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Residents Rally Around to Keep Their 40 Year Old House Warm



The members of Association of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings (ACMB) "Druzhba" from Uzhgorod are not new to joint initiatives.

The ACMB unites 125 co-owners of 65 apartments and they have already done a lot to improve their building and the adjoining area. For the past 5 years the multi-story building underwent some renovation owing to the inhabitant's efforts, including roof waterproofing, replacement of worn-out water pipes with plastic steel pipes, street lightning, installation of energy meters, repair of the staircases at the entrances, reconstruction of playground for kids, arranging waste management, to name a few.

However, there are always things to improve and renovate about the building constructed 38 years ago when energy

saving was not on the agenda. Therefore, in June 2015 the ACMB applied for a grant from the CBA for their energy saving mini-project in the context of winterization. The thing is that the windows and doors in the building are old and worn out. Wood have rotten and decayed in many places, and window and door frames in the entrance halls and basement lost shape and let in cold air. Since there is no central heating in the building, this resulted in low temperatures not only in common spaces but also in the apartments. Due to this, inhabitants got colds quite often during winter. The only way to ensure energy saving was to replace the old wooden windows and doors in the common spaces.

Owing to the CBA co-financing scheme, the inhabitants had a chance to im-

plement their winterization plan. As a result, 64 windows and 11 doors in common spaces were dismantled and replaced with the new ones; the surfaces of window and door slopes were covered with plaster and then with liquid flux and silicate mud. The inhabitants made sure to collect and remove construction garbage from the entrance halls, basements and technical stores of the building, as well as arranged the territory near the building.

Inhabitants of the house are grateful to the CBA project and to city council for supporting their project and improving energy saving in their building.

"There are many pensioners living in our house and many of them cannot afford costly repair. At the same time, we understand that the building is pretty old and needs renovation. Window replacement was particularly timely because this year heating costs skyrocketed. So we really wanted to make sure that the house is properly heated and no resources are wasted," Volodymyr Burkalo,

Head of Druzhba ACMB, sums up the project rationale.





Village hospital in Rivne region winterized



«No one expected that less than in half a year our ambulance would undergo such cardinal changes! Now, when you come to a consulting room for medical examination, you can take off your overcoat, to wash your hands with warm water. We are so glad that our 14 female doctors who take care of health of all villagers and they don't freeze at work».

The community of Kniahynyn village, Rivne region, are satisfied with the result of major repairs in Kniahynyn ambulance station of family medicine practice. This micro-project, implemented with the CBA project's support, brought not only improvement of medical services provided to population but also significant savings on heating the 850 m² of ambulance premises (It is expected that the saving during the heating season will be UAH 32,000.)

When the idea of micro-project was brought up for the first time, the local population doubted the issue could be moved from the dead point. However, the results of the project were so persuading that the community decided to go on with improvement of medical services and has already collected UAH 19,000. With support of the local authorities and sponsors they plan to procure dental set of the ambulance. The community believes they are able to do this!

CBA-procured tractor turned multifunctional

Farmers from Sumy region decided not to wait till spring and tested a new tractor purchased under the CBA project. As snowfalls hit Ukraine in January, the tractor became indispensable for snow removal and clearing up the roads. Members of agricultural cooperative "Hospodar-2015" in Nedryhailivsky rayon say that this new multifunctional tractor is a real asset for the village. The procurement of agricultural equipment for

cooperatives in Sumy region was finalized in the end of January.



Hospital in Donetsk region receives brand-new equipment

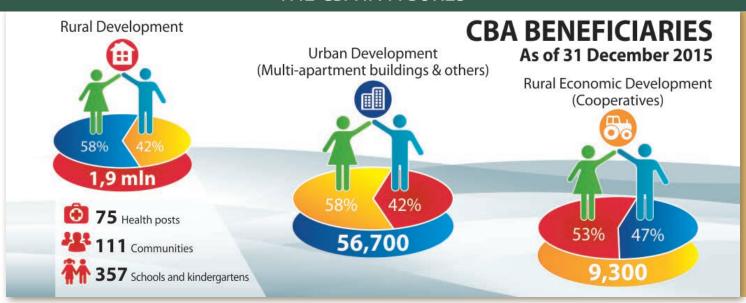
Liudmyla Soldatenko, Chief Physician of Oleksandrivka hospital, comments on the recently completed repair works in the health facility:



- **Q:** What kind of assistance was granted to the hospital?
- **A:** We've received a dental X-ray device, dental treatment unit (out of six units that we have, four are worn out and outdated), spark-gap electrosurgical units now we don't have to secure the vessels as we can apply new cautery method and steam sterilizer for cleaning surgical equipment.
- **Q:** Was it easy for the doctors to get used to hi tech they've never worked with before?

- **A:** Indeed, it is a specialized equipment. We've got the assistance of engineering technicians who installed it in accordance with requirements. We appreciate this expert support.
- **Q:** What are the benefits for the local community from this project?
- **A:** For instance, the residents of Oleksandrivka won't have to travel to Dobropillya or Kramatorsk anymore in order to have their sore tooth X-rayed. It's actually a huge relief.

THE CBA IN FIGURES



Chernihiv hosted open lecture on sustainable development for Donbas students

The Chernihiv National Technologic University hosted an open lecture on the topic "Sustainable Development in Ukraine: Myth or Reality?" The CBA Project was among the co-organizers and moderators at this event.

