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FOR SUPPORT**

# Introduction



**Oleksandr Pavlichenko,**  
Executive Director  
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**2018 PRESENTED NEW CHALLENGES** in the sphere of human rights protection and Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union focused its activities on human rights protection.

The report on the work performed by the organization in 2018 allows to evaluate the range of problems with which Ukrainian civil society and UHHRU, as its integral part, are dealing.

UHHRU team works “in the fields”, providing direct legal, advocacy, advisory assistance to the most vulnerable and those whose human rights are violated or improperly provided for by the state. At the same time, UHHRU works together with state authorities and institutions on common problematic issues: with the Ministry of Justice on executing of the Action Plan of implementing of the National Strategy in sphere of human rights, with the Ministry of Education - on the implementation of civic education in the school system, with the Prosecutor’s Office of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea – on joint submissions to international courts, with Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights - on individual cases of human rights violations.

UHHRU team acts as a partner for many Ukrainian NGOs, together with which it raises topical issues and works to overcome acute problems, such as the ratification of the Rome Statute and the prevention of impunity for crimes committed during the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine, the demand for proper investigation and prosecution for attacks on activists, introduction of international humanitarian law provisions into Ukrainian legislation. We should specifically mention UHHRU’s focus on the issues of transitional justice in Ukraine, the development of the concept and work with the relevant legislation.

At the same time, an individual in need of professional protection was and remains UHHRU’s main focus. For me personally, the words of the advocate Olena Protsenko, who rendered legal support to a convict, who because of his health status could not serve the sentence in penitentiary establishment, became the assessment of UHHRU’s work. She relayed the client’s words: “If those two had not come to the hospital then (and it was a monitoring visit within the framework of UHHRU programs), then I would not have been alive.” A life saved is the highest appraisal of a job.

I express my sincere gratitude to each member of the team for the hard and painstaking work that saves lives through the provision of legal protection, changes legislation, records documentary facts of human rights violations, raises the level of judges and lawyers through educational programs, introduces the standards of the European Convention on Human Rights into the practice of national legal proceedings - the work due to which UHHRU is called human rights organization.



**Oleh Martynenko,**  
Head of Analytics of UHHRU

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/transitional-justice-will-force-ukraine-to-resort-to-unpopular-decisions>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/international-experts-shared-advice-on-how-ukraine-could-reintegrate-donbas/>



## TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

In 2018 UHHRU has strengthened expertise in introducing transitional justice. UHHRU legislative drafting activity, information support to transitional justice made documenting and prosecuting war crimes, restoring historical truth, protecting victims of the conflict topical in the public discourse.

Good perspectives for transitional justice to become an integral part of Ukraine's domestic policy generated interest of the government sector. The results of joint work of UHHRU and the authorities in this direction were:

- running on 25.09.18 the round table «**Transitional Justice as a Way to Overcome Consequences of Conflict and Armed aggression**» under the auspices of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights, National Minorities and International Relations with more than 80 experts from parliamentary committees, Constitutional and Supreme Courts, ministries, non-governmental and international organizations being participants;
- organization on 23.10.18 of round table «**Ukraine – Strategic Importance of the Location. Conflict Challenges, Approaches to Donbas Reintegration, International Experience**» together with the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights with the support of the British Embassy in Ukraine;
- finalization of the draft law «**On the Principles of State Policy for Human Rights Protection in the Context of Overcoming the Consequences of Armed Conflict**» within the framework of the Coordination Council on elaboration of legislative proposals for introducing transitional justice at the office of Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights;
- analytical support of legislative drafting initiatives in the field of search for missing persons as a result of the armed conflict, protection IDPs' rights of, compensation for damage to victims of the conflict, recording and registration of place of residence of citizens of Ukraine in the temporarily occupied territories of Donetsk, Lugansk oblasts and Crimea.

**A separate area was significant expansion of cooperation between the UHHRU and the security sector in introducing transitional justice mechanisms in Ukrainian context:**

- expert review and discussion of tentative model of peacekeeping mission in Donbas, initiatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine regarding restoring the integrity of Ukraine and de-occupation of Donbas;



► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-expert-acquaints-police-officers-of-donetsk-oblast-with-the-principles-of-transitional-justice/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-expert-took-part-in-the-training-for-luhansk-oblast-policemen/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/human-rights-workshop-what-reforms-does-the-national-police-require-to-be-more-effective-during-the-armed-conflict/>



- participation in the trainings for the Heads of Donetsk and Lugansk Police in the work in the de-occupied territories, organized by the Kharkiv Institute for Social Research (KhISR);
- interview «What reforms are needed for National Police to be effective in the time of armed conflict?» with the Master's Degree students of International Relations Institute of Kyiv National University named after Taras Shevchenko in the framework of the «Human Rights Workshop»;

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-took-part-in-an-international-conference-on-the-protection-of-civilians-in-the-armed-conflict>

- 2-week marathon of presentations of non-governmental sector activities of in the field of overcoming the consequences of armed conflict for students of the Military Institute of KNU named after T. Shevchenko (05.07.2018);
- participation in the III International Conference on Civil-Military Cooperation «Protection of Civilians During Armed Conflict» (10-11. 04. 2018).

**Models of transitional justice, relevant for Ukrainian realities, were in the focus of specialized informational advocacy activity of UHHRU during:**

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/UKR-DRA-brochure-Autumn-Talks-WEB.pdf>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/autumn-meetings-uhhru-speaks-about-transitional-justice-in-berlin/>

- conference «Berlin Autumn Meetings 2018. Justice and Law in Post-Conflict Societies – European Experience and Prospects»;
- First International Eastern Ukrainian Forum of DRA and International Platform CivilM+ for overcoming conflict in Donbas;

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-held-a-side-event-at-the-osce-hdim-2018-in-warsaw/>

- side event within the framework of the OSCE HDIM summit (Warsaw) «**Search for Truth and Persecution: War Crimes and Human Rights Violations in Eastern Ukraine**»;
- thematic meetings with representatives of Hudson Institute (USA), UPEACE Centre The Hague (Netherlands), Institute for European Policy (Berlin), German Foreign Ministry, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (Switzerland), project «Platform for Analytics and Intercultural Communication» (Germany), NGO «Peaceful Change» (UK);



► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-steps-up-relations-with-higher-education-institutions-nearly-fifty-future-lawyers-learned-about-the-concept-of-transitional-justice/>

- thematic section «What can be done for peace in time of war?» (Human Rights Non-Conference, Kyiv);
- lectures in the framework of practice and internship for students and masters of the Institute of International Relations of KNU named after T. G. Shevchenko, Kyiv Cooperative Institute of Business and Law;
- holding on UKRLIFE.TV channel TV marathon «Protection of Human Rights in the Context of Overcoming the Consequences of Armed Conflict», dedicated to the discussion of the relevant draft law.

► <http://www.ukrlife.tv/programs/infomarafon/marafon-zahist-prav-liudini-v-umovah-podolannia-naslidkiv-zbroinogo-konfliktu-240518>







**Olexiy Bida,**  
Coordinator  
of the Documentation Center  
of UHHRU

## DOCUMENTATION CENTER

During 2018, 6 monitoring visits were carried out to interview witnesses and victims in the conflict.

After the last wide scale release of hostages on 27.12.2017, persons whose rights were violated were undergoing medical rehabilitation in Kyiv. Taking advantage of the opportunity, the staff of UHHRU Documentation Center conducted about 20 interviews with the victims.

With the consent of the clients, all factual information was verified and entered in a standardized format into the Documentation Center database, which at the end of the year contained 4,582 pieces of information (facts / people / evidence) related to the human rights violations and war crimes. The Documentation Center has finally moved to new OpenEvSys database, which was methodologically developed specifically for the purpose of documenting human rights violations.



- ▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/war-takes-no-holidays-documentation-of-war-crimes-and-consequences-of-the-armed-conflict-in-the-east-was-discussed-in-kyiv/>
- ▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/artides/uhhru-held-a-side-event-at-the-osce-hdim-2018-in-warsaw/>
- ▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-took-part-in-discussion-of-issues-related-to-post-conflict-reconciliation-and-reintegration-of-donbas/>

Collected data is sent to UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center, where it is used as the evidence base during the court proceedings at the national and international levels. At the same time, these data are an important element of advocacy campaigns, thematic and shadow reports, the subject of discussions with authorities and partner NGOs..

Experts of UHHRU DC took part in numerous international and national conferences, round tables and educational events in Ukraine and the EU.



- ▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-took-part-in-september-2018-mistechko-usaid-events-photo/>



The center carries out field and pilot studies, offering its own analytical materials or the ones prepared in cooperation with other organizations.





► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/analytical-report-a-lost-vote-is-this-a-lifetime-silence-is-out-now/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-and-truth-hounds-present-evidence-of-crimes-committed-by-separatists-and-russia-s-armed-forces-against-ukrainian-prisoners/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/summary-of-the-uhhru-report-story-of-a-city-occupation-and-liberation-of-severodonetsk/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/uhhru-s-documentation-center-report-story-of-the-city-popasna-under-fire/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/story-of-a-city-liberation-and-defense-of-mariupol-summary-in-english/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/full-report-of-the-documentation-center-of-uhhru-story-of-a-city-marinka-in-the-line-of-fire/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/publications/full-report-of-the-documentation-center-of-uhhru-story-of-a-city-stanytsia-luhanska/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/presentation-of-the-series-of-reports-of-uhhru-documentation-center-story-of-a-city-in-donetsk-region/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/the-memory-map-uhhru-documentation-center-updated-the-numbers-of-people-killed-in-the-conflict-on-the-east-of-ukraine/>

During the year, a series of mini-reports «Story of a City» was published, which reconstructed the course of the armed conflict on the examples of individual settlements of Donbas. These publications, in addition to restoring historical truth, also aim to attract public attention and encourage people affected by the conflict to submit their own testimony to UHHRU.

During 2018, the Documentation Center released the following analytical reports:

- «The Lost Vote: Is this a lifetime silence?» on voting rights;
- «Torture Chambers Talking. War Crimes Against Prisoners and the Facts of the Presence of Russian Troops in Donbas», together with NGO Truth Hounds;



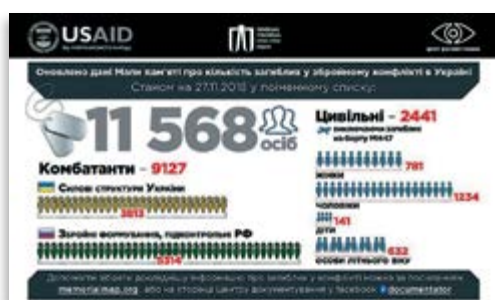
In the series of «Story of a City»: «Popasna under fire»; «Mariinka: in the line of fire»; «Stanitsa Luhanska»; «Liberation and Defense of Mariupol»; «Mopping up Operation in Line with the List in Peremoshne».

The Documentation Center maintains and updates UHHRU interactive resource - Memorial Map. It visualizes a database of 11,568 identified persons who died during the armed conflict.



To disseminate information about the «Memorial Map» UHHRU DC took part in the finals of the Cannes Lions project «Battle of the Agencies. Inside-Out». The project celebrates the most topical social initiatives of the public sector in Ukraine. Its organizers are the official representative office of the international advertising festival Cannes Lions in Ukraine, portal reklamaster.com and the Piranha PR club.

UHHRU DC takes part in the work of the international CIVILM + platform (<https://civilmplus.org>).



► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/memorial-map-is-running-to-become-most-significant-civil-society-initiative-in-ukraine/>



**Ksenia Semyorkina,**  
Coordinator of the monitoring  
the implementation of the  
National Human Rights Strategy

► <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1523438886>

► <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1529008786>

► <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1524118142>

► <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1544363613>

## MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY

During 2018, UHHRU experts participated in the development and advocacy of amendments to the Action Plan for the implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy. UHHRU proposed to supplement the Action Plan with the following measures:

1. Documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity in the territory of the armed conflict, as well as documenting the facts of human rights violations, the facts of aggression of the Russian Federation, which confirm the presence of effective control of the Russian Federation in so called «LNR / DNR»;
2. Development and approval of the regulations on the Register of War Prisoners, Interned or Detained by the State Authorities of Both Warring Parties; introduction of the Register.

