**Information by the Ministry of Youth and Sports 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 Cabinet of the Ministers of Ukraine **has approved the Strategy of Development of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine until 2028** (Decree No. 1089 dated 04.11.2020), one of the strategic goals of which is the following: "Ukrainians regularly and willfully engage in physical culture and sports". In order to achieve the above mentioned goals the following is planned:

- creation of conditions for carrying out sports and health-improving activities for children in summer swimming schools in open bodies of water;

- creation of conditions for those who receive education to engage in physical activities and the formation of an attitude towards physical culture and sports as an important component of a healthy lifestyle, in particular, the development of new approaches to conducting physical culture (upbringing) classes in educational institutions as an integral element of a healthy lifestyle, ensuring inclusiveness for persons with disabilities;

- placement of social advertising on television, pages in social networks with the involvement of leading athletes, including athletes with disabilities, coaches, sports veterans to form the value attitude of young people and youth to their own health, to improve physical development and physical fitness, taking into account the requirements of future professional activities;

- development and implementation of a communication strategy for the developing in the society of healthy habits, the importance of maintaining and strengthening health by combining physical activity with other components of a healthy lifestyle;

- engaging of civil society institutions, including youth and children's public organizations, in carrying out activities aimed at increasing the health-improving physical activity of the population.

In order to create favorable conditions for strengthening the health of citizens as the highest social value, ensuring the realization of the human right to health related physical activity, **the National Strategy on Health Improving Physical Activity in Ukraine for the period up to 2025 "Physical Activity - Healthy Lifestyle - Healthy Nation"** was approved by the President's decree.

In pursuance of the said National Strategy, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine annually develops an action plan, to be approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, which provides for the implementation of tasks and activities aimed at:

- coordination of the activities of entities of various sectors of the social and economic sphere of the state policy for the sake of encouraging changes in the behavior of fellow citizens in favor of health-improving physical activity and, on this basis, maintaining a healthy lifestyle;

- an annual increase by 1% in the number of citizens who have a sufficient level of recreational physical activity, lead a healthy lifestyle and are characterized by a low risk of developing of non-communicable diseases, primarily cardiovascular diseases;

- creation of the necessary information, financial, material, technical, personnel and scientific conditions to stimulate citizens to introduce health related physical activity in various spheres of life.

In Ukraine, there is a **network of centers of physical health of the population "Sports for All**", the activities of which are aimed at creating favorable conditions for the realization of the right of citizens to engage in physical culture, meeting the needs of the population in health and fitness and physical culture and sports services at the place of residence and recreation, promotion of a healthy lifestyle and the implementation of the relevant principles and ideals.

The Ministry has joined **the All-Ukrainian program for promoting healthy lifestyles among youth "Healthy Challenge"**, which has been implemented since 2019 and has already attracted to the activities more than 20 educational institutions and 10,000 young people in different regions of Ukraine. In order to promote a healthy lifestyle under conditions of quarantine caused by the spread of COVID-19, the All-Ukrainian online marathon for youth Healthy Challenge 2020 was conducted within the framework of the program, which attracted more than 4500 young people in 21 days. The program covers institutions of professional pre-higher education and vocational education in the Transcarpathian, Lviv, Volyn, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Khmelnytsky, Chernigiv and Cherkasy regions of Ukraine.

In the field of youth policy, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, together with partners, has **prepared the National Strategy for the Development of State Youth Policy until 2030** and the Concept of the State Target Social Program "Youth of Ukraine" for 2021-2025.

These draft strategic documents include priority tasks for creating opportunities for self-realization and development of the potential of young people in Ukraine, their participation and integration into public life, employment and health improvement.

In pursuance of Articles 12-15 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine is implementing **the Action Plan for 2019-2022 on implementation of the Concept of Support and Facilitation of the Development of Children's Public Movement in Ukraine**, approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated March 20, 2019 No. 171-p.

In 2020, in order to facilitate the effective functioning of children's public organizations financial support was provided, on a competitive basis, to 11 children's public organizations for a total of 3 682 000 UAH for the implementation of 13 projects developed by them (in fact, 6 projects were implemented).

The Ministry of Youth and Sports actively cooperates with children's public organizations, provides consultations and holds meetings with their leaders and members, including online.

In order to facilitate the establishment of ties between children's public organizations by holding joint open events, in September 2020, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, together with the Department of Youth and Sports of the Mykolaiv Regional State Administration, held an All-Ukrainian Conference of Children's Public Organizations with the participation of 22 children's public organizations.

Pursuant to article 40 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in order to prevent delinquency in children, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, as part of the Interdepartmental Coordination Council on Juvenile Justice, joined the **development of the National Strategy for Reforming the Justice System for Children for the Period up to 2023**, approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated December 18, 2018 No. 1027-p, and the Action Plan for the implementation of the National Strategy for Reforming the Justice System for Children for the Period until 2023, approved by the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated November 27, 2019 No. 1335.

In 2020, systematic outreach work was carried out among the public on the prevention of crime among children, taking into account regional, gender and other peculiarities. Youth and children's public organizations carried out information work on the prevention of crime among children within the framework of the following projects, implemented in 2020 on a competitive basis with the financial support of the Ministry of Youth and Sports:

- the project "All-Ukrainian meeting of children's public organizations", developed by the public organization "Children's Alpine Movement of Ukraine", with a total coverage of 2000 persons;

- the project "All-Ukrainian student collaborations as a tool to counter bullying", developed by the Youth Public Organization "Kyiv Youth Center for Development and Cooperation", with a total coverage of 30,000 persons;

- the project "Organizing vocational training courses in special institutions to promote the employment of minors and young people released from the places of deprivation of liberty", developed by the All-Ukrainian youth public organization "European Integration", with coverage of inmates of 4 educational colonies.

In addition, on September 30, 2020, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, together with the CSR Development Center, held **the All-Ukrainian online youth forum “Career since school: choice and planning - 2020”** with the participation of 100 teachers and youth workers from all over the country. Within the framework of the forum, its participants got acquainted with the best practices of professional self-determination and career planning for children and youth, discussed current trends in the labor market, flexible approaches to education and career planning.

At the same time, the implementation of youth policy is carried out through institutions working with youth, including youth centers, civil society institutions, advisory bodies, through youth work, carried out by youth or together with youth and is focused on its comprehensive development. Today in Ukraine there are already several regional and local youth centers and spaces established on the basis of institutions of education, culture, physical culture and sports, of various forms of ownership and subordination.

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