



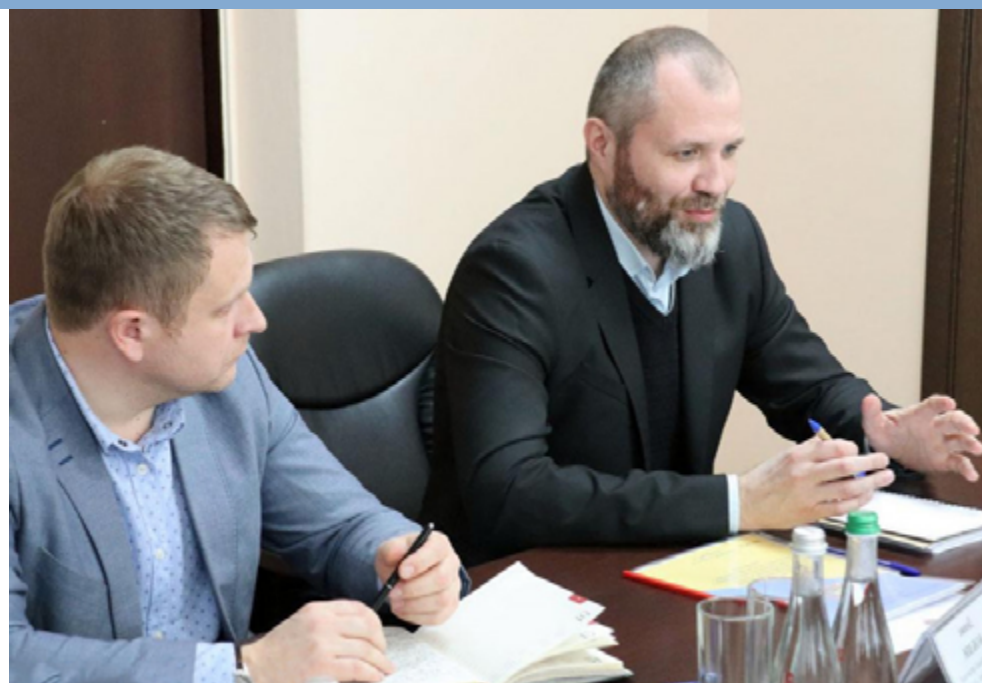
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About organization

KHISR ANNUAL REPORT 2020

KHISR is a stable organization that has existed for 22 years. The high professional level of experts and innovative approaches in the development of socially important topics, as well as the clear adherence to the terms of contracts and the implementation of the tasks set during the projects, allow to receive funding from various donor organizations.



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THE GOAL OF THE ORGANIZATION

is development of open civil society
and democracy, protection of human rights
and freedoms, increase of legal consciousness
of the population of Ukraine

AMONG KHISR DONORS ARE:



TODAY KHISR IS

2020 was a year that added new challenges to those already being faced by Ukrainian society. Before the protracted conflict in Eastern Ukraine and the Crimea, difficult reforms, a high level of uncertainty, we all got the COVID-19 epidemic with all its consequences.

This has by no means not simplified the lives of Ukrainians, especially those who have been in a vulnerable position before. That is why this year Institute focused its efforts on new areas of activity – working with the media and public opinion on the new disease and building trust that would contribute to the cohesion of society in the fight against the pandemic. Contrary

to lockdown and other restrictions, the Institute did not abandon traditional topics, such as improving police work and reforming the social services system, and did much to ensure that systematic work in these areas was not suspended or frozen.

The Kharkiv Institute for Social Research is a registered non-profit non-government organization that is independent of the influence of any agencies and organizations, both state and public. Our goal is the development of an open civil society and democracy, respect for human rights and freedoms, raising the level of legal awareness of the population of Ukraine.