On June 14, 2018 UHHRU took part in the panel discussion «**Ukraine's Commitments in the Field of Human Rights: from Recommendations to Action.**» During the event, the two-year activity of the Public Platform for monitoring the implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy was presented. Experts stressed the need for «political will» to continue proper implementation of the National Strategy, in particular through the development of a «road map» for parliamentarians, focusing on the protection of human rights as a result of armed conflict.

**With the support of the Parliament Committee for Human Rights, National Minorities and International Relations, a number of activities were carried out to monitor the implementation of the National Strategy.**

On April 18, 2018 the Parliament Committee for Human Rights held the hearing «The Status of implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy regarding the protection of the rights of internally displaced persons and those living in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, the release of hostages and restoration of their rights», where the expert community of Ukraine was presented a fundamentally new approach to solving the problems of armed conflict, outlined as the basis for transitional justice or the draft law «**On Main Principles of the State Policy for Human Rights Protection in the Conditions of Overcoming the Consequences of Armed Conflict.**»

On December 7, 2018 Ukrainian Parliament celebrated 70th Anniversary of adopting Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

On December 10, 2018, representatives of the public and public authorities took part in the event «**Implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy in 2018: Results and Next Steps.**»



► <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1544367755>

For proper implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy and promotion of the Action Plan implementation, it is necessary to adopt a number of draft laws, which are now registered in Ukrainian Parliament. In this regard, public organizations have formed a road map of draft laws.

UHHRU remains one of the leaders of the monitoring of Ukraine's implementation of international treaties in the field of human rights. In 2018, the Union prepared an Alternative **report** on Ukraine's implementation of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which analyzed the progress made in implementing the Final Recommendations of the UN Human Rights Committee. Among the areas covered by the report are: ensuring the right to life and counteraction torture; preventing and counteraction discrimination and protecting the rights of minorities; peaceful assembly and freedom of speech. At the same time, coordination support was provided to the UNDP's CSOs' Hub Network and Legal Development Network.

With UNDP support, UHHRU specialists coordinated the preparation of a coalition communication to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights with aim of preparing questions for the Government of Ukraine in the framework of its reporting in line with abridged procedure.

In 2018, UHHRU continued publication, as part of the research project, of «The Rights of Individuals with Mental Health Problems». In March, third study **«Child Rights and Mental Health. Observance of Children's Rights in Inpatient Health and Social Protection Institutions»** was presented. The review stated the challenges to ensuring the rights of children in orphanages and children's departments of psychiatric hospitals.

Analytical **review** «Rehabilitation of Victims of Conflict. Does the State Offer Anything Else than Disability and Crutches?» was published at the end of 2018. It is dedicated to ensuring the rights of civilians who have lost their health as a result of armed conflict. An analysis of legislation and a survey of persons with health problems demonstrated that the government did not pay enough attention to the provision of effective rehabilitation and health care services. UHHRU experts noted that the actions of the state do not cover all categories of the affected population, and the procedure for obtaining the status of a person with a disability due to war by civilians who have been injured or have suffered health damage is complex. The following year, UHHRU planned a campaign to advocate the report's recommendations to the authorities at the national level, as well as to promote the raised issues in the regions.





**Andriy Halai,**  
Coordinator of the Local Human Rights Index program of UHHRU



## LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS INDEX

The unique initiative of UHHRU, aimed at supporting and follow up of the decentralization reform, has passed a three-year period of inception of the idea, development, piloting and implementation. In 2018, the Local Human Rights Index (LHRI) tool demonstrated impartial, accurate, practice-oriented results in local communities.

### During 2018 the LHRI team:

▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/local-human-rights-index-tool-for-monitoring-institutional-reforms-under-conditions-of-armed-conflict-and-post-conflict-regulation/>

● **conducted more than 30 monitoring** visits in all regions of Ukraine



▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/legal-development-network-joins-local-human-rights-index-monitoring/>

▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/local-human-rights-index-in-the-largest-ukrainian-frontline-city/>

● **refined** the procedure of monitoring of the index in cooperation with public communities with a large regional representation: Legal Development Network and movement of legal clinics of higher educational institutions



▶ <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?id=1539847157>

● **developed** practical training modules and trained about **100 community activists** and **60 local officials**



▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/local-human-rights-index-to-be-field-tested-in-cities-affected-by-the-armed-conflict/>

● **demonstrated** the usefulness of Index monitoring for overcoming the consequences of military conflict and building effective authorities in cities affected by military conflict



● **improved tools:** the study of local judicial practice was added to the methods of analysis



▶ <http://hro.org.ua/files/docs/1545034931.pdf>

● **formulated** an approach to analytics based on the results of monitoring, applying the approach of business management: *monitoring > practices > trends > implementation*



▶ <http://hro.org.ua/index.php?r=3&p=1>

● **introduced** a model of explaining monitoring and its results through blogs, which today accounts for about 30 own and guest posts



▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/local-human-rights-index-strengthens-legal-capacity-of-the-communities/>

● **developed** methods of control of monitoring recommendations implementation







Since each LHRI monitoring report is easily transformed into a list of clear recommendations for local authorities and the public, the Index team works on enhancing capacity of expert support to communities through the development of local policies and programs based on sound approaches and best cases.

As a result, today we can confidently assert that the Local Human Rights Index is a unique, objective and effective tool for assessing the implementation of human rights by local governments, taking into account real needs through the mechanism of public monitoring, expert support and training for local authorities and the public.





**Olena Semyorkina,**  
Expert of the Lawmaking  
Activities of UHHRU

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-experts-contributed-into-eu-ukraine-parliamentary-association-committee-statement-and-recommendations/>

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► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/implementation-of-the-international-covenant-on-civil-and-political-rights-there-is-progress-at-the-level-of-legislation-but-it-lacks-practical-application-reads-uhhru-report/>

## LEGISLATION ANALYSIS AND LAWMAKING

1. The document «**Analysis and Evaluation of Ukrainian Government Report on the Implementation Ukraine-EU Association Agreement in 2017**» has been prepared. The shadow report, among other documents, became the basis for the adoption of the Final Statement and Recommendations under article 467 (3) of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. A certain part of the «shadow» report, which was prepared by UHHRU experts, was prepared using the elaborations of the USAID «Human Rights in Action» program.



2. Amendments to the legislation related to solving the problem of pre-trial investigation/judicial investigation/execution of sentences in respect of suspects / accused, the criminal proceedings for which are absent (located in the occupied territories) - the work continues.
3. UHHRU participated in the preparation of the draft recommendations of the parliamentary hearings on «**Preventing and combating discrimination against women from vulnerable social groups**», held on October 10, 2018.
4. «**Analysis of the impact of legislative initiatives on supporting and protection of internally displaced persons and other persons affected by armed conflict**» has been prepared. The document was prepared within the framework of the project «Advocacy of Legislative Initiatives Aimed at Protection of Internally Displaced Persons» of the UN Refugee Agency and CSO Ukrainian Institute for Human Rights.
5. Sent to the Constitutional Court of Ukraine on 03.12.2018:  
The legal reasoning of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union regarding the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Laws of Ukraine «On Corruption Prevention» and «On Amendments to Some Laws of Ukraine Regarding Peculiarities of Financial Control of Certain Categories of Officials» (*amicus curiae*) in response to the request of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine dated November 6, 2018 No. 353-17/3845 concerning compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine (constitutionality) of provisions of paragraph 5, part one of article 3, of



► <https://helsinki.org.ua/articles/zayava-pravozahysnoho-poryadku-dennoho-iz-vymohoyu-do-verhovnoji-rady-ukrajiny-prypynyty-nastup-na-hromadyanski-prava-i-svobody-v-ukrajini/>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-joins-visit-to-checkpoints-bordering-occupied-crimea-photos/>

► [http://kompravlud.rada.gov.ua/documents/zahod\\_kom/sl\\_k\\_p/73980.html](http://kompravlud.rada.gov.ua/documents/zahod_kom/sl_k_p/73980.html)

paragraph 3, part three of article 45 of the Law of Ukraine «On Corruption Prevention» dated October 14, 2014 No. 1700-VII (hereinafter – the Law No. 1700-VII dated October 14, 2014), paragraph 2 of section II «Final provisions» of law of Ukraine «On Amendments to Some Laws of Ukraine Regarding Peculiarities of Financial Control of Certain Categories of Officials» dated March 23, 2017 No. 1975-VIII (hereinafter - Law No. 1975-VIII, dated 23 March 2017).

6. Within the framework of Human Rights Agenda Platform (HRAP), the issue of cancellation of e-declaration of public anti-corruption activists was followed up:
  - 6.1 The draft appeal of the Platform and the draft law «**On Guarantees of Civil Society Institutions Protection from Unlawful Interference of the State and Amendments to Some Laws**» have been prepared (currently being elaborated by the HRAP partners).
  - 6.2 The draft Law of Ukraine «**On Guarantees of Civil Society Institutions Protection from Unlawful Interference of the State and Amendments to Some Laws**» was developed, which was planned to be submitted to Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to repeal the provisions on e-declaration of anti-corruption activists. According to the decision of HRAP participants, the project was not submitted to Parliament.
7. Recommendations developed on the results of the monitoring visit to Kherson, EECP (entry/exit check points) Kalanchak and Chaplinka on February 20-22, 2018, organized by the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons, were sent to the state authorities. The letter with recommendations sent to state bodies: Administration of the President of Ukraine, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDPs, the Ministry of Social Policy, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Administration of State Border Service, State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, State Migration Service of Ukraine, Kherson Regional State Administration.
8. Prepared draft Recommendations of the committee hearings of Parliament Committee for Human Rights, National Minorities and International Relations (held on November 21, 2018) on «**Improving state policy in the sphere of sanctions against persons involved in politically motivated illegal persecution of citizens of Ukraine**», initiated by the NGO «Media Initiative for Human Rights» and the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union. The recommendations were approved at a meeting of the Committee on December 6, 2018.
9. Amendments to the draft Law of Ukraine «On the Legal Status of Missing Persons», reg. No. 5435 (submitted by Ukrainian MP Zalishchuk).

▶ <http://www.ombudsman.gov.ua/ua/page/secretariat/docs/organizacijno-rozporjadchidokument/>

▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvnJKfjN-NE>

▶ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC70H\\_UR\\_To](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC70H_UR_To)

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▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/human-rights-activists-flaws-in-ukrainian-legislation-make-it-discriminatory-toward-residents-of-temporarily-occupied-territories-of-crimea-and-idps/>



**10.** Continued work on the draft law of Ukraine «On Principles of State Policy of Human Rights Protection in the Conditions of Overcoming the Consequences of Armed Conflict» in the framework of the Coordination Council on preparing legislative proposals regarding introduction of transitional justice, created by Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. By the order of the Commissioner dated 18.09.2018 No. 51/02-18 the Coordination Council was established and by the order dated 18.09.2018 No. 52/02-18 the personal composition of the Coordination Council was approved, which included representatives of UHHRU. UHHRU coordinated the work, finalized the text of the draft law taking into account the comments and suggestions of the members of the Coordination Council.

Advocacy of the draft principles:

24.05.2018 - TV marathon on Ukrlife TV;

25.09.2018 - round table prepared jointly with the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and International Relations.

**11.** Prepared in cooperation with UHHRU experts analytical report «**Obstacles to Exercising the Rights and Freedoms of Individuals in the Occupied Territory of the Crimean Peninsula and Temporarily Uncontrolled Territories of Donetsk and Lugansk Regions**» (registration of facts of birth and death), finalized and submitted draft law «On Amendments to Some Laws of Ukraine Regarding Introduction of Administrative Procedure of State Registration of Civil Status Acts, if Such Acts Occurred in the Temporarily Occupied Territory of Ukraine». The draft law was taken as a basis by MTOT.

**12.** UHHRU participated in the meetings of the working group of the Ministry of TOT on resolving the issues of administrative procedures of registry offices; on the basis of the draft law UHHRU provided assistance in finalizing the comparative table of the changes in laws and prepared a package of documents for approval by the central executive authorities.