The target audience of this lecture were the students of the Universities evacuated from the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. CBA experts updated the participants on the project implementation in Chernihiv region and explained the project's goal to create an environment for sustainable social and economic local development via promoting community mobilization, developing and implementing



initiatives throughout Ukraine. Topics discussed during the lecture were civic society development, overcoming poverty, capacity gaps, energy saving and energy efficiency. The students engaged into a lively discussion of the important components of sustainable development, including economic, environmental and social components.



Training of trainers on sustainable development organized in Zakarpattya



In February, village Karpaty, Zakarpattya region, hosted a training of trainers on the course "Community driven sustainable development".

During this event, the participants representing the National network of partner universities under the CBA leant how to build an efficient training and to be a successful trainer, mastered the methodology of developing case studies for a training.

The training consisted of 6 modules on cooperation with communities, including team work and proactive personality; social mobilization in communities; identification of community needs and project management; conflict sources and mediation; recommendation regarding fundraising for addressing the community challenges and implementation of joint initiatives.

During this training, the participants also agreed on an action plan for 2016.

participants became certified trainers. In the course of 2016, they are expected to organize same type training in their Universities.



Second University Resource center for community development opened in Donbas

On 2 March 2016, the CBA-backed Resource Center for Community Development was officially opened in Starobilsk, Luhansk region, on the basis of Luhansk Shevchenko National University (LNU) relocated from the occupied territory.

Among the participants of this event was MP Vitaliy Kurylo, Head of supervisory board of Luhansk University, who actively contributed to creation of this Center, as well as other



rayon-level officials and CBA coordinator in Luhansk oblast.

Iryna Mygovych, Head of LNU Center for international and academic activities and newly appointed head of LNU Resource center, briefed on activities plan for 2016; it is expected that the Center will open new opportunities to introduce CBA methodology to Ukrainian

students and will allow the University to widen partnership network.

This is the second University resource center opened this year in Luhansk region with the CBA support. The first one was opened in Volodymyr Dahl East Ukrainian National University in Sieverodonetsk in February.

Seminar for the associations of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings organized in Drohobych



In February 2016, Drohobych, Lviv region, hosted a seminar for the associations of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings (ACMB) and representatives of initiative groups intending to establish ACMB. The seminar was facilitated by Leonid Tulovsky, a CBA expert, and organized jointly with the city council and ACMBs of Drohobych.

Seminar participants were briefed on how to establish, run and develop ACMB. They also received useful information regarding reform of housing and utilities sector of Ukraine and Ukrainian legislation regulating the establishment and functioning of ACMBs, as well as learnt about the best practices of other countries. The attendees also discussed some practical aspects, including planning of ACMB activities, challenging issues related to transfer of the territory near the building in ACMB ownership; assessed the efficiency of energy-efficiency measures in their buildings as well as practical advantages and drawbacks of such measures.

CBA expert also attended ACMBs that have completed or are implementing the micro-projects. He suggested the concept of new micro-projects on thermal upgrading of buildings in Drohobych; in particular, it is planned to implement 2 micro-projects to introduce energy-saving measures in the buildings. Eight more micro-projects are to be implemented

in other Ukrainian towns.

Regional workshop for agricultural cooperatives in Zaporizhya

In February 2016, a three day regional capacity building workshop under the CBA for the representatives of agricultural cooperatives took place in Zaporizhya. The event was facilitated by Olena Ruditch, CBA Communities Development Specialist, and Oleksandr Radionov, CBA Agri-business Expert.

Workshop participants from 12 regions learnt about different aspects of cooperative activities. They were introduced to CBA methodology related to establishment and functioning of Technical and information centers (TIC), including technical and practical aspects of TIC creation, provision of services, equipment procurement. They learnt how to use TIC as a marketing instrument in order to promote their services, for community development and finding partners, as well as about other TIC services according to the concept of Information



and communication technologies for development (ICT4D). Besides, experience of existing TIC established during the CBA's second phase, in particular in Ternopil, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Cherkasy and Kirovohrad regions was also presented to the audience.

The participants also went on the field visits to the villages of Chapaevka and Kinski perehony, Zaporizhya region, to see the work of local TIC and discuss what technologies could be used in cooperatives and individual village households.





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In the framework of CBA urban development component, these colourful posters targeting the local associations of co-owners of multi-apartment buildings are being distributed in 25 pilot cities in 12 regions of Ukraine.



CLOSE-UP



Flash mob at school in Lukashi village, Kyiv region, to say thank you for the warm classrooms. This energy saving initiative was supported by the CBA project. "This micro-project became a real push for our community. The excellent results that we achieved is a proof that together we are strong and capable to change our life for better", Natalya Harkavenko, Head of civic organization "Dobrobut - 1" who initiated this project.



Community of the village Oborotnivka, Luhansk region, has received a "bonus" as a result of replacement of heating system in the local school. They've ended up not just having warm classrooms – the fuel consumption has also dropped by 30 percent after this reconstruction. The repair was effectuated with support the CBA Project.



A short break for tea. Engineering works to provide water supply in the village Velyka Berizka, Sumy region, are almost completed. For higher efficiency, frequency control drive has been installed on water pipe.





Find 10 differences (and more)! After renovation, health post in Zavyziv village, Rivne region, has changed beyond recognition. The CBA-backed micro-project allowed to repair roof and facade, install energy saving windows, and purchase new equipment. Villagers say the health post looks like brand new!

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