

Proposed Global Grant Service Project with “Hearts of Europe”

Rotary Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Project Title: Ukraine Pediatric Wheelchair Training

Host Club: Rotary Club of Kharkiv – District 2232

International Club: E-Club of One world – District 5240

Project Description:

Two factors motivated the project: the lack of an adapted pediatric wheelchair and the lack of trained certified professionals on wheelchair assisting service (currently there are only 2 certified trainers) in Ukraine.

There is a need to replace the strollers (type baby-stroller) currently used by the families, to avoid more damages to the body of handicap children and youth. An affordable wheelchair for children, will be introduced to the Ukraine market with training for the families and the health care professionals.

The basic online training, called “*Wheelchair Service Training*” (created by WHO) will be accessible to the medical professions and will be followed by a 3-day Basic Hybrid Training, in-person. 20 basic wheelchairs will be used for the trainings and 14 pediatric wheelchairs will be provided for demonstrations and to be tested by the families. A qualifying intermediate Level training with certification will be provided to selected professionals who will become trainers themselves and prescribers of pediatric wheelchairs. Those professional trainings will strengthen the health care system of the country for doctors, nurses and occupational therapists and at the end of the grant about 30 families will benefit of the donation of a wheelchair.

The goal of the project is to educate the medical professions in order to reduce the causes and effects of a bad stroller used instead of a pediatric performant wheelchair for children with disabilities in Ukraine.

Project Development

1. How (and where) was the project conceived?

This project of an adapted pediatric wheelchair was first conceived in Ukraine by GHT (NGO) to face the need of thousands of unserved children with disability who spend most of their lives at home with declining health and posture. There is no domestic production in Ukraine of a product presenting the features that the

Cub pediatric wheelchair has. The Cub prototype was conceived by Participant, a USA company.

2. How was the needs assessment conducted?

Several surveys were conducted in Ukraine, the previous years, in the cities of Bila Tserkva and Lviv, where wheelchair prototypes were tested by Participant. Surveys, community meetings and focus groups were used by Rotary with data and statistics collected among different groups affected by disability (families, disability center, and schools) in 2018.

A new community assessment (March-April 2021) determines the number of caregivers and other professionals who can take the training in Ukraine, in different cities of Ukraine (selected by Rotarians). Due to Corona virus travel restrictions, it was decided that the Rotary club of Kharkiv, Host of the project in Ukraine, will lead the community assessment in Lviv, Kiev, and Kharkiv.

3. Have partners been identified? Who?

Those are the partners:

- Participant (Assistive Products), Keoke King is the Development Director

<https://www.participant.life/>

- UCP Wheel for Humanity, Kate Selenga, Executive Director

<https://ucpwheels.org/>

- Institute Ukrainian in Kharkiv

4. What is the budget?

Total is \$51,000 USD

Category	Description	Supplier	Cost in USD
Trainings	-Basic Training-Hybrid (WHO)	-UCP Wheels for Humanity (Lesya + 1 or 2 trainers in Ukraine)	\$17,400
	-Intermediate Training		
Translations in Ukrainian for Hybrid and Intermediate training	-Evaluated 200 hours	-Participant (Dave from USA)	\$5,000
		-ISWP (curriculum + certification)	
Accommodations-Travel	-One Rotarian (from USA)	In Ukraine	\$2,500
	-Dave (from USA-Participant)		\$5,000

Publicity – Signage	For the Training Centers	-Ukraine Rotary Clubs	\$3,000
Cub registration, listing, certification	For the pediatric wheelchair	-Government (Antonina needs to confirm)	\$1,700
14 Cub wheelchairs	For Intermediate training	-Participant	\$6,300
Administration	10%		\$5,100
Total budget			\$51,000

5. What performance measures have been established?
Performance measures have been established by the Rotary host club and the partners in training to check objectively measurable success. Following the timeline for the project:
1. The first year, the number of families and professionals trained will be evaluated every 6 months.
 2. The second year, the number of professionals, obtaining their certification after taking the intermediate level training, will be evaluated at the end of the project.
6. How is the project designed to sustain itself?
The project is the first step to improve the situation of the children in need of wheelchairs in Ukraine, by training the medical professions who will be able to prescribe an adapted wheelchair. The sustainability of the project resides in the number of professionals who will be trained in the country. Control quality for the training will promote long term well-being for the disabled community. The cub will provide the best solution for those families. In the future, the creation of a business in Ukraine to assemble the wheelchairs in the country will provide opportunity for community development with employment.
7. How is funding being pursued?
Funding will be pursued with District 5240, other 4 Districts from the USA involved in the ICC USA-Ukraine and other ICCs France and Belgium. It will be matched by Rotary International and USAID (Grant from Hearts of Europe).

Project Implementation

1. What support is being sought?
Partnership Support from Rotary Club of Kharkiv in Ukraine, administrative support from Rotary E-Club of One World.
Financial Support DDF from District 5240

#	Source	Details	Amount (USD)	Support*	Total
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	District 5240	DDF	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
	Other Districts USA 5230 California 6940 Florida	DDF			\$4,000
	District in Europe France	DDF			\$1,000

2. Are there volunteer opportunities?
 Yes. There will be opportunities for Rotarians to work on this project, on demonstrations and helping to organize the training. The host club in Ukraine will help with government contacts, data about disability in Ukraine (for the community assessment). Members of E-Club One World will be invited to participate to travel to Ukraine (when it is safe to travel again internationally) to visit the site in Bila Tserkva and Rotary club partners in Ukraine. Rotarac in Ukraine will help facilitate the training sessions with the rotarians (welcoming attendees, food, transportation, hosting)

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Photos:

Girl using the Cub wheelchair in Columbia (photo courtesy of Participant)



21 years old using a baby stroller in Ukraine (photo courtesy of GHT)



Orphanage for children with disability in Ukraine / Strollers and wheelchairs
(photo courtesy of GHT)

