

EC Partner

- **M.ART.IN-Club**,
Makiyivka, Donetsk
Oblast, *Ukraine*

Facts and Figures

- Project budget
€33 441
- Medical assessment of
300 children
- **3 seminars** for **60**
social workers
- **856 children**
benefited from various
services offered by the
project
- **126 children**
benefited from food
and sanitary-hygiene
services
- **34 rehabilitation**
courses carried out for
street children



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"I like being in the Children's Village. I like the fact that I am being taken care of."

Marina, Resident
of the Children's Village



Context

Since independence, Ukraine has experienced an enormous increase in the number of homeless children. According to official statistics, 30 000 children annually pass through the state orphanages system. However, this figure only partially reflects the reality. Despite recognition of the magnitude and urgency of the situation, the state is unable to cope because of the rigidity of the old mechanisms still in existence and because of limited administrative and financial resources.

Objective: Providing a 'family-style' support mechanism for abandoned children

- Establishment of a community office to provide social services to children
- Opening of a medical centre to provide check-ups for children
- Creation of a mobile support centre for children
- Dissemination of lessons learned to other NGOs and state services

Impact: What has been achieved?

- Rehabilitation centre for children set up
- Provision of food and sanitary services for street children
- Training course for medical staff on how to communicate with special needs children
- Publication of an educational colouring book for children

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Creating a real family life

A year ago the eight children aged 7 to 16 years now living in one of this project's family-style homes in Makiyivka in Donetsk Region were living on the fringes of society, uncared for and largely unwanted. Now, they have found not only a home which gives them a secure environment, but also hope for the future. During the day the children receive tuition to help them catch up on their studies, as well as spending time tending the little vegetable garden which supplies them with some of their food. The older ones develop a sense of responsibility by helping to look after the younger ones. One or two have even discovered some culinary skills they didn't now they had and help prepare the evening meal for the 'family'.



Children appreciate the attention