooperation with the social protection system and current judicial practice in the field of pensions in the Kharkiv oblast. The Programme manager being one of the spokespersons brought up topics on proactive activity of PFU representatives concerning pension reinstatement, personal data protection and cooperation with the law enforcement bodies. She also initiated the discussion on pension provision for those living in the NGCA and explained the significance to implement the draft law No. 6692<sup>3</sup> initiated, developed, and coordinated by the Programme experts to the attendees. Same coordinating seminars took part in Zaporizhia, Sviatogorsk and Dnipropetrovsk in February.

LOs held 77 meeting with representatives of the non-governmental organizations (NGO).

Programme received 26 case during February 2018 within the signed Memorandum<sup>4</sup>. Most cases referred to the IDP target assistance and pension payments. LOs resolved 15 cases others are being considered. 11 cases were also resolved for the preceding month.

<sup>1</sup> <http://zakon5.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/1085-2014-%D1%80>

<sup>2</sup> <https://viche-online.org/rehab/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4\\_1?pf3511=62241](http://w1.c1.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb2/webproc4_1?pf3511=62241)

<sup>4</sup> Trilateral Memorandum on cooperation was signed between MTOT, NGO Donbas SOS and the Programme on 06 October 2017.

The press-conference concerning the war children rights violation *Nowadays war children in Ukraine: effective protection or delay?* took place on February 14. The current CMU resolution No.268<sup>5</sup> dated April 2018 not only deliberately decreases the number of affected children, but also leads to their second trauma. The draft amendments to resolution developed within the cooperation with the Ministry of Social Policy (MOSP), public activists, and Programme representatives was presented at the event.



## ANALYTICAL, MONITORING AND NORM-SETTING ACTIVITIES

LOs conducted 20 monitoring and analyses in February. Specifically, LO at the national level within the MOSP analyzed the text of CMU Resolution No.79-p<sup>6</sup> on the amendments to the CMU Order No. 1085-p. According to the results, explanations and draft letters to MIA and SSU were prepared.

LO at the national level within the MOSP participated in the development of draft suggestions on amendments to the CMU resolution No. 365<sup>7</sup>. LO also prepared the draft explanations concerning the application of the PJSC *Oschadbank* information in IDP physical identification; appeal to PJSC *Oschadbank* on the compliance with the CMU resolution No. 637 provisions concerning the identification of social payments receivers; appeal to the PFU regarding retirees-IDPs personal data file inventory; appeal to the PFU Head Office in the Donetsk oblast on following the procedure of IDP pension payments suspension.

LO in Kyiv and Kyiv oblast continue to work on the amendments to the CMU draft resolution *On Amendments to the CMU resolutions dated September 24, 2008, No. 866 and April 05, 2017, No. 268*. In support of the draft, the press-conference was held with other members of the working group. The project is already in the CMU. The main purpose of the amendments is to protect the rights and interests of conflict-affected children and to reduce the likelihood of children being re-traumatized while undergoing the procedure for status obtaining.



## EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAMMES

During February 2018 the LOs provided explanations, letters and experts conclusions on the reinstatement of the IDP violated rights and on the proper application of the law norms on the IDP social protection. 90 issue papers were developed. The LOs also organized or participated as trainers in 48 educative meetings regarding the experience sharing (trainings, lectures, seminars, workshops). In total, 1,181 specialists (74% are women) participated in such educative meetings. In February, the total number of events involving LOs is 200.



## MEDIA SUPPORT OF THE ACTIVITY

18 printed references to LOs and the Programme, 2 stories, 1 TV broadcast and 12 radio broadcasts with their participation were in February. In addition, the LOs provided 4 comments, participated in 4 round tables, 4 press conference and 1 other media events.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/news/249884414>

<sup>6</sup> <http://zakon5.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/79-2018-%D1%80>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/249110200>