**13.** Developed jointly by UHHRU experts and the Media Initiative for Human Rights the draft law «**On the Legal Status of Certain Categories of Protected Persons who are Deprived of Liberty in Connection with International Armed Conflict**», based on the concept of a State Strategy for Return of Citizens of Ukraine, which are Under the Control of the Russian Federation and/or its Agents as a Result of Armed Conflict (developed and presented in 2017 by UHHRU in cooperation with Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (KHPG), Media Initiative, Global Rights Compliance).

**14.** A draft Regulation on the Register of facts of violations of human and civil rights and freedoms (international humanitarian law and international human rights law) in connection with temporary occupation of the part of Ukraine has been developed jointly



by experts of UHHRU and MTOT (on MTOT request). Development of the draft was initiated by MTOT for implementation of part four of article 6 of the Law of Ukraine «**On Special Features of State Policy on Ensuring State Sovereignty of Ukraine in the Temporarily Occupied Territories in Donetsk and Lugansk Oblasts.**» The Registry is based on the experience of UHHRU Documentation Center. The project is handed over to MTOT. Currently the draft is being agreed with the central executive authorities.



**Analytical, research, law-making activities of UHHRU under the project «Development of Legal Network to Protect the Rights of People Living with HIV / AIDS, Representatives of Key PL HIV Communities and Persons with Tuberculosis»**

At the meeting on 16.04.2018 with partner organizations and PL HIV network, 6 priorities were identified for the analytical work on the project, namely: (1) decriminalization of drug use; (2) decriminalization of commercial sex; (3) adoption of children by HIV-infected parents; (4) reduction of HIV infection incidence in places of deprivation of liberty; (5) ensuring the right to reproductive health of HIV-infected women; (6) reduction of tuberculosis incidence.

As a result, during the reporting period, analytical activities were implemented related to:

- 1.** decriminalizing the use of drugs: prepared CONCLUSION of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union on the draft order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine «On Amendments to Order of Ministry of Health of Ukraine dated 01 August 2000 No. 188 (*regarding modifications related to small, large and especially large sizes of narcotic drugs*). The conclusion was prepared on request of PL HIV Network partners to strengthen the position of the Ministry of Health during the state registration of the order in the Ministry of Justice.

In the framework of UHHRU project, information support was provided to the order, along with written legal position in support of the order, which is used in the explanatory note of the Ministry of Health, assistance offered in preparation of an inter-ministerial meeting.

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2. decriminalization of commercial sex: analysis of legislative initiatives in Parliament, analysis of law enforcement and judicial practice, review of information materials of non-governmental organizations. An agreement has been reached with the key stakeholder in this area - the NGO All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization «Legalife-Ukraine» - on the inclusion of UHHRU in the advocacy process of the draft law, which was developed by their organization.

UHHRU analysts analyzed the official statistics (2015-2017) on the imposition of penalties for administrative offenses (Art. 181-1 Code on Administrative Offences of Ukraine), the number of decisions and motivational part of the decisions under article 303 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (trading in prostitution); carried out a review of international legislation; conducted a legal review of the draft law of the partner organization regarding resolving the issue of decriminalization of commercial sex.

3. ensuring the right to reproductive health of women living with HIV: at the application of non-governmental organizations CO «Positive women» and ICO «Eurasian Women's network on AIDS» the assistance was provided in promotion of amendments to the orders of Ministry of Health regarding removal of obstacles in realization of reproductive function and access to assisted reproductive technology (ART) for HIV-positive women; assistance in the promotion of the draft order of the MoH, including with the involvement of the people's Deputy of Ukraine I. Suslova; the issue is included in the agenda of the parliamentary hearings on the topic: «Prevention and Combating Discrimination Against Women from Vulnerable Social Groups» (October 2018). At the time of publication of this report, one of the orders of the Ministry of Health was signed, registered and entered into force (by Order of the Ministry of Health dated 22.04.2019 No. 933, registered in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on May 15, 2019 at No. 506/33477, amendments were made to Annex 1 of the Procedure for sending women for the first course of infertility treatment by methods of assisted reproductive technologies by invariable indications at the expense of budget funds.

Development and inclusion of issues related to the problems faced by HIV + clients in the list of questions to the Government of Ukraine, which will be presenting the Seventh Periodic Report of Ukraine on Implementation of the Provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural rights (to be held in 2020).



# Litigations



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**THE MAIN FOCUS** of the UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center in 2018 remained the support for over 300 strategic cases at the national, European and international levels. More than 200 cases concerned the conflict in the east of Ukraine. UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center continued its analytical and monitoring activities, worked on legislative initiatives, and cooperated with the Constitutional Court of Ukraine.

## CRIMEA



Human rights organizations presented a **Road map** of human rights observation in connection with the occupation of Crimea. During **the presentation**, human rights activists voiced 10 main steps for the Ukrainian government:

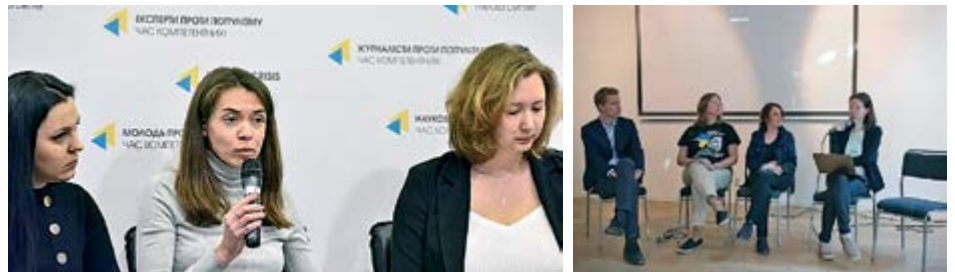


-  **support** for victims of political persecution
-  **participation** in elections
-  personal data protection
-  **education** in Ukrainian higher educational establishments
-  **access to** administrative services
-  **access to** the Crimea
-  **equal access** to banking services
-  **evacuation** of property from the occupied territory
-  **improvement** of passportization procedures
-  **regulation** of the status of persons, who have served their sentences in places of imprisonment in Crimea and Russia





**On February 21, 2018, a press tour «On the Way to Crimea»** for journalists and representatives of public organizations took place, during which they **examined the condition of two EECPs** - «Chaplinka» and «Kalanchak». During a press briefing at the Ukraine Crisis Media Center, activists presented the conclusions of the press tour: checkpoints (EECP) with Crimea **require proper arrangement**, providing comfortable conditions for citizens going through control and placing administrative services centers (TsNAP) in close proximity to the EECP. However, as of November 2019, necessary changes, which were discussed by activists, have not been implemented, as was indicated on November 15 at a press briefing **«Arrangement of checkpoints with Crimea-will the state fulfill its obligations?»**.



**On August 3, 2018, the presentation** of the report of human rights organizations **«Lawyers in Occupation»** took place. This is the first study in Ukraine on the situation with the observance of the rights of lawyers in the conditions of armed conflict for the period 2014-2018.

**In August 2018, a new application was filed** by Ukraine against Russia in the ECHR on violations of the rights, persecution and illegal detention of Ukrainian citizens in Crimea and in the Russian Federation. UHHRU lawyers took part in collection and recording of facts of human rights violations, which, among other things, were the basis of this appeal. **UHHRU lawyer, Daria Svyrydova**, noted that «the presence of such an interstate complaint will strengthen the position of many individual complaints of citizens against Russia and will demonstrate the scale and systematic nature of persecution by the Russian Federation of citizens of Ukraine in the occupied territories for political reasons.»

**At the end of August 2018**, in the city of Armyansk, because of the training of the Russian military forces in the North of Crimea, the environmental protection mechanisms at the Crimean Titan plant were destroyed and harmful chemicals were emitted, which led to the deterioration of the health of population of the occupied Peninsula and caused inevitable damage to the environment. On September 13, 2018, the Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons (MTOT) held **a press briefing**, during which some details of the environmental disaster in Armyansk became known, and lawyers provided practical recommendations for the victims.



**From 14 to 18 September 2018**, an international human rights mission organized by the human rights Center ZMINA with the support of the Human Rights Houses Network paid a [monitoring visit](#) to Crimea. UHHRU, as one of the member-organizations of the Educational Human Rights House in Chernihiv, also supported this mission, which was attended by representatives of Human Rights Houses from Azerbaijan, Belarus and Ukraine. The human rights mission focused on the problems of freedom of speech, peaceful assembly and association in Crimea, as well as the conditions of carrying out activities and participation in public life of local human rights defenders and lawyers. It was a unique opportunity to gather verified information to assess the human rights situation on the Peninsula.

**In October 2018**, human rights organizations UHHRU, Regional Human Rights Center and Crimean Human Rights Group in cooperation with the Prosecutor's office of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea documented the facts and [filed appeals](#) to the International Criminal Court regarding the forced involvement of Ukrainian citizens in the occupied Crimea in the armed forces of the Russian Federation.



**On October 9, 2018**, UHHRU and the Regional Human Rights Center [presented](#) a joint study from the series «Crimea Without Rules», [«Religious Occupation: Oppression of Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchate in Crimea»](#) on the violation of the rights of the UOC-KP and its parishioners in the occupied territory of Crimea.

**On October 19, 2018**, [the presentation](#) of the report of human rights organizations [“Crimean Process: Problems of Observance of Fair Justice Standards in Politically Motivated Cases”](#) was held. This report presents the results of the work of the expert group on the analysis of nine court proceedings in Crimea in politically motivated cases, which took place in the period from 2016 to 2018. The document contains an analysis of compliance with certain standards of fair justice, examples from observations of the proceedings, as well as conclusions and recommendations to the authorities of the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the international community.

**In December 2018**, UHHRU lawyers took part in the discussion [«Ratification of the Rome Statute as a Necessary Step to Combat Impunity for Serious Crimes in Ukraine»](#) in Hague, which was organized with the support of Renaissance Foundation and with the participation of Ukrainian human rights organizations. During the event, a presentation was made to the office of the ICC Prosecutor

regarding use of civilians' presence for protection from military action of certain points, areas or armed forces (the use of "human shields") during the occupation of Crimea in early 2014.

During the year, systematic work continued to represent the interests of persons affected by political persecution in Crimea both at the national level and in international courts. About 10 new complaints were filed with the European Court of Human Rights. In particular, lawyers are actively involved in the protection of the rights of persons who are persecuted in the so-called **«Hizb ut-Tahrir cases»**, in which the occupation authorities, in order to suppress Pro-Ukrainian views among Crimean Tatars, prosecute Muslims for participating in the banned Hizb ut-Tahrir organization in violation of international law and human rights law.

UHHRU lawyers also worked on a statement to the ECHR in the interests of **Renat Paralamov**, who was forced by the occupation authorities to confess to a crime (possession of ammunition) and demanded to work for them (providing false testimony against other persons).

UHHRU together with partners repeatedly publicized open appeals on illegal convictions, in particular, concerning illegal sentence to the Ukrainian activist **Igor Movenok** and **Evgen Panov**; regarding **inadmissibility of prosecution of lawyers and human rights defenders in the Crimea occupied by the Russian Federation**; concerning **capture by Russia of the Ukrainian military personnel** and about many other inadmissible actions of the occupying authorities of Crimea.

Also, the lawyers of the Union drew attention to the problems of politically motivated persecution at the national level (in particular, **participation in the presentation of the report** of the human rights mission of the Human Rights Houses in Crimea **«Crimea: Breaking the Wall of Silence»**) and at the international level (among other things, a presentation at the **«Ukrainian Days»** in Stockholm). The facts and recommendations set out in the alternative report of UHHRU and partners on torture and ill-treatment in the occupied Crimea are **taken into account** in the Final conclusions of the UN Committee Against Torture regarding the periodic report of the Russian Federation.





