**Communication from the governmental agencies of Ukraine on further actions aimed at implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in line with the UN Human Rights Council resolution 37/20 "Rights of the child" and in the context of high-level political forum on sustainable development**

The Ministry of Social Policy drafted and the Government adopted the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated 01.06.2020 No. 586 "Certain issues of protecting children in the context of fight against the consequences of acute respiratory disease COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus" (as amended), which instructs the regional, Kyiv and Sevastopol city, district state administrations to:

* help identify and provide social protection for children in difficult life circumstances, suffering from abuse, in particular domestic violence;
* facilitate the organization of the assessment of the needs of each child and the child’s family and the provision of social support in accordance with the identified needs;
* ensure the analysis and consideration at a meeting of the Commission on the Protection of the Rights of the Child of the results of the assessment of the needs of each child who, due to the introduction of quarantine in connection with the spread of the acute respiratory disease COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, returned to the family from the establishmentthat provides the institutional care and upbringing of children, with due consideration of the situation in the family, to determine the expediency of continuing the stay and education of the child in the relevant establishment;
* contribute to the ensuring in the communities at the place of residence (stay) of children of the conditions for their education in general educational establishments at the place of residence (stay), to solving the issue of transportation of children, provision of hot meals, activities of after-school groups, the introduction of inclusive education for children with special educational needs;
* promote the introduction, in accordance with the needs of families with children, of basic social services in the communities and positions of specialists in social work, foster care of the child to prevent children from entering establishments that provide institutional care and upbringing of children.

Consequently, under theconditions of quarantine measures in Ukraine, the Ministry of Social Policy as the central body of executive power, which formulates and implements the state policy in the field of childhood protection, provided the regional, Kyiv city state administrations with the recommendations on:

* the functioning of various types of social protection establishments, in which, in particular, round-the-clock stay of children is foreseen;
* the obligation to comply with the legislation on social protection of children and the implementation of additional measures in this area;
* social support for families with children in quarantine conditions; peculiarities of the implementation of monitoring activities online;
* social protection of a child, whose parents fell ill with COVID-19 during the quarantine;
* the peculiarities of the temporary placement of children, taken by the decision of the tutorship and guardianship authority from their parents or persons replacing them, in connection with an immediate threat to the life or health of the child during the quarantine.

At present in Ukraine, anti-epidemic (preventive) measures are still being carried out in the context of combating the consequences of the acute respiratory disease COVID-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.

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