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У зв'язку з листом Міністерства закордонних справ від 16.01.2019 № 1185-26-19 щодо підготовки доповіді на виконання резолюції Ради ООН з прав людини (РПЛ) «Місцеві органи влади і права людини» Міністерство юстиції у додатку надсилає запитувану інформацію (англійською мовою).

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## **1. Laws, policies and programmes that have been explicitly developed by local authorities to promote and protect human rights.**

According to the State Strategy for Regional Development for the period up to 2020 (*approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated August 6, 2014, No. 385*) and its Action Plan (*approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 12, 2018 No. 733*) all Ukrainian local authorities approved regional development strategies and action plans for their implementation.

These documents include tasks and measures aimed at ensuring the right of people for comfortable and safe living environment irrespective of the place of residence, in particular measures for:

- the modernization of the education system (improvement of the quality and equal access of the population to general secondary education, optimization of the network of general educational, vocational and technical educational institutions, as well as the improvement of their material and technical base, development of the network of preschool educational institutions, raising the level of coverage of children of the corresponding age by pre-school education, etc.);

- creating conditions for the formation of a healthy population (the formation of a network of ambulance stations close to the places of residence of the population, providing health care institutions that render first aid with the appropriate equipment, vehicles and personnel, improving the quality and availability of secondary and tertiary health care, creating sports facilities for physical education and sports, etc.).

- socio-cultural development (formation of a basic network of cultural institutions, libraries, etc.);

All regional strategies and action plans also define tasks and activities aimed at creating conditions for productive labour of the population (creating a favorable environment for the regional labour market, as well as the level of employment of population and reducing the level of unemployment, activities, etc.).

## **2. Effective methods to foster cooperation between local government and local stakeholders for the promotion and protection of human rights, including reference to local government programmes.**

Within the framework of decentralization a new territorial basis of local self-government is formed, 876 joint territorial communities are created, local budget funds for the first time make up 52% of the budget of the country and increased from 70 billion UAH in 2014 to 234 billion UAH in 2018, which will enable local governments to improve services that ensure the observance of human rights.

The Ministry of Regional Development, Construction and Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine provided financial support to the voluntarily united communities that helped them to implement in 2018 more than 2700 projects in the amount of 1.9 billion UAH due to the subvention for the development of infrastructure. Furthermore, local self-government bodies at the expense of the State Fund for Regional Development amounting to almost 6 billion UAH implemented 811 projects.

In order to ensure the observance of the constitutional rights of citizens to social protection under the conditions of the decentralization reform, the Ombudsperson fulfills monitoring visits to local bodies of executive power and bodies of local self-government, including the united territorial communities. As a result of such monitoring visits it was established that local executive authorities and local self-government bodies jointly developed and implemented relevant local programs in the spheres of social protection and medical care of the population. However, the scope of providing social and medical guarantees to citizens, residing in the territory of a certain administrative-territorial unit, depends on the possibilities of the revenue part of the local budget.

A new project aimed at improving the life and well-being of the most vulnerable population groups in Chernivtsi and Odesa regions was launched by the UNDP in cooperation with the local authorities. In order to stimulate the participation of citizens in local self-government and encourage community-based initiatives, focusing on inclusiveness and coverage of the most vulnerable persons. In the framework of the project NGOs will be provided with grants for the realization of

micro-projects for the support of social objects (schools, kindergartens, etc.). Up to 45% of the cost will be financed by the local budgets, up to 55% - by the project.

### **3. Measures taken by the local governments in order to raise awareness about the Agenda for Sustainable Development up to 2030 and the New Urban Agenda, as well as their implementation, including by ensuring participation of local stakeholders.**

The main objective of the measures implemented by local authorities within the framework of the Sustainable Development Agenda up to 2030 is to enhance local development.

In order to raise awareness of the population about the abovementioned documents the local governments post relevant information on their official web-pages, closely cooperate with the UNDP and carry out joint activities, during which participants discuss the ways of realization of the Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In particular, in Ivano-Frankivsk took place the National round table "Smart cities and e-government", during which Representatives of the EU, the UNDP, the UN Economic Commission for Europe, the Ministry of Regional Development, the State Agency for E-Governance of Ukraine together with the representatives of Ukrainian municipalities discussed new opportunities for further development of "smart cities" in the context of decentralization reform. The conference participants analyzed the examples of smart cities development - smart cities around the world and discussed the possibilities of introducing such a concept in small cities of Ukraine. Mayors of the cities shared their own experience in introducing an e-government system by presenting new technologies in order to increase the transparency of the cities and the quality of life of its citizens and to improve cooperation between the public and governmental authorities.

On 29-30 January 2019 in Kyiv, Ukraine a round table "Open Government Partnership: A way forward to enhance local self-governance" took place. This event brought together almost 40 Ukrainian mayors and representatives of local councils, the Government of Ukraine and other national stakeholders to discuss approaches to strengthen transparency, citizen participation and accountability. Participants shared experiences on open government and e-governance. The representatives of local governments expressed their conviction that enhancing open government practices and policies will help local authorities to strengthen democracy and reach higher levels of transparency in local public institutions, and thus contribute to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially to Sustainable Development Goal 16 "Peace, justice and strong institutions".

Local authorities also prepare annual regional reports "Sustainable Development Goals". Such reports, in particular, identify the priority goals of sustainable development for the region concerned. Representatives of non-governmental organizations, international organizations, research institutions and representatives of the state authorities are involved in the development of the relevant reports.

### **4. Ways in which local governments are connected with the United Nations human rights system, for example participation in the UPR, the work of the human rights treaty bodies and Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council, as well as the implementation of their recommendations.**

Local authorities are involved in the implementation of the international legal obligations of Ukraine. In particular, they provide assistance and unrestricted access to any institution under their management to the representatives of the UN monitoring missions.

For example, in 2016 the United Nations Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture (the SPT) worked with the second official monitoring visit in Ukraine. Local authorities were involved in the preparation process for the visit, in particular: 1) provided lists of all boarding schools and mental health institutions within their area; 2) issued credentials for the delegation of the SPT to ensure

unrestricted access to any facility; 3) defined contact persons who were in 24/7 mode responsible for the proper organization and support of the visit.

A similar interaction and organizational process took place during the preparation for the visit of the Delegation of the Special Rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council on torture to Ukraine.

On the results of the abovementioned visits the SPT inspected Kyiv City Psychiatric Hospital named after I. Pavlov, Darnitskyi children's boarding school and Regional Psychiatric Hospital in Slavyansk.

All mentioned institutions are in the management of the local authorities.