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## EASTERN UKRAINE

As part of the project to assist civilians affected by the anti-terrorist operation in the East of Ukraine in 2018, legal assistance to victims was provided in the following areas:



**compensation** for destroyed property in the courts of national instances. Six cases are now before the Supreme Court of Ukraine



**mobilization of property** by the Ukrainian service men (5 cases of victims in courts of national instances)



**compensation of the moral** and material damage caused as a result of destruction of property, injury and death of civilian victim as a result of explosion of warehouses of ammunition in Svatovo in the courts of national instances



**obtaining the status of a person with disability** due to war by wounded civilians (10 cases)



**injuries and death.** There are more than 30 cases of wounded and relatives of those killed as a result of artillery attacks in national law enforcement agencies, courts and the European court of Human Rights, among which there are cases of injury and murder of civilians during the shelling of a passenger bus on January 13, 2015 at a checkpoint in the city of Volnovakha, attack on January 24, 2015 of the residential district «Skhidnyi» in Mariupol, shelling of city Kramatorsk on February 10, 2015



**torture of civilians** by representatives of illegal armed groups «DNR», «LNR» in national law enforcement agencies, courts and the European Court of Human Rights

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On the basis of existing practice the lawyer dealing with the cases on destroyed property has developed for civilians the **instruction** regarding the mechanism of receiving the status of a person disabled in the result war. Positive decisions of the UHHRU lawyer and the issue of receiving compensation for destroyed properties have been repeatedly discussed in the media.

In addition, high-profile cases, which were supported by UHHRU is the case on the explosion of an ammunition depot in the Svatove:

### WORK WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF UKRAINE

In 2018, UHHRU lawyers filed five legal positions (amicus curiae) with the Constitutional Court of Ukraine in cases relating to the protection of human rights, namely:

#### **The case regarding police's authority to take and store DNA samples**

On March 15, 2018, UHHRU filed a legal position regarding the constitutionality of part two of article 26 of the Law of Ukraine «On National Police».

On December 6, 2018, the case was closed by **the decision** of the Grand Chamber of the CCU on the basis of the withdrawal of the constitutional submission by the Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights.

#### **The case concerning the right of appeal of incapacitated persons to public authorities**

On July 27, 2018, UHHRU sent a **legal position** on the constitutionality of certain provisions of the part two of article 8, the second sentence of the part four of article 16 of the Law of Ukraine «On Citizens' Appeals».

On October 11, 2018, the CCU, taking into account the UHHRU position, **declared** unconstitutional the provision of the Law according to which the appeals of incapacitated persons to the state and local authorities are not considered.

#### **The case concerning the constitutionality of the amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine**

October 2, 2018, the lawyers have sent the UHHRU's position on the Constitution of Ukraine (constitutionality) of item 4 of paragraph 2 «Final provisions» of Section 4 of the Law of Ukraine «On Amendments to Economic Procedural Code of Ukraine, Civil Procedural Code of Ukraine, Code of Administrative Procedure of Ukraine and Other Legislative Acts».



### **The case concerning the right to cassation appeal of cases of an administrative offense**

On October 2, 2018 UHHRU position regarding compliance with Constitution of Ukraine (constitutionality) of provisions of part ten of article 294 of the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses was submitted.

### **The case on the obligation of anti-corruption activists to declare their property**

On December 3, 2018 UHHRU lawyers sent [a legal position](#) regarding compliance with the Constitution of Ukraine of certain provisions of the Law of Ukraine «On Prevention of Corruption» and «On Amendments to Some Laws of Ukraine Regarding Peculiarities of Financial Control of Certain Categories of Officials».

Also on April 24, 2018, the Constitutional Court of Ukraine [adopted a decision](#) in the constitutional proceedings on establishment of special investigative units in the State Executive Service of Ukraine, taking into account UHHRU position. By the decision of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine (CCU), part six of article 216 of the Criminal Procedure Code of Ukraine was declared unconstitutional.

### **CASES INVOLVING PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISORDERS**

On January 4, 2018, UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center appealed to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) in the interests of a person deprived of civil capacity, who stays in a psycho-neurological institution. Despite this diagnosis, the client behaves adequately and fully understands his actions. Back in July 2017, the client did not arrive at the court hearing on the restoration of his civil capacity, and the UHHRU lawyer went to the institution to make sure that he was all right. Having arrived to the institution, the lawyer saw the client in the isolation ward, which has the appearance of a metal cage, in which in addition to the client there were about 20 people. At the same time, the client was cooperative and did not show aggression. UHHRU lawyer took a picture of the customer in this state, and used this photo as evidence in ECHR. With references to international standards for the rights of persons with mental disorders, UHHRU lawyers argued that the client's health condition did not need isolation. Moreover, the isolation ward in which the client was placed did not meet the objectives of isolation – to prevent harm to yourself or others.

On December 26, 2018, a complaint was sent to the ECHR by a resident of a psycho-neurological institution whose freedom of movement had been groundlessly restricted for almost a year and a half. Without appropriate medical evidence, he was forbidden to leave the institution solely on the basis of the application of the guardian, in order for the applicant to be unable to attend court hearings in the

case of restoration of civil capacity. This restriction affected his right to practice his religion freely and his right to privacy, because all this time the client could not visit the church and meet with friends.

September 2018 was full of victories for UHHRU in the area of the rights of persons with mental disorders. In Supreme Court we managed to defend the position that when a complaint is filed by a person deprived of civil capacity, only that person will then have the right to withdraw the complaint. In practice, Kyiv Court of Appeal conferred the guardian of the incapacitated person the status of this incapacitated person: the complaint in the appeal was filed by V., the incapacitated client of UHHRU, and his guardian defiantly refused this complaint. That is, the guardian actually replaced the ward, who was not released from the institution to the court. The Supreme Court supported the argument of UHHRU lawyers that the person who did not file the complaint, has no right to refuse it. So the case was returned for a new hearing in the appeal in a different composition of the court. On September 20, 2018 the client for the first time personally appeared before the court because UHHRU lawyers explained to the director of the institution that he had no right to restrict the freedom of movement of wards, unless there are medical grounds. The court of appeal granted the motion of V. regarding admission of Mykhailo Tarakhkalo as a lawyer in the case. Moreover, the court made a huge step in the direction of protection of the right to a free choice of the representative, having certified powers of attorney from V. for the case to be handled by UHHRU lawyers Elena Protsenko and Vitaliya Lebed. Although, as a general rule, a power of attorney issued by an incapacitated person has no legal force, the court decided that such actions would be in the interests of the client.

Finally, Kyiv Court of Appeal accepted V's arguments that it was the guardian and the administration of the institution that forced him to abandon the proceedings earlier. The Court of Appeal returned the case to the court of first instance, which will finally consider it on merits and, hopefully, appoint a forensic psychiatric examination to restore the client's civil capacity.

### **TRANSFORMATION OF PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTIONS**

UHHRU joined the project of the Federation «**Global Initiative on Psychiatry**» dealing with transformation of the psycho-neurological institutions in Ukraine. Three institutions were selected for the project in different regions, where work has already started on raising legal awareness of residents and employees of the institutions.

Within the framework of the same project, SLC lawyers are involved in the development of amendments to the legislation of Ukraine for the proper protection of the rights of persons with mental disorders.

## THE MOST HIGH-PROFILE CASES OF UHHRU IN 2018

**Nedilenko and others vs. Ukraine.** On January 27, 2017, the ECHR held a violation of articles 8, 13 and 1 of Protocol No. 1 to the Convention in the case «Nedilenko and others vs. Ukraine», which was handled by UHHRU lawyers. The case concerned the unlawful search of the applicants' apartments and the unjustified seizure of a large amount of property that was not relevant to the criminal investigation. The ECHR held the violations of the Convention, which UHHRU lawyers were trying to prove.

**Vishnyakov vs. Ukraine case.** On 24 July 2018, the European Court of Human Rights adopted a decision. The court held a violation of the right to privacy, because in Ukraine there is no system of support of communication between a child and one of the parents, if the other parent prevents the meetings.

**The case of Roma vs. Ukraine.** On June 11, 2018, a complaint was filed with the ECHR on behalf of three Roma families injured in a sweep on Roma families organized by Boryslav Police Department in the Lviv oblast.

**LEGAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT «DEVELOPMENT OF A LEGAL NETWORK TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV / AIDS, REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY COMMUNITIES OF PL HIV AND PERSONS WITH TUBERCULOSIS»**

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**During 2018, the lawyers of the UHHRU supported 27 cases of legal follow up in strategic cases of the clients.**

3 cases are considered by the European Court of Human Rights.

On November 2, 2018, a complaint was filed with ECHR on behalf of the client Strikhar regarding the conditions of detention in the penitentiary establishments for persons with disabilities who cannot move independently and serve themselves, and do not receive assistance from the medical staff of the penitentiary establishment. They are left to other convicts who are forced to take full care of bedridden patients. In the same case there is an issue of the help to the persons released from penitentiary establishment, who can't move independently, to reach home. Now the state simply leaves such persons to the care of relatives or volunteers.

Another interesting case, where the client was sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years 6 months. In the pretrial detention center, she gave birth to a son. Further, by the order of Obolon District State Administration in Kyiv the client was deprived of the child due to the fact that in prison the latter got infected with tuberculosis and, as alleged, posed a threat to the life and health of the child. Only numerous appeals to the administration of the pre-trial detention center, on behalf of the guardianship authorities and the Prosecutor's Office led to the fact that on November 14, 2018 the applicant was reunited with her son and their stay together is no longer in danger.



## MONITORING VISITS OF UHHRU LAWYERS UNDER PL HIV PROJECT

In 2018, UHHRU experts carried out about 10 monitoring visits to the penitentiary establishments, where people living with HIV and persons with tuberculosis are detained, all over Ukraine: [to Bucha penitentiary establishment, Gola Prystan penitentiary establishment No. 7, Dariivka penitentiary establishment No. 10, Kherson penitentiary establishment No. 61, SI «Ukrainian Psychiatric Hospital with Strict Supervision of MoH of Ukraine», Northern penitentiary establishment No. 90](#). Based on the results of the visits, the experts identified problems with the provision of treatment for convicts and persons on compulsory psychiatric treatment, and formed a number of recommendations to address these shortcomings.

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## ACTIVISTS PROTECTION

During the year, UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center provided legal support to activists, human rights defenders and public figures who were victims of attacks or threats because of their public activities. Assistance consists in providing direct legal assistance to lawyers, support of cases at the national level and in the European Court of Human Rights, expert support.

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Among the cases dealt with by UHHRU lawyers there are cases on the attack on activists Vitaly Ustimenko, Oleg Mikhailik, Nikolai Bychko, protection of the rights of Azerbaijan journalist Fikrat Huseynov, illegal detentions and beatings of activists near the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on March 3, 2018, illegal detentions of representatives of the youth movement «Ecological Platform» in January 2018, the case regarding Kachyne Lake.





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## UHHRU STRATEGIC LITIGATION CENTER SPECIAL PROJECTS

### STUDY OF NATIONAL CASE LAW «PRECEDENT UA-2017»

The third study by Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union was conducted on the application by Ukrainian judges of 517 decisions of the European Court of Human Rights against Ukraine under article 6 (right to a fair trial in criminal proceedings) of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms on the basis of data from the Unified State Register of Court Decisions of Ukraine for the period from January 1, 2006 till August 3, 2017. The results of this study were summarized in the collection, which was presented in Kyiv in August 2018.

The collection was printed with the circulation of 2,000 copies and sent by mail to all courts of Ukraine, regional law enforcement agencies, bar councils, public organizations and the like. Also, the electronic version of the collection was published on the website of the organization.

### «LEGAL ABC» PODCAST AT HROMADSKIE RADIO

The first issue of the podcast was released on September 27, 2016. Since then, a new issue has been released weekly and now as of December 2018, they have recorded more than a hundred. Every time, for recording, they invite famous lawyers, human rights activists, judges of the Supreme Court of Ukraine, MPs and experts on the chosen topic. On average, each podcast has 1,000 listens online and several hundred thousand more through a network of 17 FM and VHF transmitters. The duration of the podcast is 24 minutes. The hosts of podcast - journalist Oleg Shynkarenko and UHHRU SLC lawyer Elena Sapozhnikova. The main idea and motto of the podcast: «Explain in simple language complex legal conflicts and notions.» Each time the conversation begins with a fascinating life story or legal paradox, which causes a lively discussion in the studio, and further clarification of legal terms and relevant laws that will help to understand the topic of conversation better.

