Narrative report of Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University

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A project dedicated to the implementation of professional training / retraining for civilian specialties of Antiterrorist Operation / Joint Forces Operation and members of their families in Ukraine. On the basis of the Veterans' Space, psychological assistance in the form of psychological rehabilitation can be provided, including: psychological diagnostics, educational and informational assistance, psychological counseling, psychological support and monitoring, and group work. To work in our space, we involve students from majors 053 Psychology and 081 Law under the supervision of specialists-mediators, which will help project participants in various issues to provide comprehensive and effective assistance, namely:

* psychological assistance;
* juridical assistance;
* conducting activities to improve the professional level of project participants;
* career guidance and work with stakeholders and employers with the participation of the University Career Development Center and their specialists.

During this period we executed work on involving the teaching staff in the project, prepared and compiled a curriculum for professional training (retraining) for civilian specialties of servicemen, Antiterrorist Operation / Joint Forces Operation veterans, combatants and members of their families to the program "ADAPTATION OF MILITARY SERVICES TO PEACE CONDITION» in amount of 80 hours, for a group of 15 people.

The team includes both full-time employees and representatives of enterprises, public authorities, the City Employment Center, public organizations, who participate in activities related to military-patriotic and national-patriotic education. On family days, which will be held with the participation of Luhansk Regional Youth Center (arts, entertainment, sports and leisure), invited following experts - teachers who will conduct trainings "Peer to peer": "Management of their own communications. Conflict as a resource" (specialist in psychology and sociology with the involvement of experts in legal counseling), staff from the Department of Human Health and Physical Education, a specialist in medical and social rehabilitation. We also plan to involve a full-time psychologist from the Department of Practical Psychology and Social Work - a specialist in psychological assistance, adaptation, and support as well as comfort in the Veterans' Space of the University.

Students, which we plan to attract to work - are bachelors who entered our university in 2017-2018 (3-4 courses), as well as masters in 2020 and those who plan to enter Master study in 2021 (1-2 master's courses).

We cooperate with the Representation of the Ministry of Veterans in Severodonetsk and its head Serhiy Kopylov and specialist Anastasia Ovsyannikova.

After the meeting with the Representation of the Ministry, it was decided to visit the Veteran Hub in Dnipro. In Dnipro Veteran Hub we had a meeting with the head of the branch David Gurtskaya, who shared his experience and useful information about the work of the Hub. The purpose of our trip was to obtain valuable information about comprehensive work of the Hub and establishment of partnerships, because it is a guarantee for further cooperation.

We have created leaflets for future project participants and their families.

During last week we worked with bank accounts, and all necessary documentation for the grant, signed the memorandum, the Supplier Set-Up Form and the memorandum of understanding or agreement between the SNO named after Dalia and NGOs for the use of grant funds.

We planned and held on May 20, 2021, an event according to the presentation of the Veterans' Space on the basis of V. Dahl EUNU, taking into account the needs of family members of the fallen defenders of Ukraine. We invited: wives and children of the fallen defenders of Ukraine, servicemen, Antiterrorist Operation / Joint Forces Operation veterans, representatives of the NGO « ATO», namely:

1. Union of Antiterrorist Operation Veterans, towns Rubizhne and Lysychansk;
2. Luhansk regional union of participants of war veterans "Veterans of anti-terrorist operation of the Luhansk region»
3. Public Union "Luhansk Regional Union of Combatants and Antiterrorist Operation Volunteers".

The purpose of this meeting was to take into account the needs of project participants, to form the areas of work of the Veterans' Space, to provide informational support on benefits provided by law, to build a format of cooperation to protect the rights of family members deceased. The event involved a psychologist who is a post graduate student at our university and is the head of the Children's Center "Marmalade" to work with family members and children of servicemen.

The following work was carried out:

- art therapy;

- psychological support;

- various types of arts, making talismans, dolls, drawing a wheel of goals, participation in various children's competitions.

A look at the further work of the Veterans' Space (except for the one already announced):

* forming a team of participants for classes in fitness, karate, TRX (TRX was developed by the US military), yoga to balance the physical and emotional state of health.
* providing services from the Beauty Industry: hairdressers, make-up artists, beauticians, masseurs.

Life is always a struggle and a victories!

To achieve excellent results, you need to constantly be active and increase the load.