22 years
of experience

More than 65
implemented
projects

More than 45
conducted
researches

More than 60
own publications

TOPICS OF THE INSTITUTE ARE:

- ✓ the level of security in the regions that are territorially close to the zone of military conflict in Ukraine;
- ✓ assessment of police activities (in Ukraine as a whole and in regions), public control over the police;
- ✓ building police activities based on interaction with communities (community policing);
- ✓ torture and ill-treatment in police and places of detention;
- ✓ access to legal aid and efficiency of legal services in Ukraine;
- ✓ conditions of stay in institutions of the social sphere;
- ✓ reforming social services at the community level;
- ✓ introduction of modular food (meals ready to eat) in places of temporary police detention;
- ✓ quality of medical care in places of detention;
- ✓ analysis of discriminatory practices against different categories of the population (elderly people, foreigners, persons of other nationalities, etc.);
- ✓ respect for the rights of internally displaced persons, including children and people with disabilities.

The Institute has experience in implementing projects in cooperation with both governmental and non-governmental organization:

- Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine
- The Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine
- State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine
- Ministry of Defense of Ukraine
- Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine
- Ukrainian Research Institute of Social and Forensic Psychiatry and Addiction of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine
- Commissioner for Human Rights of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- Local authorities of Kharkiv, Khmelnytsky, Odesa, Donetsk, Luhansk, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhia and other regions of Ukraine
- Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA), UK
- Hague Institute for Internationalization of Law, HiiL Innovative Justice (HiiL), Netherlands (KHISR is a regional partner of the Institute)
- Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), UK
- Association of Members of Independent Monitoring Boards (AMIMB), UK
- Kharkiv Human Rights Group (KHPG), Ukraine
- Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union (UHHRU), Ukraine
- East – SOS, Ukraine
- All-Ukrainian network of PLHIV, Ukraine
- London School of Economics.

KHISR HAS 5 MAIN PRIORITIES:

- **Research component** of KHISR is to conduct sociological research on issues relevant to society, primarily related to human rights and law enforcement activities.
- **Methodic work** of the institute concerns the development of manuals related to the interaction of citizens with government agencies (law enforcement, social, medical, etc.).
- **Information and educational** activities are aimed at educating about certain human rights in closed institutions of long-term stay, in obtaining public services, in contact with the police, etc.
- **Expert activities** are related to the implementation of projects aimed at establishing the rule of law, respect for human rights and increasing the impact of public control over the activities of state agencies.
- **Monitoring activities** are aimed at implementing the requirements of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture in Ukraine.



HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

One of the key results of KHISR work was the national monitoring of unlawful police violence¹ in 2020 year. The study highlights the extent, causes and consequences of torture and ill-treatment in the Ukrainian police. The issue of gender-based violence and discrimination against wom-

en in police was also addressed separately this year. The Institute surveyed the population of five regions of Ukraine (3,000 people) using a structured interview and surveyed 2,120 police officers. The research report is available in both Ukrainian and English².



In addition, representatives of the organization participated in the development of the Basic Study and Practical Guide for the OSCE Region “**Eliminating Incentives for Torture**”³. Kharkiv Institute for Social Research provided their own developments and expertise concerning effective respond and eliminating incentives causing tortures and using evidence obtained with use of torture in law-enforcement agencies.

Another direction of the Institute’s activities in the sphere of human rights protection in the law enforcement activities are consultative meetings and

arranging informational and educational events. Thus, in February 2020 KHISR joined the establishment and activity of united platform for police, municipality and community representatives of the Donetsk Region against drug crime and assistance to drug addicts. Donetsk Region Police was the first in Ukraine to simultaneously develop and adopt regional and city (in Mariupol) programs to combat drug addiction and drug crime. Innovations already used in the Kharkiv Region have also been adopted, in particular social research, which helps to assess the dynamics of drug distribution and allows to increase the effectiveness of drug control.