### SPECIAL PROJECT “DUMAYDAN-2017: LET’S UNITE NEAR THE TENT OF UNDERSTANDING”.

The Dumaydan-2017 project started in January 2017. During the year, discussions were held on the problems of misunderstanding in Ukrainian society and the main problems were outlined together with the description of the idea, purpose, tasks, tools, etc. in the draft resolution. The creation of a «tent of understanding» from patches of multicolored cloth was also started by holding master classes together with the discussion of the topic of mutual understanding in our society and the search for ways to improve the situation. The meetings were held in the conference hall of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union. The presentation of the draft resolution (file in the Annex), the idea of the project and part of the «tent of understanding» created at the time took place on March 30, 2017.





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- ▶ <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/events/presentation-of-the-results-of-the-project-dumaidan-2017-getting-together-around-the-tent-of-understanding/>

On **March 25, 2018**, as part of the opening of the International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Docudays UA in Kyiv, a presentation of the results of the project «Dumaydan-2017» was held..

After the presentation of the project, an auction was held for the sale of the «Tent of Understanding» and special lots. The funds received from the auction were used for the prize for the Ukrainian documentary film on Docudays UA, which best covered the topic of equality, as well as assistance for treatment of two women who participated in this project, Olena CH. and Rita Pastrami.



The screenshot shows the website for Precedent.ua. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'АНАЛІТИКА', 'ПРОСІДКА', 'РЕСУРСОВА БАЗА', 'ПРО НАС', and 'КОНТАКТИ'. The main banner features a sunflower and the text 'ЕЛЕКТРОННА ВЕРСІЯ ДОСЛІДЖЕННЯ СУДОВОЇ ПРАКТИКИ «PRECEDENT UA - 2018»'. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'Афіша' (Program) with a news item about a calendar of activities for the OSCE. To the right, there is a 'Twitter' section showing a tweet from PrecedentUA about a meeting with the OSCE.



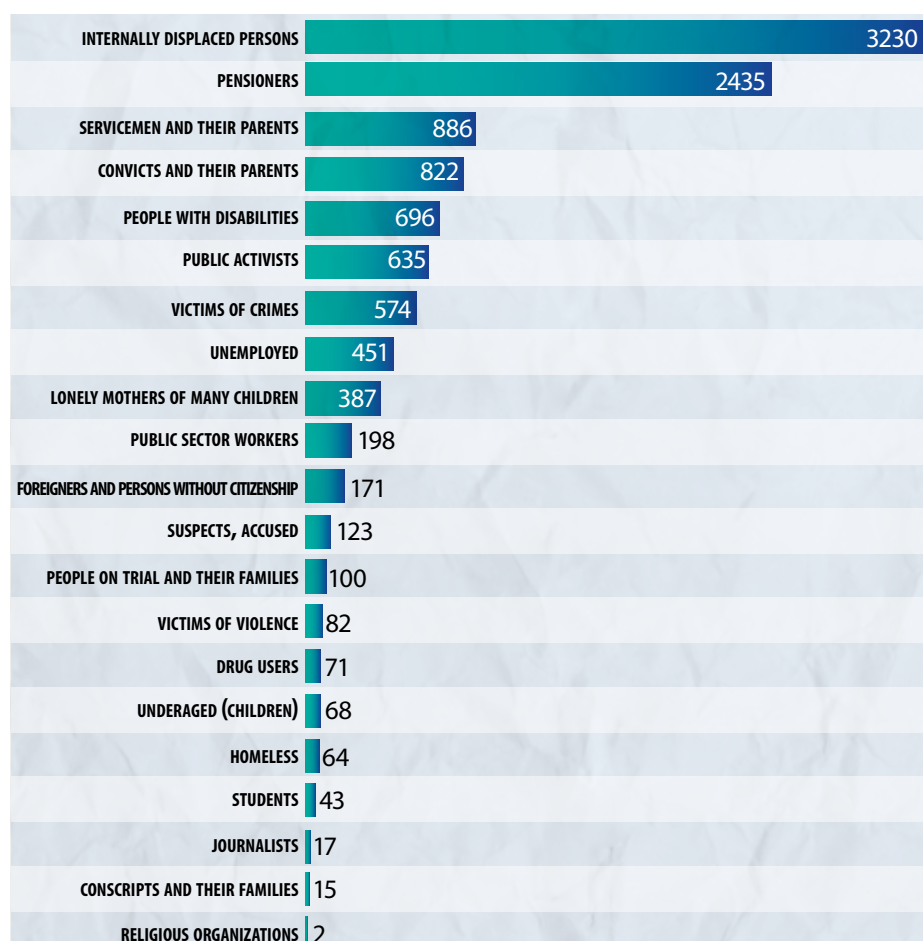
# Public Receptions (PR) Network



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Head of the Public Receptions  
Network of UHHRU

**UHHRU public receptions** network has 19 representative offices throughout Ukraine. The main direction of the work is to provide free legal assistance in case of violation of human rights and freedoms in the regions. The receptions network is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the framework of the Human Rights in Action program, with the financial support of Charitable Organization All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in the framework of the project «Development of the Legal Assistance Network for People Living with HIV/AIDS, Vulnerable to HIV Infection and People with Tuberculosis», as well as the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

In 2018 the UHHRU PR Network provided assistance to **11,866 persons**:



**3,230 persons** - a quarter of those who applied to the receptions (**22 %**) - are internally displaced persons. Behind this figure are the stories of people who were forced to leave their home because of military action. They lost homes, jobs, property, social ties. Therefore, a lot of problems arise in the new place: accrual and termination of social payments, labor disputes, registration of births and deaths in uncontrolled territory, recovery of loans and other types of debts.

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/artides/sumy-based-uhhru-lawyers-helped-idps-prove-that-their-village-had-indeed-been-occupied>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/artides/report-on-activities-of-usaid-supported-legal-aid-centers-of-the-ukrainian-helsinki-human-rights-union-in-the-first-half-of-2018>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/artides/pravozahysnyky-uhsp-dopomohly-povernuty-nepovnlitnij-dytyny-pensiyu-u-zv-yazku-z-vtratoyu-hoduvalnyka>



### EXAMPLES OF CASES IN WHICH LAWYERS OF THE UHHRU PR NETWORK HAVE HELPED:

#### UHHRU lawyers helped to return an underage child's pension for the loss of primary income earner.

In February 2018 UHHRU, 33-year-old Mrs. O., a IDP from Gorlovka, Donetsk oblast, who had lived since 2014 in Sumy applied to PR in Sumy. With the start of the armed conflict, the woman was forced, having taken two daughters (born in 2001 and 2008), to flee from danger to the territory controlled by the Ukrainian authorities. She herself is engaged in the education and maintenance of children. The father of one daughter has already died, and the second husband does not live with the family for almost three years and does not care for his wife and children at all.



► <https://www.facebook.com/pgsich/posts/2271434263112918>

#### UHHRU PR lawyers in Dnipro prepared a claim to the European Court in defense of the rights of former prisoners

«The legal status of former prisoners in Ukraine for almost five years of hostilities in Donbas is still not settled. This issue cannot be resolved by public organizations' efforts only, without state support. As human rights defenders, we provide legal support to ex-prisoners, help in proceedings in Ukraine and in the European Court of Human Rights, but comprehensive medical, social and psychological assistance shall be provided by the state, - said the Director of the NGO «Human Rights Group «Sich» Dmitro Reva.

#### How did an internally displaced woman get compensation for housing and why can't others do the same?

Natalia Kirkitadze - the first and so far the only woman in Dnipro among this category of IDPs to whom the state promises to pay almost one and a half a million UAH for purchasing of a house. Her own apartment remained in the occupied territory, ransacked by looters. UHHRU helped Natalia to successfully go all the way through: from the first piece of paper to a positive decision of the commission. Legal and information support was provided by UHHRU reception lawyers in Dnipro.

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/artides/uhhru-is-developing-a-network-for-protecting-the-rights-of-people-diagnosed-with-hiv-and-tuberculosis>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/artides/ukrainian-court-practice-of-protection-of-the-clients-living-with-hiv-aids-successes-problems-and-practical-advice>

Among those who were supported in protection of violated rights – 1,996 (14 %) persons living with HIV/AIDS, representatives of key PL HIV communities and people with tuberculosis.

### Awareness-raising activities are an important part of the work of the PR Network

In addition to legal assistance, PR are actively engaged in organizing activities aimed at providing ordinary citizens with necessary knowledge about human rights. Seminars, press conferences, information sessions - various forms of events to bring information to different listeners.

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-took-part-in-september-2018-mistechko-usaid-events-photo>

In 2018, 339 such events were held.

### INTERACTION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS



UHHRU public receptions continue to actively cooperate with international human rights organizations.

So, for example, lawyers of UHHRU public reception in Kramatorsk, Alexander Kadievsky, Marina Kuprikova, Head of the USAID program «Human Rights in Action» Taras Tsimbryvsky and coordinator of the network of UHHRU public receptions Natalia Kozarenko met with representatives of the US Helsinki Commission. In the course of the discussion, the partners considered a number of aspects related to the activities of UHHRU receptions in general, and special attention was paid to the provision of legal assistance to the population affected by the armed conflict.







**Natalya Kozarenko,**  
the coordinator of UHHRU  
public receptions network

**THE WORK OF PR NETWORK UNDER THE PROJECT «DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL NETWORK TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS, REPRESENTATIVES OF KEY COMMUNITIES OF PL HIV AND PATIENTS WITH TB**



During 2018 the lawyers UHHRU public receptions network

provided  
**1,712**

legal consultations to the clients

received legal assistance

**104**  
cases

**87%**

are completed with a positive result

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/international-cooperation-of-human-rights-defenders-helped-protect-the-right-to-health-care>

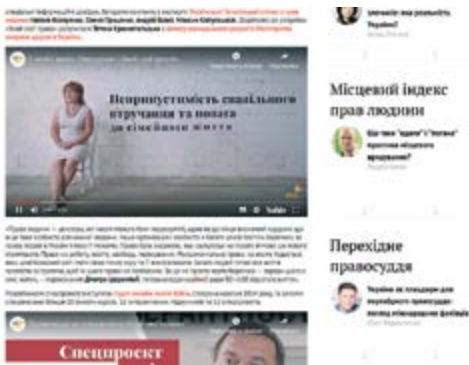
► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-the-goal-is-to-fight-stigmatization-of-people-living-with-hiv-aids-and-tuberculosis-as-well-as-groups-vulnerable-to-hiv>

On May 21 - 22, 2018, Kyiv hosted a seminar for lawyers of UHHRU public receptions network and network of partner organizations working in the sphere of protection of the rights of people living with HIV, TB patients, as well as dealing with vulnerable groups of population in the context of counteracting the challenges of HIV/AIDS epidemics.

On November 22-23, 2018, UHHRU held a training in development of the skills and capacities of participants to protect the rights of PL HIV and vulnerable groups of the population in the context of countering the challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

**Ukraine launched the first human rights video course on the rights of people living with HIV**

In autumn 2018, at the initiative of CO «100% Life», a special project of an educational video course on the protection of the rights of people living with HIV and their families was launched. The materials of the video course will also be useful for health care and social workers, human rights defenders, social activists, police officers, officials. It was in response to their request that this special project was created. The lawyers of UHHRU SLC and the lawyers of UHHRU PR participated in the special project.



► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/first-human-rights-advocacy-video-course-on-the-rights-of-people-living-with-hiv-was-launched-in-ukraine/>



## JOINT WORK WITH OTHER UHHR DEPARTMENTS

### Monitoring visits of Network lawyers

In 2018 UHHRU carried out 15 monitoring missions: to Bucha penitentiary establishment No. 85, Gorodyshev penitentiary establishment; Dariivka penitentiary establishment No. 10, Hola Prystan penitentiary establishment No. 7, Northern penitentiary establishment No. 90, Kherson penitentiary establishment No. 61. And tuberculosis institutions: Kharkiv Regional TB Clinic No. 2, Municipal Health Care Institution Regional Tuberculosis Hospital No. 1, No. 3, Municipal Health Care Institution regional TB Dispensary No. 1 and Municipal Health Care Institution Regional Clinical TB Dispensary No. 7, Municipal Health Care Institution Regional TB dispensary No. 2, Municipal Health Care Institution Regional Children's Clinical Tuberculosis Sanatorium and Municipal Health Care Institution Regional Children's Tuberculosis Sanatorium No. 1, Municipal Health Care Institution Regional Tuberculosis Sanatorium «Ripky», State Institution Penitentiary Establishment No. 17 (specialized TB hospital).

