

Report on the work of Liaison Officers on Internally Displaced Persons under the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine

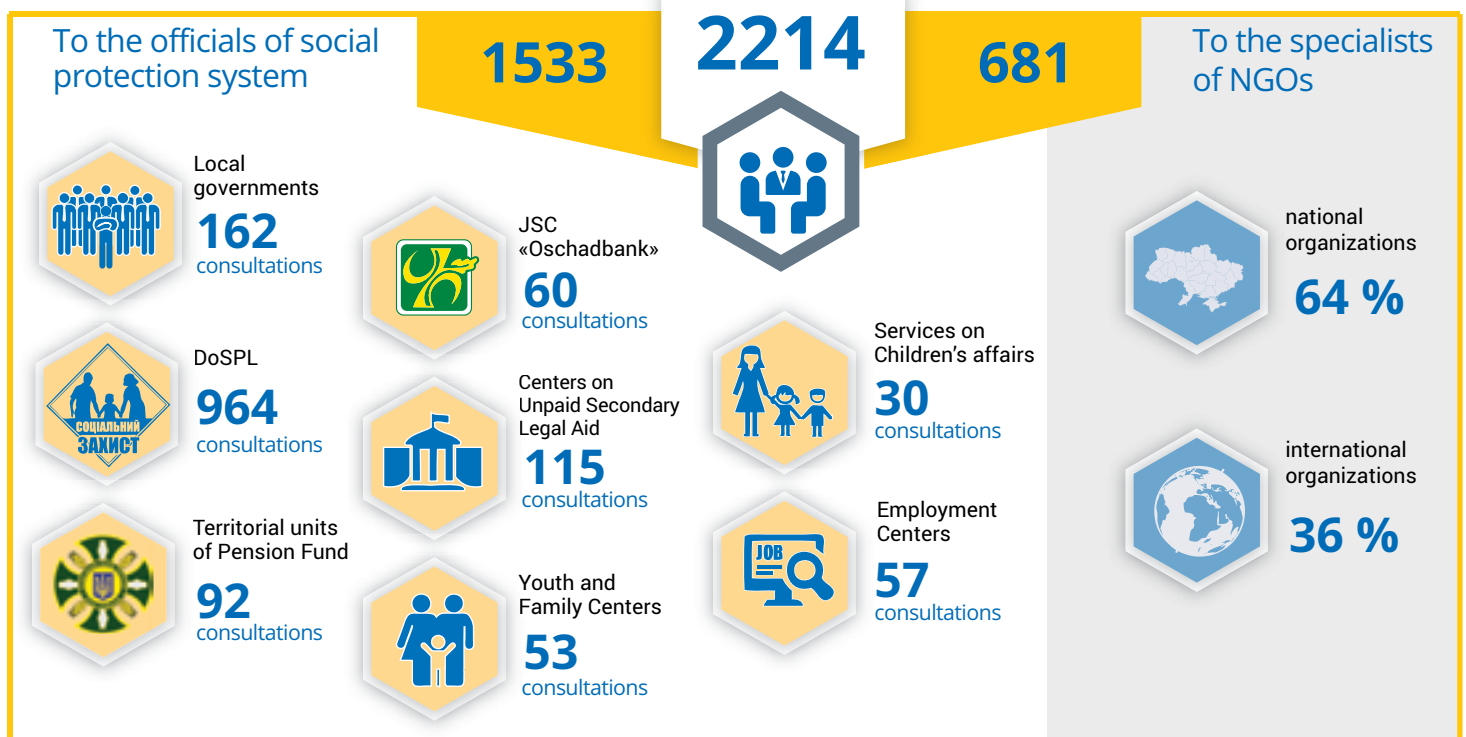
THE LIAISON OFFICERS (LOs) PROVIDED



2780

SERVICES ON THE PROGRAMME

The LOs provided consultations on social protection of IDPs



LOs ORGANISED AND CONDUCTED