¹ With the support of Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group and European Commission

² National monitoring of unlawful violence in police in 2020 – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/MonitoringNasilPolice2020-1.pdf>

³ Eliminating Incentives for Torture» <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Ustraneny-stymulov-prymenyia-p-tok.pdf>



On June 24, 2020, a press conference dedicated to the fight against torture was held in Kharkiv. Human rights activists discussed the problem of torture in the law enforcement sphere, discussed the risks of torture during the armed conflict in Ukraine. According to Denys Kobzin, several years ago significant steps were taken in Ukraine to prevent torture in the law enforcement system. The free legal system has been updated, and a national preventive mechanism has been launched under the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights, which provides for regular independent visits to places of detention. Moreover new amendments to the Code for Criminal Procedure of Ukraine were adopted. *“But time passed and it happens that every measure taken is not properly supported and other elements of the system were not reformed and it is forgotten and not functioning. For example, they got used to violate the Criminal Procedure Code, they have learned to manipulate the norms that are there very skillfully. Key safeguards against torture and ill-treatment remain unrealized: access to a lawyer, the ability to inform a third party about detention, access to a doctor. These key safeguards are not being observed today”,* – said Denys Kobzin.

On July 16, 2020, KHISR experts participated in the discussion of changes to the normative regulation of the procedure for serving administrative arrest. The proposed innovations have raised some con-

cerns on the part of human rights organizations, including the risks of imposing administrative arrest on suspects in order to further prosecute them. The participants of the discussion, which took place on the site and thanks to the organizational efforts of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union (UHHRU), were Kateryna Pavlychenko – Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, Oleksiy Biloshitsky – Deputy Head of the Patrol Police Department, Ruslan Goryachenko – Head of the Human Rights Department and Oleksander Pavlichenko – Executive Director of UHHRU. KHISR was represented by Denys Kobzin and Andriy Chernousov. The discussions resulted in an agreement on further cooperation to improve the legislation governing the placement of people in places of detention in the police.



In September 2020, due to the OSCE Project Coordinator, two seminars were organized in Odesa for the staff of the State Bureau of Investigation on methods to combat abuse of power by law enforcement. 40 SBI employees had the opportunity to get acquainted with best international practices, discuss the Ukrainian experience in this field, review the legal aspects of effective investigation. Experts from the Kharkiv Institute for Social Research Denys Kobzin and Andriy Chernousov presented the findings of many years of research into the factors that allow



KHISR in MEDIA

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

Ukraine. XXI century. We're proposed to buy human rights

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/07/28/7260982/>

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

This "trust" to police has been broken. Give us new one

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/02/18/7240864/>

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

New Savchenko Law is ready. Does the Ukrainian society ready?

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/05/1/7250087/>



unlawful police violence and obstruct their investigation, as well as methods how to use international practice to prevent torture and ill-treatment. The special sessions focused on gender-based violence in the law enforcement system, as well as the specifics of documenting torture and ill-treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Istanbul Protocol.

Denys Kobzin for ZMINA

To see the real prison

<https://zmina.info/columns/po-bachyty-spravzhnyu-vyaznyczyu/>

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

Violence in police in 2020. How long will it take?

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/10/23/7270915/>

Denys Kobzin for Hromadske Radio

58,5% of cops consider that police reform failed in Ukraine

<https://hromadske.radio/podcasts/drive-time/58-5-politseys-kykh-v-ukraini-vvazhai-ut-provalenoiu-reformu-pravookhoronnykh-orhaniv-kobzin>

Denys Kobzin for press-centre «Kharkiv Today»

Press – conference on torture issue dedicated to international day to support torture victims

<https://2day.kh.ua/ua/news/kharkivski-pravozakh-isniki-zayavili-pro-vidsutnist-progresu-v-borotbi-z-torturami-v-tyurmakh>

Denys Kobzin for Ukraine Crisis Media Center

Presentation of the results of a national sociological survey on the illegal use of force by the police

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4T_n3oiERE

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

Ukrainians DNA data base. What else is under the umbrella of Avakov?

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/11/8/7272779/>

Andriy Chernousov for ATN Kahrkiv

Torture and ill-treatment in police

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmpJ7vI9xDI>

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

Why we lose the war on torture in the police?