The reports are published at the UHHRU website.

Also during 2018, the study «Respect of Human Rights» was conducted under the tool Local Human Rights Index. 5 visits to settlements on the demarcation line were carried out. We plan to continue this work in 2019. Preliminary results were presented in Mariupol.

The monitoring was carried out by UHHRU as part of a partnership project implemented by the Norwegian Refugee Council with the support of the European Union. The purpose of the monitoring is to analyze the system of social services provided to the affected population in the regions affected by the consequences of the armed conflict.

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-and-khrpg-monitors-visited-tb-institutions-of-kharkiv-oblast>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/activities/legal-aid-for-people-living-with-hiv-aids>

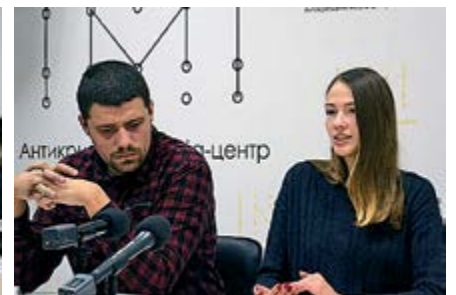
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### Network Outreach Activities

The USAID program «Human Rights in Action», which is being implemented by UHHRU presented a tour of the UHHRU Documentation Center «Story of a City» for teenagers of the Donetsk oblast. At the end of November 2018, representatives of UHHRU DC and lawyers of UHHRU PR Network presented a tour in 6 cities of Donetsk oblast. The audience was high school students, as well as first-year college students of educational institutions of Mariupol, Pokrovsk, Mariinka, Toretsk, Kramatorsk and Slavyansk. At the beginning and at the end of the tour – respectively in Mariupol and Kramatorsk – representatives of UHHRU / Program spoke at press conferences.



«Story of a City» is a series of reports of the Documentation Center, which records and restores the historiography of the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine. The Documentation Center is of the opinion that recording of modern event history will allow in the future to avoid political speculations and objectively reflect the chronology of events.

Also in the fall of 2018, experts of UHHRU PR network participated in the national human rights non-conference 2018. The issues were discussed in the framework of the workshop “Why HIV-AIDS Epidemic is not Stopped Yet? All about discrimination of PL HIV».

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/presentation-of-the-series-of-reports-of-uhhru-documentation-center-story-of-a-city-in-donetsk-region>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/national-human-rights-nonconference-2018-findings-and-recommendations-of-the-workshop-why-hiv-aids-epidemic-is-not-contained-yet-all-about-discrimination-of-people-living-with-hiv>



# Educational activity



**Valentyna Potapova,**  
coordinator of the educational  
direction of the activities of  
UHHRU

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-signs-memorandum-of-cooperation-with-ministry-of-justice-and-ministry-of-education-and-science>

In 2018, the activities of UHHRU in the field of education were carried out in the following areas:

## FORMATION OF STATE POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

On April 10, 2018, UHHRU signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Justice and the MEES. This Memorandum approves the interaction of the Union and the ministries in the creation of an effective and functional system of education in the field of human rights. The Memorandum was signed by the UHHRU Executive Director Olexander Pavlichenko, Deputy Minister of Justice Sergiy Petukhov and Deputy Minister of Education and Science Pavel Khobzey.

The Union and state structures focused their activities on optimizing joint work within the framework of implementation of the National Human Rights Strategy to raise awareness in the field of human rights. An important step in this regard is to join efforts and build up a dialogue between the human rights nongovernmental community and state authorities.



► <https://www.kmu.gov.ua/ua/npas/proshvalennya-koncepciyi-rozvitku-gromadyanskoyi-osviti-v-ukrayini>

UHHRU education experts Valentyna Potapova and Sergey Burov took part in the preparation of the Concept for the Development of Civic Education, which was approved by the government of Ukraine on October 3, 2018.

The Concept for the Development of Civic Education in Ukraine, involves the definition of values, objectives and specific approaches to civic education, the characteristics of the civic education system, as well as the preparation of the regulatory framework. In this document, civic education is understood as education and civic upbringing on the basis of national and universal values. The main strategic directions are:

- **legal education of citizens**, including in terms of understanding and ability to exercise their constitutional rights and obligations;
- **strengthening the ability to participate** in public life and use opportunities to influence decision-making processes at the national and local level.

Civic education should cover all types of education (formal, not formal, informal), as well as all components of education, all levels of education and all age groups of citizens, in particular, adult education, and be aimed at the formation of civic competencies.

Activities to implement the Concept of Civic Education Development were continued through strong cooperation in the working groups on the draft Strategy for the Development of Civic Education for the period up to 2022 and the action plan for its implementation.



In addition, with the active participation of UHHRU, HRH – Chernihiv and the program «**We Understand Human Rights**» in Ukraine, a National Human Rights Education program for schools and pre-school institutions has been developed and work has started on a National Human Rights Education program for high school. Leading Ukrainian human rights activists and international organizations were involved in the development.

► <https://mip.gov.ua/news/2400.html>

The all-Ukrainian conference on the topic: «**Human Rights Education System in Ukraine: Prospects for Development**» was held on May 21, 2018 in Kyiv. During the conference, the possibilities and the need for the implementation of the Program in the activities of state institutions and institutions related to human rights education were discussed.

Another success was the inclusion of UHHRU experts to the MoES working group «Anti-Discrimination Expertise of Textbooks» on how to consider in the expertise the features associated with the occupation and armed conflict.

#### **INCREASING THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES**

Implementing the ideas and principles laid down in the World Program for Human Rights Education (adopted by the UN in 2004) and the National Human Rights Strategy (Presidential Decree No. 501/2015), Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union every year holds an all-Ukrainian competition of student essays «**Human Rights Through the Prism of Modernity**». The purpose of the annual competitions is to disseminate information about human rights, to develop interest in topical issues in the field of human rights, to identify and support creative teachers, to form respect for universal values in Ukrainian society, to promote professional self-improvement, to encourage the manifestation of an active life position.

Thus, on January 19, 2018, the office of the Ombudsman in Kyiv celebrated the winners of the all-Ukrainian competition of student essays «Human Rights Through the Prism of Modernity» and the all-Ukrainian competition of educational and methodological elaborations on human rights, dedicated to the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Prize-winners and laureates of the student essay contest were chosen among 860 participants from 22 regions of Ukraine. In the works, the students talked, in particular, about the history of the origin of human rights, raised many topics on gender issues, euthanasia. Problems related to human rights violations during the occupation of Crimea and military events in Eastern Ukraine were not left aside. A pleasant surprise was a large number of works of children from Dnipro and Donetsk oblasts.

► [http://ehrh.org/novini/peremozhcz%D1%96-konkurs%D1%96v-uchn%D1%96vskix-ese-ta-navchalno-metodichnix-rozrobok.html?fbclid=IwAR340XPBouQthESSIBJtDSyikTGdSbkxA\\_stjS1EGTQbZQV1IVI8efeY\\_xw](http://ehrh.org/novini/peremozhcz%D1%96-konkurs%D1%96v-uchn%D1%96vskix-ese-ta-navchalno-metodichnix-rozrobok.html?fbclid=IwAR340XPBouQthESSIBJtDSyikTGdSbkxA_stjS1EGTQbZQV1IVI8efeY_xw)

A full list of the names of the winners and laureates can be found on the website of the Educational Human Rights House Chernihiv at the link::

Part of the advocacy and education activities of Human Rights in Action program implemented by UHHRU is participation in «USAID Cities », in order to promote and disseminate its key elaborations in different regions of Ukraine, as well as to increase interest of Ukrainians to human rights.



During the work USAID Cities, Human Rights in Action site was organized, where UHHRU point operated. Residents of Mykolaiv and Kramatorsk had the opportunity to get information about the activities of the UHHRU, get basic information on human rights, learn about successful practices of protection of rights, and about the activities of the Center for Documentation of human rights violations and war crimes. The following reports of the Documentation Center were also presented: infographics «Transitional Justice for Ukrainian Society in the Conditions of Armed Conflict», reports «Transitional Justice: a Civilized Tool for Conflict Resolution», «Story of a City. Mariinka: in the Line of Fire», «Story of a City. Stanytsa Luhanska: in the Line of Fire», «Success Stories, a UHHRU Public Reception in the period of 2016-2017 years». In addition, the Documentation Centre conducted a survey of urban residents on the needs of citizens affected by the armed conflict.



A lawyer of UHHRU Kherson specialized reception on Crimean Affairs Victor Vuiko (in Mykolaiv) and lawyer of UHHRU public reception Marina Kuprikova (Kramatorsk) run consultations on general problems of residents of the city, consultations on the problems of IDPs and people affected by ATO (i.e., issues of lost by IPOs property, benefits, social guarantees for ATO participants, opportunities in higher education for the children of ATO participants, rehabilitation, acquisition of land, solving of housing problems, employment). The main questions of the visitors concerned the types of assistance provided by human rights defenders and contact details of assistance on the ground.



For younger visitors, the UHHRU team offered a game of Bingo, during which it was necessary to find answers to 15 questions concerning understanding of human rights as quickly as possible. Children and teenagers enjoyed participating in interactive communication during the work, which allowed them to begin to understand the importance of human rights. From a different angle, to look at their favorite Harry Potter books. Understand, that small wizards Harry, Hermione and Ron fought for human rights, freeing Dobby "from slavery", opposed humiliation of human dignity and dictate. It should be noted that parents with interest also helped children. And it was only communication regarding one of the issues of Bingo human rights game.



**Olexandra Kozorog,**  
Coordinator of the Formal  
Learning program of UHHRU

### **WORK WITH SCHOOLS TO CREATE AN EDUCATIONAL SPACE BASED ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES**

Within the framework of this activity, cooperation was established with the Educational and Methodological Center for Ensuring the Quality of Education. In December 2018, trainings in the topic «Management of a General Education Institution and Ensuring the Quality of Education Based on the Principles of Human Rights and Democracy» were held for 35 administrators of general secondary education institutions (Principals, Deputy Principals). The training carried out by Olexandra Kozorog and Sergey Burov improved the competence of administrators of general secondary education institutions in applying human rights-based approach to ensure the quality of education, the organization of the educational process and management of the educational institution based on the principles of human rights and democracy. All topics addressed during the training lead to active discussions, but the greatest practical benefit participants noted from practical work on analyzing the interconnection between the quality of education and the values and principles of human rights, as well as evaluation of an educational institution regarding compliance with/ensuring of human rights in school, the discussion of practical situations involving ensuring/violation of human rights in educational institutions.

It was important that such trainings change perception and attitude to understanding the quality of education and its relationship with ensuring principles of human rights and democracy in schools; form understanding that the quality of education and human rights in schools depends on the administrators of educational institutions, who are the bearers of public responsibilities, as well it brings understanding of the importance of developing clear and effective procedures for ensuring and protecting human rights in schools.

### **PRACTICE-ORIENTED IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION THROUGH STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN NGOS AND UNIVERSITIES**

On the basis of UHHRU office, work continued on the formation of a systematic approach to attracting University students to the practical implementation of the Union's program tasks. During 2018, 131 students from 6 institutions of higher education were trained in UHHRU in Kyiv.