150 letters and explanations, expert opinions



103 monitoring and analysis

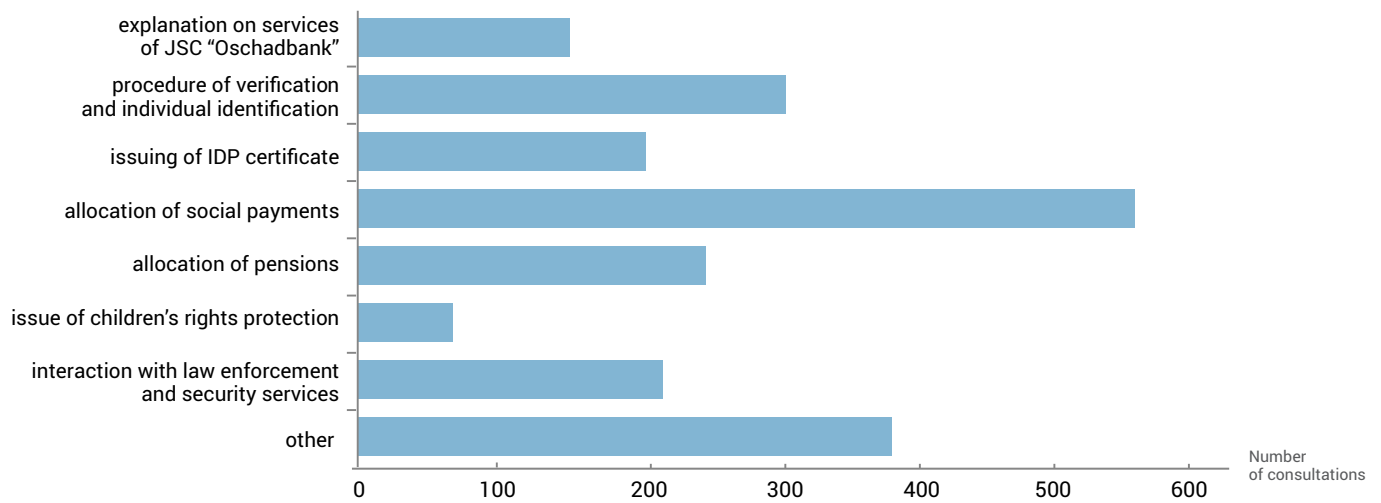


313 events among them

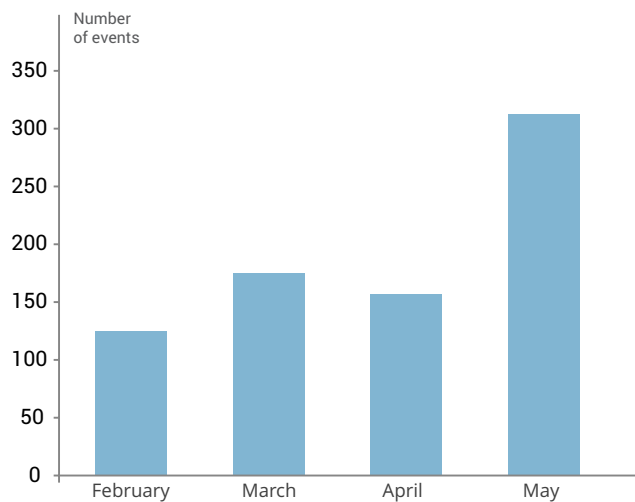


76 training events for **1395** participants

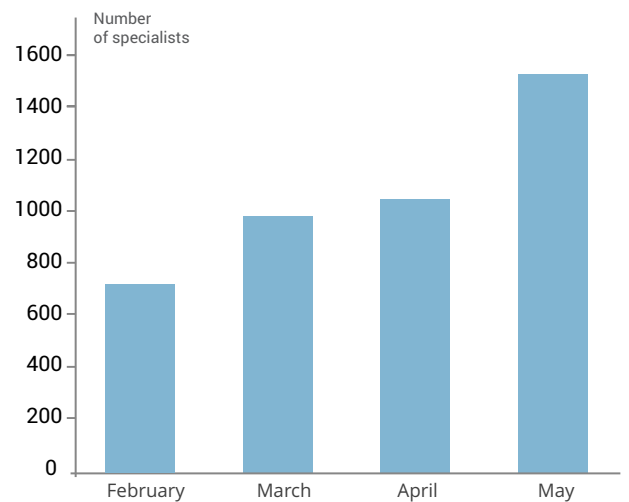
Distribution of consultations, provided by the Liaison Officers, by the types of issues, number of consultations



