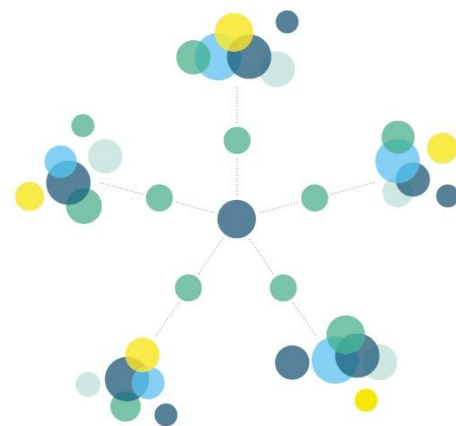


Swedish-Ukrainian Project

Support to Decentralisation in Ukraine

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Monthly Flash Report

July 2022

Fiscal Decentralisation

Fiscal Decentralisation team worked on:

- [Experts prepared analysis of the implementation of local budgets for 5 months of 2022](#)
- [The Parliamentary Budget Committee supported the draft Law on simplification of the mechanism for using funds from the special fund of local budgets on which Project experts were working](#)
- Experts jointly with AATC were working on improving the equalisation formula
- [UPDATED - Peculiarities of the budget process under the martial law](#)
- [A Helpdesk - consultative group - was created under MinReg and our team leads the way on this work](#)
- Experts are working on the changes to the KМУ Resolution №590 on treasury services related to the financing of the activities of district councils in the occupied territories
- Experts started to do analysis of income and expenditure of communities (baseline April)
- Continuous support to the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine through analyses, conclusions, comments, remarks, reports, participation in working groups and preparation of information and presentation materials for meetings of senior officials

Decentralisation of Education (national level)

The work of the education decentralisation team focused on:

- Experts are in permanent touch with the Ministry of Education. Thinking also about a system of monitoring of schools, teachers, payments
- Preparation of the seminar for the Ukrainian specialists of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine which is planned to be held in Warsaw in August 2022
- Supporting MES in preparation of the response to the Ministry of Finance regarding the allocation of 2023 education subvention. Additional explanatory documents and simulations were prepared
- Experts are working on the proposal on how to use the reserve of allocation subvention during year but not on the end of the year as usually
- Finalising the report on education budgeting at the local level
- Recurrent policy advice to the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) and the Institute of Education Analytics regarding the development and implementation of statistical data collection

Decentralisation of Education (local level)

The work of the expert team of local education component focused on:

- Experts are working on the initiative "School Gardens of Victory". Work is performed with 3 pilot hromadas from Khmelnytska, Ternopil'ska and Lviv'ska oblasts. [Facebook Page was created](#). [Experts visited hromadas which are taking part in the initiative "Victory Gardens in schools"](#). [Ministry of Education is interested in involving experts to annual August conferences to share the initiative "School Gardens of Victory"](#)
- In the framework of the initiative "School Gardens of Victory" there were organised 3 quests for participants. Final quest with the winners is planned on September
- Experts are finalising methodology of "Victory Gardens in schools" which will be transferred to the Ministry of Education for future implementation all over Ukraine
- It is planned to create Optimisation game for profile education on the basis of the previous game. There is a great demand from hromadas for this new Game.
- The meetings with the two Deputy Ministers of [Education](#) and [Finance](#) was held to inform them on the future work of the component. Update of memorandums of cooperation with the ministries are in process
- Preparing [new best practice descriptions from hromadas](#) in war times. By the end of July, the online platform of best practices on education management contained **111 practices** on effective management of education at local level. Each good practice record contains a description of the practice, analysis of the problem it aims to resolve, approach taken and results achieved, as well as description of risks, relevant regulatory and legal acts developed by the hromadas. Since the launch of the platform it has been visited **1 545 103** times. All best practices can be downloaded at www.wiki.skinternational.org.ua
- [Online repository of the products and resources related to education management in local self-governments](#). The repository supports the capacity building of the local self-government employees. In July the repository had **8,507** unique visitors and **17,411** visits

United for Ukraine

- This is a campaign with the goal to help to establish long-standing partnerships between Ukrainian communities and peer-communities abroad. Early on after the Russian invasion it became clear that municipalities that previously had partner communities/cities in European countries were able to benefit from significant direct support. Meanwhile, among the smaller and especially newly formed hromadas – such as the members of AATC – only few have these kind of partnerships. At the same time, many cities/municipalities outside of Ukraine expressed a willingness to do more to help the country.