Expanded subject matter of the academic discipline «**Human Rights Workshop (Human Rights Legal Clinic)**» for masters of the Institute of International Relations of Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University, namely, new topics have been added:



**International and European standards of effective response to gender-based violence during armed conflict** (*UHHRU expert Alla Blaga*)



**Hate speech: the concept and ways of counteraction** (*Olena Sapozhnikova, a lawyer of UHHRU Strategic Litigation Center*)



**Specific features of exercising of rights to education by residents of the occupied territories** (*Valentyna Potapova, Head of the educational direction of UHHRU*)

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/uhhru-signs-memorandum-of-cooperation-with-state-educational-institution-research-center-for-the-quality-of-education>

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/en/articles/lectures-on-combating-gender-based-violence-and-protecting-children-from-sexual-exploitation-took-place-at-uhhru>

### ACTIVITIES OF THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT ON THE CHALLENGES OF THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AND ARMED CONFLICT IN UKRAINE

The occupation of Crimea and the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine are still ongoing, which requires human rights defenders to focus their efforts on actions aimed at overcoming the consequences and disseminating knowledge on international humanitarian law.

Since September 2018, the Head of the educational direction of UHHRU Valentyna Potapova has been involved in the working group of the Ministry of the Temporarily Occupied Territories on the preparation of «**Concept of Ensuring Equal Opportunities in the Realization of the Right to Higher Education by Persons Living in the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine**». Applicants from the occupied territories, despite the psychological impact that was imposed on them during the years of occupation, made a difficult choice to join Ukrainian universities and continue their studies in Ukraine. That is why there is a need to adopt programs at the state level aimed at establishing ties between young people who, because of the occupation, found themselves on different sides of the demarcation line for several years and which will create prerequisites for the successful reintegration of the occupied territories in the future.

The theme of protecting the right to education of residents of the occupied territories was raised during the December 7, 2018 Human Rights Day in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Within the section «(Not)New Challenges» the thematic platform «**Why Ukraine Leaves Its Children in Occupation?**» took place. Students and lecturers of the relocated University Tavriiskiy National University were invited to the thematic platform.



In order to inform IDP students on their rights, on November 28, a legal training on the topic «**Human Rights of the People from Temporarily Occupied Territory**» was held at the Tavriya National University named after V. I. Vernadsky. The event was held jointly with the Department for Crimea and Sevastopol (MTOT).

On December 3, 2018, an expert meeting was held with the specialists of UHHRU (O. Pavlichenko, S. Movchan, O. Bida, N. Kozarenko) for a training group (23 people) of the heads of educational institutions and organizations, teachers and human rights activists from Odessa, Mykolaiv and Kherson oblasts on the topic of peaceful conflict regulation and school mediation in the framework of the project «**School Mediation and Dialogue: Strategies for the Younger Generation of Peacekeepers in Ukraine**». During the meeting, there was an open communication between the participants and UHHRU experts on the status of human rights protection in the conditions of conflict; mini-projects «Story of a City» and «Memorial Map» were presented. The meeting should serve as a start for further networking and creation of joint activities in promoting the principles of «transitional justice».

On December 7-8, 2018 Valentyna Potapova and Maxim Yeligulashvili took part in the International conference «**Civil Education in the Conditions of Military Conflict**». One of the main issues raised during the conference was the discussion of the role of education during humanitarian crises. Emphasis was placed, in particular, on Ukraine, as well as on other Eastern Partnership countries (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Transnistria), which have recently experienced a military conflict. These conflicts still strongly affect the respective societies in the form of «frozen conflicts». In addition, the strategic considerations of the aggressor concerned regarding the social consequences of its policies in the affected countries were considered. Historical approaches of countries such as the United Kingdom or the United States during World War II in terms of comparative history.

2 trainings on the topic «**Fundamentals of International Humanitarian Law for Representatives of Educational Institutions of Donetsk and Lugansk Oblasts**» were held in Severodonetsk and Slovyansk, which were attended by 50 employees of educational institutions of higher and secondary education. The trainings were conducted by humanitarian law expert Timur Korotkiy and trainer Olexandra Kozorog.

The trainings were devoted to the formation of an understanding of the importance of international humanitarian norms applied in situations of armed conflict. According to the feedback of the participants, the training program exceeded expectations. Participants received not only knowledge on the basics of IHL, but also useful tools for working with this material and not only. The proposed materials are competent and timely. Forms and types of work with the theme surprised and this is exactly what is needed for the perception of modern schoolchildren.

► <https://helsinki.org.ua/articles/uhspl-zaproshuje-osvityan-donechchyny-ta-luhanschyny-na-treninhy-z-osnov-mhp>

### The program has fundamentally changed the perception of the need for this knowledge

- ✓ **All participants** noted that this topic is useful and necessary for implementation in the educational component of secondary school. A methodological guide on this subject shall be in every school.
- ✓ **It was very useful** to combine theory with practical exercises
- ✓ **In the conditions** of the armed conflict in Donbas, knowledge of IHL becomes a necessity not only for the residents of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, but also for the general public.
- ✓ **Quality implementation** of the course is impossible without preliminary training of teachers, so such trainings have the opportunity to prepare qualified specialists

### Main results:

- ✓ **PARTICIPANTS WERE INTRODUCED** to the basic principles and norms of international humanitarian law (IHL).
- ✓ **PARTICIPANTS GAINED BETTER** understanding of the need to respect International humanitarian law in relation to those whom it protects.
- ✓ **PARTICIPANTS IMPROVED** the competences of the analysis of the regulatory framework and other sources, proposed practical situations, as well as improved critical thinking through the comparison of facts, interpretation of material, integration of knowledge into different disciplines, etc.
- ✓ **THE UNDERSTANDING** of the need to actively participate in public life or in any other forms of activity to protect and support humanitarian relations in society was actualized.

### WORK UNDER THE PROJECT «UNIVERSITY-HUMAN RIGHTS SPACE»

**In 2018, the project «University – Human Rights Space»** commenced its activities. Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, a member organization of the EHHR -CH, has memoranda with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Justice, which in particular provide for the support on behalf of the state authorities of the all-Ukrainian educational program «We Understand Human Rights», part of the action plan of which is this project. Several experts of the organization (Olexandra Kozorog, Valentyna Potapova, Sergey Burov, Andriy Kinash, Sergey Movchan) were invited to participate in the project.

The aim of the «University-Human Rights Space» project is to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions to develop academic freedom, which will form an educational environment in which human rights education will promote the daily realization of human rights, by promoting mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual responsibility.

The first event of the project was the School of Human Rights for leaders of student self-government, which is an educational event of the all-Ukrainian educational program «We Understand Human Rights» and is implemented by the Educational Human Rights House in Chernihiv.

On November 10 -16, 2018, students from different cities of Ukraine – Sumy, Dnipro, Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv, Rivne, Khmelnytsky, Lugansk embarked on a voyage of learning about human rights. A total of 20 participants represented their HEIs.

For the first time, students from different cities of Ukraine had the opportunity to take part in such a project, the main purpose of which is formation of competences necessary for active work to create an atmosphere of respect for human rights in educational institutions, implementation of policies in accordance with human rights standards, improving decision making, building effective, efficient student self-government.



During the School, participants found out whether their individual values coincide with the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. They learned why democracy and human rights are not identical, and in what cases the state violates human rights and why it happens. They considered the main international documents, the European system of human rights protection, restrictions of rights and freedoms, material and procedural rights and many other important aspects. A simulation of the European Court of Human Rights was created, thus the participants were given the opportunity to transfer to the atmosphere of a real court session.

Trainers of the project Olexandra Kozorog, Valentyna Potapova, Sergiy Burov, Andriy Kinash, Sergiy Pernikoza, Zoya Zinovieva, Maxim Butkevich, Sergiy Movchan within seven days carried out trainings and electives. Participants took part in various activities that gave inspiration to work and made the learning process interesting, relaxed, fun and productive.



► <http://academysps.edu.ua/uchast-u-proekti-universitet-prostir-prav-ljudini>

School on human rights for leaders of student self-government prepared the first graduates who received a special mission – to undertake a self-assessment of their educational institution on the compliance of the organization of educational process with the standards of human rights, according to the methodology developed by the program «We Understand Human Rights» and get advice from the experts of the program for improvement of capacities of the institution.

For higher education, the autonomy of the institution is an important condition for building an environment in which human rights education promotes daily realization of human rights by promoting mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual responsibility. At the moment there is a lack of such practices. The «University – Human Rights Space» model is a way of forming such practices and developing academic freedom. The pilot project is expected to be completed in 2019.

#### **THE PARTICIPATION OF UHHRU IN THE FESTIVAL «I HAVE THE RIGHT!»**

On June 3, 2018 in the framework of the Memorandum on Cooperation between Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to facilitate the implementation of public initiatives aimed at establishing a constructive dialogue between civil society and government, and also in the interests of development in Ukraine of a democratic civil society, UHHRU Educational Department took part in the Festival «I HAVE the RIGHT!» (Kyiv, Taras Shevchenko Park).

In UHHRU location, from 11.00 to 18.00, there was a traveling educational exhibition «**Everyone Has the Right to Know Their Rights**», which was developed in 2011 by the public organization - a member of the UHHRU MART. The exposition consists of more than 15 information stands, which are respectively divided into thematic blocks: «Evolution of Human Rights», «Values of Human Rights» and «Separate Aspects of Human Rights Protection». On stands it was possible to find interpretations of certain rights and concepts, references to the European and Ukrainian legislative provisions and legal documents, bright examples and illustrations of violations of human rights, comments of children, public activists and human rights defenders and so forth.

An expert on conducting the excursion Andriy Kinash, Chairman of the Board of the NGO «MART» (Chernihiv) and Valentyna Potapova, Head of the Educational Department of UHHRU were involved in the event. During the event, the exhibition was visited by more than 150 guests of the festival. Also during the festival, a game «Bingo» was held, the participants of which had to answer questions concerning human rights with the help of visitors.



**Daria Svyrydova**, coordinator of the education program for lawyers and advocates of UHHRU

### TRAINING COURSE «HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAWYERS AND JUDGES»

The training course «Human Rights Standards in the Practice of Lawyers and Judges» is an educational tool to strengthen the professional capacity of Ukrainian lawyers for the protection of human rights and freedoms.



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During 2018, the training of the first group of participants of the course was completed and the training of the second group started.

#### Training at the course is carried out during the year on the following topics



**Theory and history** of human rights, European system of human rights protection.



**The right** to fair justice (article 6 ECHR).



**The right** not to be subjected to torture, inhuman treatment and the right to liberty and personal security (ECHR articles 3 and 5).



**The right** to respect for private and family life (article 8 ECHR).



**The right** to unhindered use of property (article 1 of Protocol One) and others.

<sup>1</sup> The full list of experts and assistants can be found on the website <http://hrs-course.helsinki.org.ua>

The training is conducted by the best experts<sup>1</sup> in the field of human rights.



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Participants of the course studied in the following formats: online on the platform of the Human Rights House Foundation; three-day seminars aimed at acquiring practical skills on topics that were studied remotely; international study tours.

**The 2017-2018 training course was attended by 34 lawyers and judges from across the country.**

Main results of the course 2017-2018:

- an online learning platform has been established in partnership with the Network of Human Rights Houses. In the future, this experience and the developed platform can be used in the work of other countries and transferred to other structures and organizations that wish to conduct training on this topic;
- 5 modules and 5 face-to-face seminars (expert methods and materials, author's lectures on 5 topics) were developed. Course materials are constantly updated. A separate focus of the curriculum is the protection of human rights in the conditions of armed conflict and work in the conditions of transitional justice.
- 16 lawyers and 18 judges from 18 regions of Ukraine took a full course of training and this is the first course in which lawyers were trained together with judges;
- participants of a course on the basis of the gained knowledge, created the memo for a detainee about violation of the right to freedom.
- according to the participants, the quality of preparation of the position and procedural documents has changed: *«The reasoning of the position has become more qualitative. I see weaknesses in the work of colleagues and inappropriate application of the practice of the ECHR, thereby strengthening my own counterargument»;*
- Participants actively share their experience with colleagues: *«I became a kind of authority among colleagues and a carrier of expert knowledge. Regularly I share my knowledge and I advise literature to assistants of judges in court. Certain «Club of HR fans» was created, «Colleagues, which previously were reluctant to use the practice of the ECHR, are now asking when the enrollment for the second course will start»;*
- Participants noted that in their practice the number of cases of misuse of references to the practice of the ECHR has decreased: *«The learning outcomes can be compared with mastering of a language – previously they referred to the practice of ECHR «thoughtlessly» and without complete understanding, and now there is an understanding of appropriate and inappropriate applications and references to the practice of the Court both on my behalf and on behalf of the colleagues»;*



- lawyers of the course took part in the preparation of the report on the risks of lawyers' work in the conditions of armed conflict in Ukraine;
- established cooperation with Association for Development of Judicial Self-Government of Ukraine to train a group of coaches from among the graduates of the course;
- continued cooperation with graduates to attract them to the UHHRU strategic litigations, as well as providing them with opportunities for further training and professional development in the field of international human rights law.