The events initiated/organised by the LOs, number of events



The dynamic of requests to LOs from specialists of social sphere



Training and information programmes

The LOs have conducted educational meetings, trainings with IDPs and specialists of the social sphere, activists of NGOs.

During the reporting period the LOs were conducting activity on providing consultations on work with the unified database on IDPs and delivering of training materials while visiting the Department of Social Protection and Labour (DoSPL).



Cooperation with state and non-state structures

The Liaison Officers of the national level provided consultations on a regular basis to the specialists of the Ministry of Social Policy on legal substantiation of the responses to the requests of the authorities and non-governmental organizations, as well as citizens' appeals.

The LO in Kharkiv region initiated establishing of a working group on the development of the order of registration and provision of social housing to IDPs in Kharkiv region.

The LO in Donetsk region conducted a successful advocacy campaign on including the children among IDPs who are suffering from cancer to Kramatorsk city program on aid to such children.

The experts of Programme developed proposals and received approval on support from the MPs and the UNICEF Office in Ukraine to increase control of displaced children from uncontrolled territories who don't have birth certificates of Ukrainian sample.



Advocacy meetings

A meeting of the NGOs' representatives and Vice-Prime Minister Pavlo Rozenko was held. Following the meeting, package of documents - developed and prepared by the specialists of the Programme was handed to Pavlo Rozenko:

- addressing of IDPs payments: amendments to the Regulation № 505;
- improving of database of IDPs - categorization of social needs and correction of database's shortcomings;
 - the procedure of pension payment for the people who have moved and refuse from IDPs certificate;
 - simplifying of the verification of IDPs who have concluded a contract with the Armed Forces of Ukraine;
 - draft normative legal act regarding extension of terms of pension payments for the past time to the pensioners from uncontrolled territories;
 - separate mechanism for retired IDPs.

In order to make amendments to the Laws of Ukraine "Mandatory State Social Insurance", "On temporary measures for the period of the anti-terrorist operation", "On pensions for persons discharged from military service and some other persons" were held three meetings attended by MPs, employees of two relevant committees of Verkhovna Rada and specialists of NGOs.

A scheduled meeting of the LOs devoted to the state of social adaptation and integration of IDPs was held. Deputy Minister of Social Policy Oleksandr Pryvalov and the Head of Department on organization of social protection to affected by emergencies Lubov Cherska made a speech.



Analytical, advocacy and legislative activity

The Liaison Officers continued their work in three subgroups of the working group on legislative amendments under the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons.

The National Level LO conducted the monitoring of the facts due to the termination of pension payments to the IDPs in Kyiv City. According to the results of monitoring were prepared requests to the bodies of Pension Fund and conducted a meeting with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Board.

The National Level LO prepared draft amendments to some resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on social protection of servicemen - IDPs that are serving in ATO zone and draft explanation for Deposit Guarantee Fund on obtaining personal data from unified database on IDPs.

The LO in Kyiv City worked on the Plan of events of Kyiv City State Administration to implement the "Complex state program on support, social adaptation and reintegration of citizens of Ukraine who moved from the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine and territory of ATO zone and other regions of Ukraine for the period till 2017".



Information support of activity

In May the LOs joined the public debate and providing explanation on current legislation regarding IDPs, Programme activity. In total, there were 10 printed references to the Liaison Officers, 1 radio programme and 10 stories and TV events with their participation. Furthermore, LOs participated in 13 round tables and 31 other events.



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