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/05/28/7253572/>

Denys Kobzin for Suspilne Kharkiv

About civil society organizations that are trying to take over the functions of law enforcement agencies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkMosoy-B8k>

Denys Kobzin for Hromadske

Avakov deep state

<https://hromadske.ua/posts/avakov-deep-state>

Denys Kobzin for Suspilne

On the need to prepare for the introduction of permits to carry short barrel arms

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4du2FUDJ8M>



PUBLIC SECURITY



The ongoing armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine affects not only the security of communities, but also social cohesion and further development opportunities. That is why for six years now the Government of Ukraine, local authorities together with the UN Development Program and other organizations and agencies have been working focused on overcoming the consequences of armed conflict, developing local capabilities, strengthening community involvement in planning and implementing initiatives for further development, especially in security. The ultimate overall goal of this activity is to restore effective governance in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, increase trust in state institutions, and gradually restore peace and understanding in the region. Achieving these goals requires not only time and resources, but also, above all, the study and support of structural change in the areas of local self-government, education, health, infrastructure development and local capacity, and overcoming challenges in these areas. Creating a

safe environment and developing the security sector in general is the basis for achieving positive change and planning for future development, and achieving security is impossible without the development of modern and capable services provided by state institutions. That is why during 2019 and 2020 KHISR representatives spent about 14 thousand kilometers on the road, visiting the settlements: Mariupol, Volnovakha, Krasnohorivka, Kurakhove, Kramatorsk, Severodonetsk, Popasna, Lysychansk, Gorske, Bakhmut, Sartana, Novgorodske. During the visits, research was collected to examine the institutional capacity of the main departments of the National Police, the Main Departments of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine and the patrol police departments in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, as well as their ability to provide services to communities. A detailed report was written for each department, providing conclusions and key recommendations⁴.

⁴ Institutional capacity assessment of the patrol police department in Donetsk Region – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-UPP-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the department of patrol police of Ukraine in Donetsk oblast (brief) – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-UPP-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti-brief.pdf>
Institutional capacity assessment of the patrol police department in Luhansk Region – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-UPP-Luhans-ka-oblast.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the directorate of patrol police in Luhansk oblast (brief) – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-UPP-Luhans-ka-oblast-brief.pdf>
Institutional capacity assessment of National Police Department in Donetsk Region – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-NP-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the main department of the national police of Ukraine in Donetsk oblast (brief) – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-NP-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti-brief.pdf>

Institutional capacity assessment of National Police Department in Luhansk Region – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-NP-Luhans-ka-oblast.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the main directorate of the national police in Luhansk oblast (brief) – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-NP-Luhans-ka-oblast-brief.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the Main Department of State Emergency Services in Donetsk Region – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-DSNS-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti-Web.pdf>
Assessment of the institutional capacity of the main department of the state emergency service of Ukraine in Donetsk oblast (brief) – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-DSNS-u-Donets-kiy-oblasti-brief.pdf>

Mykola Semenyshyn, Chief of the Donetsk Region Police, noted that a study conducted by KHISR in the territorial communities of Donetsk Region helped the police to establish effective work. *«Thanks to sociological assessments, we have strengthened our presence in those communities where it was needed. Today, residents of communities are less concerned about security, people feel protected»*, – said the Chief of the Regional police.

In addition, in August 2020, the Kharkiv Institute of Social Research joined the joint project of the

Slavic Heart Charitable Foundation and the Donetsk Regional police «Donetsk – united and safe» gaining momentum, acting as trainers in 4 trainings for police and community on the topic «Community policing and public safety: how can communities build interaction for a safer environment?» The trainings were held in a friendly atmosphere and aimed to teach all participants the means of communication with each other, for joint solutions and increase the level of trust to police.

