

Ukrainian Charity “Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini” (Age Concern Ukraine)
A cooperative effort by the NGO Committee on Ageing and Global Action
on Aging

Section I

What has the NGO done to educate older persons and/or the general public about the Madrid Plan?

- We have translated into Ukrainian and published the booklet “Madrid Plan and the Final Declaration of the Madrid Forum -2002.”
- We have published the information about the Madrid Conference and Madrid Plan in our magazine “Chas Zhity” (Life Time)
- We ran a series of round table meetings throughout Ukraine to inform local leaders and professionals involved in the problems of older people (the so-called “Forums” in the framework of the DFID project) about the Madrid Plan.

Section II

Which of the 3 priority directions of Madrid Plan (older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; ensuring enabling and supportive environments) is the principal focus of the NGO?

We have worked on all three priority directions.

Section III.

What specific accomplishments has the NGO achieved in that area? How has it worked with government, other NGO's and/or others to achieve its objectives?

- We have established a range of 9 info-centres and 6 info-points to inform elder people about their rights. Through these centres and points, volunteer advisors and advocate help older people to protect their rights and interests, to receive the necessary info, etc.
 - We edit the magazine for elder people – “Chas Zhity”(Life Time).
 - We have trained groups of volunteers to work in the info-centres and info-points and in the advocacy teams in 16 cities and towns throughout Ukraine.
 - We have trained groups of volunteers to provide support for older lonely people who are home-bound and need practical support at home.
 - We work in close contact with local social services and the carers from local social services participate in training sessions organized for our volunteers.
 - Working in a close contact with the Ministry of Social policy we have an opportunity to circulate the information among the top officers of the Social Protection branch.

- We have advocated for changes on the local level; for example, in the town of Gloukhiv there was difficulties with the bus route; in the city of Ternopil we encouraged changes for bus stops that would be more convenient for older people, for example, near medical institutions.

Section IV. Are there other significant accomplishments of the NGO?

The Directors of several “TLU” branches were elected as members of various working committees of the local governments (city or oblast).

Section V. Every Government has been asked by the UN, but is not required, to conduct a "bottom-up" review and appraisal during 2007 of progress in their country in implementing the Madrid Plan. To your knowledge, has your government begun or committed to undertake that review? If yes, has your NGO been invited to participate? If so, how?

At the request of the Ministry of Social policy of Ukraine, our NGO participated in preparing the MIPAA annual report.