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Open Project

Empowering Internally Displaced Children: Film School for IDPs Children Project

The Ukrainian Children Movie School project provides creative arts and skill development to address the urgent mental health needs of internally displaced children in Ukraine, fostering resilience and well-being through film production and therapeutic interventions.

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The Film School project addresses the complex mental health needs of internally displaced families in Ukraine. We presented this impactful project during an Open Meeting on April 16th, 2024, and are happy to share more information here.

The Film School for IDPs children provides a comprehensive approach to psychological rehabilitation through creative arts and skill development. Our project is designed to restore and stabilize the mental health of internally displaced children who have experienced the trauma of war. Through a holistic psychological rehabilitation program, we aim to alleviate conditions such as PTSD, various phobias, panic disorders, and other mental health challenges prevalent among the affected children.

Central to our approach is the use of creative arts and skill development as tools for healing and personal growth. The Film School offers a nurturing environment where children can engage in activities such as film production, television, music, and theatre. By providing professional encouragement and skills training, we empower children with tools for self-expression and personal development. Moreover, we recognize the critical role of early learning and communication in a child's development. Our project focuses on creating a stable and supportive environment where children can interact with peers, receive emotional support, and stimulate their intellectual and emotional potential.

As part of the broader community, our project aims to contribute to the overall mental health and well-being of society. By investing in the restoration of children's mental health today, we lay the foundation for a resilient and mentally healthy society in the future.

The Movie School primarily targets internally displaced children in Kyiv Region, constituting 25% of the 7 million displaced population in total in Ukraine. These children have faced significant challenges, including witnessing shelling and bombing, hiding in bomb shelters, and enduring occupation. Located in Vyshhorod city (10 km from Kyiv) and in the capital itself, our project aims to provide these children with the tools and support needed for mental health recovery and future success.

The school has already been open for more than two years and has shown promising results. Within 3-4 months of training, approximately 85-90% of participating children and adolescents achieve significant social and psychological rehabilitation. This underscores the effectiveness of our approach and the potential positive impact on the well-being of the targeted population.

The budget for the Movie School project amounts to a total of 59,120 USD, which will be allocated across various essential aspects of the initiative. The largest portion of the budget, accounting for 55%, is allocated to the salaries of educators responsible for conducting 10 different classes, ensuring high-quality instruction and mentorship for the participating children. Additionally, 15% of the budget is dedicated to funding family psychological and art therapy courses, providing vital support for the mental well-being of both children and their families. Other significant expenses include the rent of premises (6%), group visits to theaters and other educational activities (5%), and the purchase of necessary equipment such as a mobile professional editing station, licensed software, and a microphone system (6%). A portion of the budget (4%) is also allocated to acquiring professional shooting light equipment to facilitate the production of high-quality films. Administrative expenses, including project management, accounting, and legal services, constitute 9% of the total budget, ensuring efficient operations and compliance with regulatory requirements throughout the duration of the project.

In summary, the Film School project aligns with our focus on mental health, addressing the multifaceted aspects of well-being. By providing creative outlets and professional development opportunities, we strive to contribute to the mental health recovery of internally displaced families and build a foundation for their future success. We invite you to join us in supporting this important initiative. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these resilient children.

Further information:

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