Assessment of the institutional capacity of the main directorate of the state emergency service in Luhansk oblast (brief) –

<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Otsinka-HU-DSNS-Luhans-ka-oblast-brief.pdf>

KHISR in MEDIA

Denys Kobzin for Suspilne. Kharkiv

Public safety and private security companies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3brhY5QhhtU>

Andrew Chernousov for Dzerkalo Tyzhnya

Community police officer: police officer for the community or community for the officer?

https://zn.ua/ukr/internal/policeyskiy-oficer-gromady-policeyskiy-dlya-gromady-ili-gromada-dlya-policeyskogo-340629_.html



PROTECTING IDP RIGHTS IN UKRAINE

Starting since the fall of 2019 and throughout 2020, the Kharkiv Institute for Social Research has been working to create a universal methodology for assessing the needs of internally displaced persons⁵. Using this tool, local authorities can plan precise and systematic measures to improve the situation of IDPs in communities, respond quickly to identified problems, conduct targeted updates of programs and relevant budgets, reasonably prepare requests for extrabudgetary assistance, improve the quality of services for IDPs and have data on the needs of IDPs are the same for all IDPs.



Methodology manual⁶ was created as a tool that provides answers to the most pressing questions regarding the assessment of the needs of IDPs in communities. The integrated approach used in the development of the manual provides important information on most of them – on the rights of IDPs, available experience in assessing their needs, preparation for this assessment, possible research methods and expected data, as well as the use of evaluation results.

In addition, within the framework of the same project, the developed methodology was tested on the basis of the Izium City Amalgamated Territorial Community.

The survey of 800 IDPs and 10 in-depth interviews with local authorities were conducted. Izium City ATC received up-to-date data on the needs of internally displaced persons, key problems in obtaining certain services and information on the manifestations of IDP integration into the community⁷.

A separate solution of the project was the development of algorithms for referral of internally displaced persons in case of their application for one or another assistance to the departments of social protection (in case of need for housing, medical care, rehabilitation, employment, etc.).

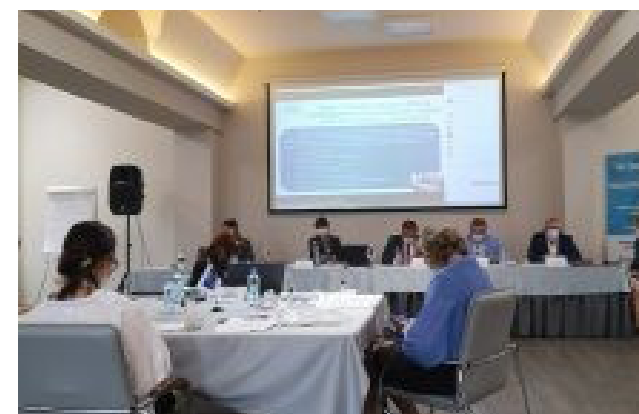
⁵ Within the grant provided by the Council of Europe project «Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Development of Long-Term Solutions»

⁶ Methodic manual of IDPs needs assessment in communities – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Metodycheskoe-posobie-po-otsenyvaniyu-potrebnostey.pdf>

⁷ The needs of internally displaced persons in the Izium city amalgamated territorial community of Kharkiv region: results of a sociological survey – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/IzumZvit112.08.pdf>



The developed materials were presented and discussed among specialists of social protection departments, employment centers, education departments and other state institutions, as well as public activists caring for IDPs from Kharkiv, Donetsk, Zaporizhia and Kyiv Regions. At the national level, the methodology for assessing the needs of IDPs was presented to representatives of key groups responsible for protecting the rights of IDPs and promoting their integration, namely the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, and the Secretariat of the Ombudsperson, as well as representatives of the public sector. There was also a meeting with the Deputy Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine on Digital Development, Digital Transformations and Digitization Snaver Seithalilev on the possibility of applying methodological developments to assess the needs of IDPs when working with electronic databases.



Starting from September 30 to October 2, 2020 in Odesa, KHISR representatives had the opportunity to discuss the IDPs needs assessment at the autumn school «Local Initiatives – the path to lasting solutions», which took place within the Council of Europe project «Internal Displacement in Ukraine: Development of Long-Term Solutions». The event was attended by government officials, representatives of civil society organizations, as well as representatives of various communities in Ukraine, who received a significant number of migrants. During the training, participants were able to learn about the international experience of providing support to IDPs, discuss national legislation on internal displacement and key issues in this area, hear further steps of ministries and agencies on the integration of migrants. The school also held thematic workshops on burnout prevention, short stories in national case law on internal displacement, mediation and restorative justice, and more. The Kharkiv Institute for Social Research shared its experience and knowledge in a separate workshop on methods and techniques for assessing the needs of internally displaced persons.