What has been already done by the end of July:

- 27 community profiles are on the website <https://unitedforua.org/>
- 51 community profile is under preparation
- The initiative was presented:
 - [July 4-5 during the conference on the reconstruction of Ukraine in Lugano](#)
 - Information about the initiative has been sent to all European local self-government associations
- The meeting of mayors in Lviv on 25 July ([On 25 July meeting of the Board of AATC in Lviv with the Mayor of Lviv and the Chairman of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities \(under the President of Ukraine\)](#)). They discussed the urgent issues of local self-government in the conditions of martial law
- Preparation of the online residence for hromadas to show the peculiarities of future partnerships with practical cases

Support to the Association of Amalgamated

Territorial Communities (AATC)

- AATC continues working on the initiative "Hromada-Hromada support". Besides the Project this initiative could be supported by the USAid Dobre Project
- [AATC is preparing weekly digest on work of local governments under martial law](#)
- [AATC prepared information on Setting local taxes and fees under martial law](#)
- [AATC prepared information on Improvement and simplification of budget procedures under martial law: innovations in the Budget Code of Ukraine](#)
- [AATC prepared material on Amendments to the Procedure for the exercise of powers by the State Treasury Service in a special regime under martial law \(Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 9, 2021 No. 590\)](#)
- [On 5 July AATC conducted a webinar "Conducting meetings of local government in remote mode". Results and materials of the webinar](#)
- Experts are working on the renewal of the work with regional branches of the AATC

- An initiative called "Strong hromadas bringing Victory Closer" is called upon to stimulate cooperation, social and humanitarian support to IDPs and war affected population and the development of the local economy during wartime. As part of the initiative, the hromadas can receive support, including funding, to develop and implement one socially-oriented micro-project. 9 (nine) hromadas in Khmelnytsky, Ternopil and Lviv regions have been selected.
Main activities under the component:
 - Partnership Agreements were signed with 9 pilot hromadas. Project is expecting the completion of deliveries to go for verification visits as soon as all the communities receive the equipment. 100% of the cost of the goods has been paid and 90% of equipment deliveries were done. This week experts are planning to go for verification of received equipment
 - Experts are working with the 5 communities supporting them in preparation projects to apply for the international support on economic development

Gender Component:

- There is also preparation of the separate grant application to International Women Fund for the support of AATC Gender thematic platform (programme activity)
- [On 2 July The regional Ukrainian Women's Congress organised the female leadership during the war and after the victory of Ukraine event:](#)
 - [Statement based on the results of the Regional Ukrainian Women's Congress](#)
- Participation in the Donor meeting on Gender issues
- [Searching and preparing best practices on Gender](#) in municipalities

Communication:

- [Preparation of the digest of AATC events](#)
- [Facebook page](#), [Association's official web-site](#), [the "The best practices" web-site](#) were continuously updated
- Ongoing support and maintenance of the AATC's [Telegram channel](#) and [Viber channel](#)
- [Creating and distributing a digest of relevant grants to communities](#)
- Information and communication support of the Association's activities, creation of visualisations, content distribution
- Personalised distribution of birthday greetings to the heads of the AATC member communities

Communication

Promoting decentralisation reform

Project's Communication expert worked on the following tasks:

- [Preparation of the Monthly newsletter](#)
- Administration of the Facebook groups for education practitioners, Viber groups of regional teams of education managers
- Working on the info campaign regarding the new branding of the Project
- Creating new social media groups of education managers in war time
- Support the colleagues in preparation of the events (announcements, invitations, infographics, translation etc.)
- Support colleagues in preparation of the infographics for the reports and design of the documents
- Updating Project's web page
- [Interviews, videos, streams from the events](#)
- Continuous updates to the [Project's website](#) and [Facebook page](#)