

## **Humanitarian project “Traditional handicrafts activities as social adaptation and integration of refugees, including children with special needs in psychophysical development”**



1. Project title: “Traditional handicrafts activities as social adaptation and integration of refugees, including children with special needs in psychophysical development”.

2. Project dates: 12 months.

3. Name of the organization-applicant: Grodno regional organization of the Belarusian Red Cross Society, state institution "Grodno city culture center", branch «Craft Center «Heritage».

4. Project goal: Integration of refugees, as well as children with special needs in psychophysical development, into the local community for further socialization and self-realization in entrepreneurial activity.

5. Project objectives:

1) practical psychological assistance to refugees, as well as children with special needs in psychophysical development, for further successful self-realization in the local community;

2) equipping premises and organizing space for conducting workshops on teaching traditional crafts by Craft Center «Heritage» of the state institution "Grodno city culture center" and for conducting practical psychological exercises for refugee children, including children with special needs in psychophysical development by Grodno regional organization of the Belarusian Red Cross Society;

3) sociocultural integration of refugees, as well as children with special needs in psychophysical development, including self-realization, mastering of traditional craft techniques, organization of the final exhibition of the participants’ works in order to demonstrate the results of their activities for subsequent employment and to realize themselves as entrepreneurs.

6. Target group: refugees (children and adults), children with special needs in psychophysical development.

7. Brief description of project activities:

- Within the framework of the project, it is planned to purchase the necessary equipment and materials for conducting classes and master classes in traditional

crafts (ceramics, felting wool, weaving, knitting, artistic leather processing), which will allow the adult population from the refugee category to acquire skills and learn crafts with the opportunity for further professional self-determination. For refugee children, this is an opportunity to visit the studios of the Craft Center «Heritage» for free. To conduct master classes for children with special needs in psychophysical development, it is planned to adapt the available facilities in order to make them more suitable and comfortable.

- In order to attract more participants, it is planned to carry out informing procedures on a regular basis with the aim of forming new groups from the category of refugees and children with special needs in psychophysical development.

- Based on the results of the training, quarterly thematic, possibly personal exhibitions of the works of studio participants will be held.

- It is planned to hold a joint workshop with entrepreneurs and craftsmen on the issues of integration and professional self-determination of project participants.

- Organization of a festive event on the occasion of the opening of the exhibition of works by children with disabilities, refugees, including visiting the expositions of the Craft Center «Heritage», master classes with the invitation of masters from other regions.

#### **8. Amount requested in USD: 50 000**

<b>Source of financing</b>	<b>volume of financing in USD</b>
<b>Donor funds</b>	45 000
<b>Co-financing (own contribution)</b>	5 000

#### **9. Project location (region, town): Grodno region/Grodno city.**

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