SOCIAL PROTECTION



«Access to psychosocial support services in selected communities of Donetsk and Luhansk regions» with the support of GIZ GMBH.

The conflict in eastern Ukraine has led to a protracted deterioration in the mental health and psychosocial well-being of the population of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. Many governmental and non-governmental institutions lack the resources to provide quality psychosocial support to victims. In particular, internally displaced persons and rural communities have difficulties in meeting the needs of social and psychosocial support services.

Despite the fact that the requirement to conduct a periodic assessment of social service needs has existed since 2014, there is almost no real assessment in communities. At the same time, studying the needs

of citizens can provide a basis for building a system of social services, mental health services and psychosocial support. That is why the Kharkiv Institute for Social Research proposed to start improving the system of providing psychosocial services by assessing the needs of individual communities. Such communities were Illinivska and Cherkaska ATCs of Donetsk Region and Belovodsk and Nizhneduvanska ATCs of Luhansk Region. It was here in September-October 2020, with the support of GIZ, assessments of the population's needs in social, psychosocial services and psychiatric support were conducted. A total of 2,400 people were interviewed in face-to-face interview. A report with evaluation results and recommendations was issued for each community⁹.

⁸ Assessment of the needs of the population of Cherkaska ATC of Donetsk Region in psycho-emotional support and mental health services
<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/otsiniuvannia-potreb-naselennia-cherkas-koi-oth-donets-koi-oblasti-u-posluhakh-z-psykhoemotsiynoi-pidtrymky-ta-psykhichnoho-zdorov-ia/>

Assessment of the needs of the population of Illinivska ATC of Donetsk Region in psycho-emotional support and mental health services
<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/otsiniuvannia-potreb-naselennia-illiniys-koi-oth-donets-koi-oblasti-u-posluhakh-z-psykhoemotsiynoi-pidtrymky-ta-psykhichnoho-zdorov-ia/>

Assessment of the needs of the population of Belovodsk ATC of Luhansk Region in psycho-emotional support and mental health services
<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/otsiniuvannia-potreb-naselennia-bilovods-koi-oth-luhans-koi-oblasti-u-posluhakh-z-psykhoemotsiynoi-pidtrymky-ta-psykhichnoho-zdorov-ia/>

Assessing the needs of the population of the Nuzhnyoduvanska community of Luhansk Region in psycho-emotional support and mental health services
<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/otsiniuvannia-potreb-naselennia-nizhn-oduvans-koi-hromady-luhans-koi-oblasti-u-posluhakh-z-psykhoemotsiynoi-pidtrymky-ta-psykhichnoho-zdorov-ia/>

KHISR in MEDIA

Hanna Levkina for Dzerkalo Tyzhnya

Social services: what, how and for whom

https://zn.ua/ukr/social_secutity/socialni-poslugi-komu-scho-i-yak-337366_.html

Hanna Levkina for Dzerkalo Tyzhnya

The Law of Ukraine «About Social services»: improvements are postponed

https://zn.ua/ukr/internal/zakon-pro-socialni-poslugi-pokraschennya-vidkladayetsya-337022_.html

Hanna Levkina for KHISR

Important steps for receiveing care. Simply about complicated

<https://khisr.kharkov.ua/vazhlyvi-kroky-do-otrymannia-dopomohy-prosto-pro-skladne/>



FIGHTING THE PANDEMIC AND VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19



In April – May 2020, the Kharkiv Institute for Social Research together with the Laboratory of Public Interest Journalism, the London School of Economics and the Lviv Media Forum conducted a sociological survey⁹, aimed at understanding the attitude of Ukrainian citizens to the COVID-19 pandemic. The factors of social consolidation in the fight against the epidemic were also studied, the impact of thematic videos on the audience was analyzed and the emotional impact on the

viewer of materials of a certain type and subject matter was tested. The study allowed us to draw a number of interesting conclusions and formulate recommendations for the Ukrainian media, organizations and institutions involved in communication on the COVID-19 pandemic, developed based on the results of the study¹⁰.