As the participants noted, «A network of like-minded people has been created, which provides support in the conditions of criticism and lack understanding / perception of progressive and bold decisions and ideas»;

«The course encourages to «keep the bar» and constantly improve skills in this direction»;

«The fear is gone. There is now an understanding that you are not alone in the system, that you can express your true opinion. Now I describe in decisions things different from usual judicial practice and I am not afraid of higher instances».

### **The 2018-2019 course involves 34 lawyers and judges from across the country.**

The major current results of the course 2018-2019.:

- Now 15 lawyers and 19 judges from all over Ukraine are being trained;
- when selecting participants, priority was given to judges and lawyers who work in the occupied territories, have left the occupied territories and / or protect the rights of people affected by the armed conflict in Ukraine. The course provides them with a unique opportunity to delve into the intricacies of protecting the interests of victims through the study of real cases, which is a part of the unique experience of UHHRU;
- update of materials on 5 modules (expert methods and materials, author's lectures on 5 topics) continues; 3 new experts are Involved in the course.
- the course will be enriched with a separate module with the norms of international humanitarian law to strengthen its ability to respond to the challenges faced by representatives of the legal profession on the way to overcome the consequences of the conflict in the Ukrainian context...



**Vladislav Petrov**, the coordinator of the UHHRU for the protection of the rights of representatives LGBTQI community

**THE EDUCATION UNDER THE PROJECT «TRAINING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HUMAN RIGHTS NGOS, LGBTQI ORGANIZATIONS AND JOURNALISTS ON PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF REPRESENTATIVES LGBTQI COMMUNITY»**

With the support of Freedom House in Ukraine, during 2018, the project team conducted educational activities on the protection of the rights of representatives of the LGBTQI community and advocacy activities aimed at changing approaches in the work of law enforcement bodies. In the first half of the year, project experts provided legal support and legal assistance to victims of hate crimes and discrimination. In total, during this period, 4 trainings for activists, lawyers and advocates were held, in which 60 people participated. A series of meetings and consultations with representatives of the Ministry of Interior, National Police, Ministry of Justice and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine regarding the need for changes in legislation and practice of protection of rights of members LGBTQI community were conducted. 28 legal advices were provided along with legal assistance to victims of hate crimes, discrimination and extortion.



In February 2018, UHHRU joined the organization of the conference of the Human Rights LGBT center «Our world»: **«Unanswered Challenge: Hate Crimes against LGBT People in Ukraine»**.

The conference was attended by more than 200 people. Among the participants were representatives of human rights organizations, activists, representatives of law enforcement agencies, representatives of Parliament and foreign embassies. As a result of the conference, an appeal was circulated calling on the Ministry of Interior to improve the law on punishment for hate crimes.

The project team actively developed cooperation with the organizers of KyivPride and Equality March. Thus, during the peaceful action lawyers of the organization and lawyers of the project provided legal advice and legal assistance. Some cases, in connection with violence incidents against Equality March participants, were supported by the project and followed up by the project’s lawyers. The project team also provided organizational support for the training of KyivPride volunteers and provided advice to police representatives in preparation for the Equality March.

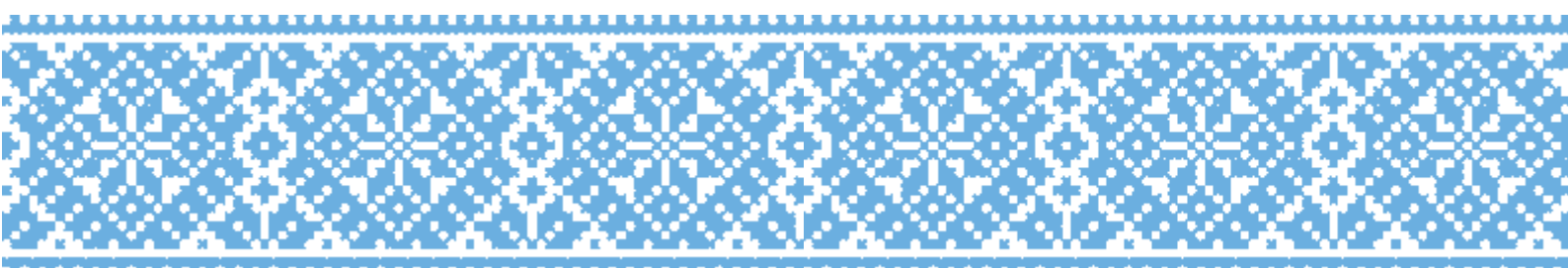
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The project team prepared and published an article in the online media Realist regarding the imperfection of Ukrainian legislation in relation to people who have HIV-positive status:

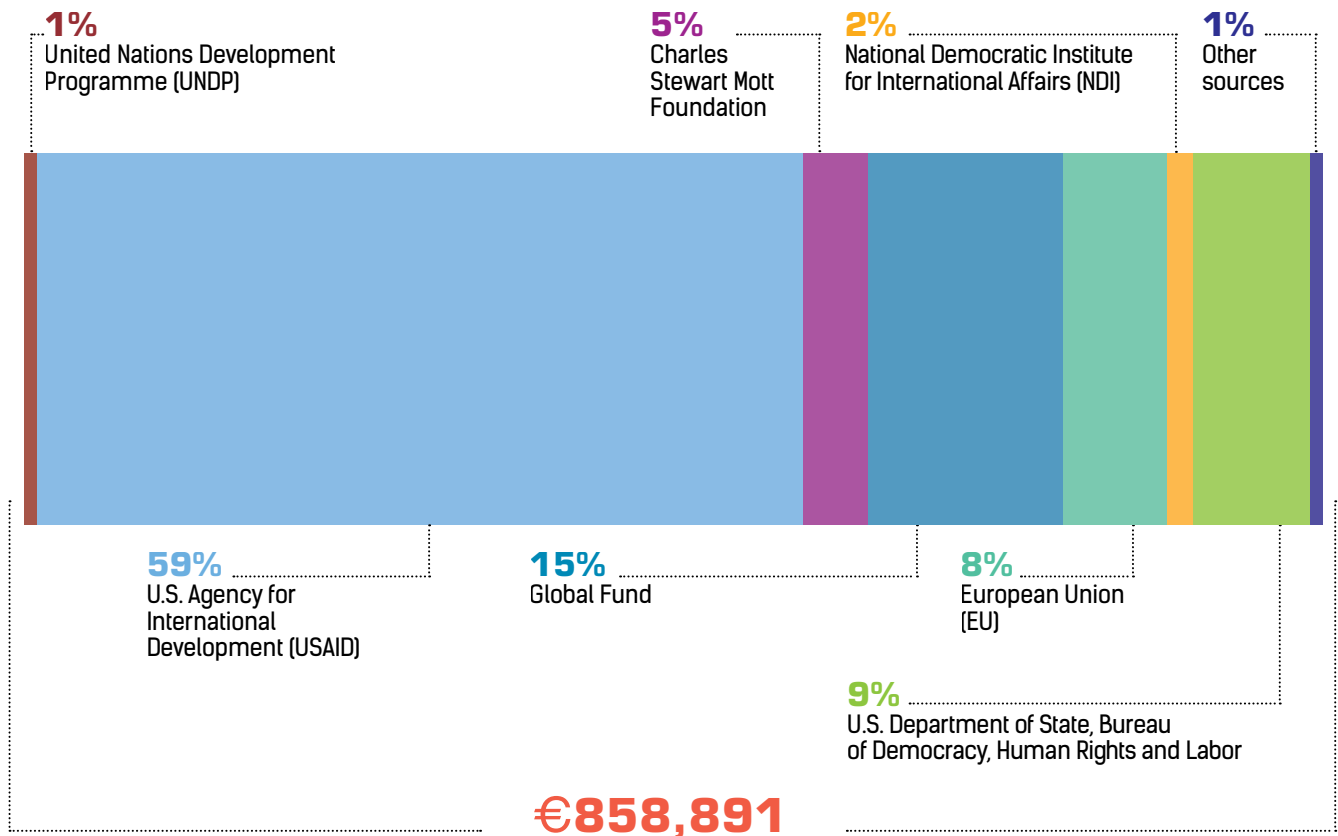
In May 2018, the project coordinator, at the invitation of representatives of the Academy of Patrol Police, held two binary classes for future law enforcement officers on the topic: «**Tolerance and Non-discrimination in Police Work**».





# Financial report of the UHHRU for 2018

## INCOME:



## UHHRU INCOME IN PERCENTAGES (BY DONORS):

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)	€503,965
Global Fund	€130,699
European Union (EU)	€68,147
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)	€16,674
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	€41,034
U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor	€77,862
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	€8,245
Other sources	€12,265
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€858,891</b>

## EXPENDITURE



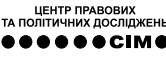





### PROGRAM COSTS:

Salary	€248,374
Support of Public Reception Offices	€96,920
Fees for lawyers and litigation related costs	€90,254
Fees for experts	€81,980
Translations	€10,146
Publications and promo-materials	€21,952
Fact-finding mission	€1,955
Public events	€3,379
Working meetings	€3,453
Trainings and other educational activities	€44,005
Educational events for staff	€260
Meetings of governing bodies	€2,613
Participation in national and international events and studies	€6,484
Maintainance and update web-sites and databases	€3,889
Travel	€2,697
Delivery and postage	€2,085
Equipment and furniture	€4,867
Consumables and office supplies	€2,405
Softs	€391
Books, periodicals and data bases	€1,434
Communications	€1,465
Office rent	€19,131
Subgrants to partner organisations	€8,707
<b>Total for Program Costs</b>	<b>€658,846</b>

### ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:

Salary	€158,330
External audit	€2,979
Communications	€306
Equipment and furniture	€1,693
Office rent	€3,918
Delivery and postage	€170
Bank fees	€1,958
Consumables and office supplies	€488
Contingency	€1,361
<b>Total for Administrative costs</b>	<b>€171,203</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>€830,049</b>

# The Union consists of the following organizations:

 <p>Комп'ютерне Товариство споживачів і платників податків <b>«Гідність»</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Konotop Society of Consumers and Taxpayers "Dignity"</a></u> – Konotop City, Sumy Oblast</p>		<p><u><a href="#">Chernihiv Public Committee for Human Rights Protection</a></u></p>
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 <p><b>MART</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">NGO "MART"</a></u> – Chernihiv City</p>		<p><u><a href="#">Odesa Regional Branch of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine</a></u></p>
	<p><u><a href="#">Sumy City Civic Union "Public Bureau "Pravozakhyst" ["Human Rights Protection"]</a></u></p>		<p><u><a href="#">NGO "Flora"</a></u>, Kropyvnytskyi City</p>
 <p>Одеська правозахисна група <b>«Верітас»</b></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Odesa Human Rights Protection Group "Veritas"</a></u></p>		<p><u><a href="#">NGO "Territory of Success"</a></u>, Kropyvnytskyi City</p>
	<p><u><a href="#">All-Ukrainian Society of Political Prisoners and Victims of Repressions</a></u></p>		<p><u><a href="#">Ecological and Humanitarian Association "Green World"</a></u> – Chortkiv City</p>
	<p><u><a href="#">Civic Committee for the Protection of Constitutional Rights and Civil Liberties</a></u> – Luhansk City (now reside in Kyiv)</p>		<p><u><a href="#">NGO "Institute of Legal Research and Strategies"</a></u> – Kharkiv City</p>
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	<p><u><a href="#">Kherson Regional Branch of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine</a></u></p>		<p><u><a href="#">Chuhuiv Human Rights Protection Group</a></u> – Chuhuev City, Kharkiv Oblast</p>
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