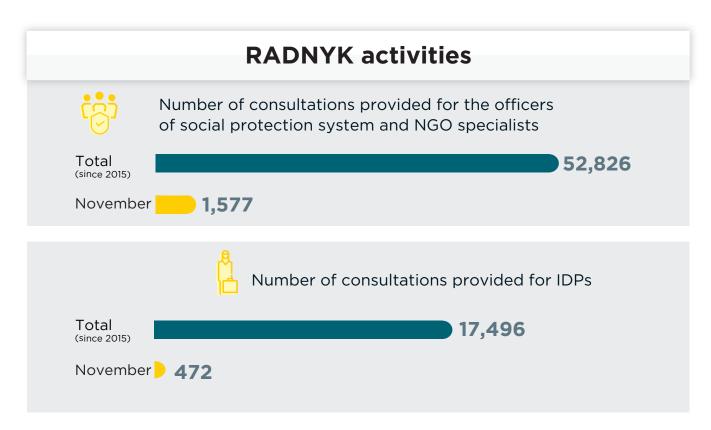




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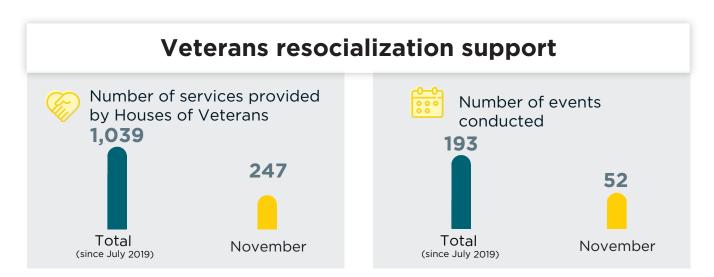
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The Project Development of social cohesion in Ukraine through strengthened regional and local social protection of IDPs, veterans, and other conflict affected persons (or the Radnyk Programme) is implemented by organization Stabilization Support Services with the financial support of the British Embassy Kyiv.

- Radnyks provided methodological support consultations on social protection of vulnerable population to 916 specialists of the social protection system and 125 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) representatives.
- 392 IDPs were provided with consultations on social protection issues (out of them, 79% women; 31% elderly people; 3% children; 10% people with disabilities; 9% ATO participants; 2% representatives of national minorities) by Radnyks.
- In November regional legal officers in Houses of Veterans provided consultations for 78 persons (out of them, 8% women, 5% elderly people, 55% combatants, 5% people with disabilities). 117 people received psychological consultations (out of them 32% women, 6% elderly people, 3% children, 66% combatants, 5% people with disabilities).
- On November 1, Programme representative took part in the working meeting of the Ministry for Veterans Affairs, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons attended by the representatives of the Ministry of Interior Affairs, State Migration Service, Central Electoral Commission, Ministry of Social Policy, Ministry for Communities and Territories Development as well as partner organizations. There were discussed amendments to the laws ensuring the integration of IDPs into ATCs as well as IDP voting rights.
- On November 8, a presentation and public discussion of the draft law *On social and legal protection of persons deprived of their liberty as a result of armed aggression against Ukraine* took place in Kyiv. The participants of the discussion included the Minister for Veterans Affairs, government officials, civic activists, former prisoners of war, released civilian hostages, political detainees and members of their families.

- On November 8, Programme representatives were engaged in the field hearings of the Committee on Social Policy on *Social Policy for 2020-2024*, which took place in Kharkiv. In particular, SSS representatives presented the monitoring on children affected by the conflict and the concept of the veterans project.
- On November 14, the draft law on amendments to some laws of Ukraine on the exercise of the right to a pension was registered in the Parliament. The draft law aimed at ensuring the constitutional right for IDPs to pensions, exercising the right to social benefits, eliminating a number of disadvantages of the Ukrainian pension system etc. Formerly to its finalization by the Parliament Committees, the draft law (No. 6692) was developed and advocated by the Programme experts with the cooperation of the partner NGOs *Donbas SOS*, *Human Rights Information Centre (ZMINA)*, *Right to Protection*, *Crimea SOS*, *Vostok-SOS*, *Svoyi*, *Public holding "GROUP OF INFLUENCE"*.
- 21 strategic facilitated dialogue sessions on social cohesion and critical conflict-related issues were carried out during November in 20 oblasts of Ukraine in partnership with the NGO *Foundation for Freedom*. The participants included ATC and government representatives.
- On November 18-19, the monitoring visit of the representatives of the Ministry for Veterans Affairs to the Kharkiv oblast was held. SSS provided financial support as well as coordinated the visit. During the visit, the representatives of the Ministry had been to the regional collective centers for IDPs, held meetings with IDPs and NGO representatives as well as learned about the Radnyk Programme activities in the region. The Radnyk in Kharkiv oblast established close cooperation and agreed on further partnership with the Ministry.
- On November 30 December 1, Hackaton on Social Cohesion was conducted by the Radnyk Programme in partnership with 1991 Civic Tech Center, Noosphere, Beetroot Academy and Yakaboo. For two days leading IT specialists were developing innovative projects aimed at uniting communities and solving issues of providing IDPs, veterans and other conflict-affected persons with social services.