9 «The attitude of the population to the coronavirus and the search for consolidating factors» <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/STAVLENNYA-NASELENNYA-DO-KORONOVIRUSU-I-POSHUK-KONSOLIDUYUCHYKH-FAKTORIV-2.pdf>

10 The study was commissioned by the Laboratory of Public Interest Journalism with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation under the project «Vaccination against COVID - 19: how to create trustworthy content»

KHISR in MEDIA

Denys Kobzin for Ukrainska Pravda

COVID-19 is one, the media education in which Ukrainians live is different

<https://www.pravda.com.ua/columns/2020/05/25/7253033/>

Denys Kobzin for ATN Kahrkiv

People's attitude to coronavirus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUfF6hYmo5I>



In addition, in November-December 2020, KHISR conducted a survey¹¹ on the attitude of the population to vaccination against COVID-19. 1500 face-to-face interviews were conducted with the help of a random sample in 41 settlements of different sizes, which presented 5 macro-regions of Ukraine (East, West, South, North, Center). The invention of vaccines has accelerated the need for information about the desire and willingness of people to be vaccinated against

covid-19. That is why the survey was focused primarily on covering information about the attitude of the population of Ukraine to the epidemic and the means to combat it, including through mass vaccination. Separately report¹² contains main sources of information about vaccination; readiness of Ukrainians to be vaccinated against covid-19; willingness to pay for vaccines;

trust in vaccines from different manufacturers; factors that may promote or hinder the desire to be vaccinated, etc.



11 From distrust to solidarity: how to talk about a coronavirus pandemic https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PIJL_Covid19_Report_May_2020.pdf

From distrust to solidarity: how can we inform people about coronavirus? – https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PIJL_Covid19_Report_May_2020_EN.pdf

12 Attitudes towards the Covid 19 epidemic and vaccination: survey results – https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Stavlennia-do-vaktsynatsii_12_2020_KHSID-5.pdf

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AND ADVOCACY



On February 19, 2020, KHISR took part in an open appeal of civil society organizations to prevent the adoption of the Draft Law № 2784 on Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Combating Illegal Trafficking in Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and Precursors and Their Abuse. **The forced treatment of people with drug addiction declared there is proven to be ineffective, as is the repressive drug policy in general.** Among those drug addicts who were forcibly treated, the highest rate of recurrence of use, overdose, mortality. Along with sanctions for evading a medical examination by a person who has not committed any offense, compulsory treatment is a violation of basic human rights, which includes the voluntary nature of any medical procedure. Due to the coordinated work of human rights organizations in June 2020, the draft law was withdrawn.

On April 9, 2020, KHISR supported the **statement of civil society organizations on the inadmissibility of providing policing functions to the military.** These changes in the legislation could lead to abuse of power by National Guards of Ukraine officials and

excessive restriction of human and civil rights and freedoms. Fortunately, in May 2020 the project was not adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

On November 4, 2020, KHISR participated in an open appeal of civil society organizations **regarding the use of legal means to overcome the constitutional crisis.** Unfortunately, the public's demands have only been partially met and the constitutional judiciary is still in the process of being reorganized and streamlined.

On November 16, 2020, the Institute also joined the open appeal regarding **the financing of programs and measures to ensure access to Ukrainian education for children and youth from the temporarily occupied territories for 2021.** Human rights activists called on the authorities to take into account in the budget the financing of education for young people from the occupied territories. The result of publicity was the allocation of 130 million hryvnias for the organization of preparatory courses for entrants from the temporarily occupied territories.

OUR PUBLICATIONS



National monitoring of unlawful violence in police in 2020 – <https://khisr.kharkov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Monitoring-NasilPolice2020-1.pdf>

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