

Non-Governmental Humanitarian Support to South-east of Belarus

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1. The aim of the non-governmental organizations.

- Objective :
to give humanitarian help to the east and south east region of Belarus



1. The aim of the non-governmental organizations (cont.).

- Priority :
 - Provide a health holiday in Belgium for weakened children of the affected area
 - One or two months vacation with host parents
 - Children aged from 7 to 17 years
 - Healthy food
 - Vitamins

1. The aim of the non-governmental organizations (cont.).

- Advantages :
 - Better health and less sickness
 - Cs137 diminishes with 27%
 - Social contact
- In 2005 : 1120 children
 - 300 by train
 - 820 by coach
- A couple of Flemish NGO's subsidized by Flemish government for this project

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- Provide medical assistance to hospitals and medical centra
- Provide assistance to schools and universities

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- Several NGO's have started medical projects :
 - Supplying of medical equipment tools
 - Shipment of health care materials and medicins
 - Blood pressure monitors, blood analyzers, syringes
 - Exchange of knowledge
 - Supplying of clothes, shoes, gloves

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- The theme through all the projects :
 - Short absence of subsidized means
 - Sponsoring
 - Activities

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 1 :
 - Laparoscopy for the hospital of Gomel
 - Budget : €12,000.00
 - Sponsoring and activities
 - A 3 years project

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 1 (cont.):
 - Fitting out of an infants playroom
 - Children ill for long time
 - Social reason
 - Toys donated by host families and supporters

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- Project 2 :
 - Medicins and medical material for children's and veterans hospital in Mogilev
 - Medicines
 - Syringes, sterile bandages
 - Head ware and gloves
 - Operating tables



2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 2 (cont.):
 - Budget : €4,000.00 / transport
 - Problems :
 - Very strict rules and regulations
 - Quality certificates
 - Import of medicins

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 3 :
 - Röntgen equipment for the general hospital in Rechitsa
 - Multix chamber
 - Portable röntgen appliance
 - Two röntgen c bows

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- Project 3 (cont.):



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- Project 3 (cont.) :
 - Budget : €50,000.00
 - Benefit concert and doubled an equal grant
 - Gastro-, colon- and endoscopie
 - Operating tables
 - Second-hand in perfect condition
 - Cost : transport, installation, after sale service

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- Project 4 :
 - Exchange of know how
 - Work experience with western technology
 - Doctors from Bobrousjk
 - 14 days in Andreas Vesalius hospital (Tilleul)
 - Costs : €500,00 /doctor covered by NGO
 - Accommodation by host families

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 5 :
 - Supporting of children's hospitals
 - Minsk : treatment of respiratory problems
 - Mozir and Klimovitchi
 - Medicines, compresses, syringes, sterile bandages
 - Materials for babies
 - Heating equipment and detergents
 - Budget : sponsoring and activities
 - Problem : import of medicins

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 6 :
 - Supporting medical centre Veliki Bor
 - Necessary supplies
 - Initial treatment
 - Electrical central heating
 - Costs : financed by efforts of volunteers
 - Another initiative : registration of health problems

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Project 6 (cont.)



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- Project 7 :
 - Medical materials for the Polyclinic of Novy-Barsouk
 - Dispensary of the very poor village
 - Most elementary care : thermometers, blood pressure meters, dosimeters, medicins, hospital beds
 - Costs : financed by efforts of volunteers
 - Problems :
 - Import of medicins
 - Low budget → daily basic care is not guaranteed

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).



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- Many questions remain unanswered
 - Modern medicines
 - Modern medical appliances



2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Incubators
- Materials for maternity hospitals
- Diabetic supplies



2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Problems
 - Laws of Belarus get stricter
 - New regulations imposed
 - Impossible to import medicines
 - Hospital beds not older than 5 years
 - Complete specifications in Russian
 - Operating manuals in Russian
 - Quality control certificates

2. Health care supporting projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Our experiences



3. Education support projects in Belarus.

- The need for education in the village schools is great
- NGO's support schools in :
Gomel, Rechitsa, Choiniki, Mogilev, Bouinichi, Bobrousjk, Novy-Barsouk, Veliki Bor, Minsk

3. Education support projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Goods are collected in Belgium or bought locally
 - Books, pens and pencils
 - Copiers and second-hand computers
 - Knitting yarns
 - Sports clothing
 - School benches and furniture, curtains and wallpaper

3. Education support projects in Belarus (cont.).



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- Overview of the projects :
 - Purchasing warm clothing and shoes for children living a long distance from school
 - Supplying a sewing shop for handicapped with materials and necessary tools
 - Work experience in Belgium for students from a school in Bobrousjk

3. Education support projects in Belarus (cont.).

- Students of the French language faculty of Minsk rehears and perform a play of theater
- The nurse and infant school in Veleki Bor is supported with :
 - Didactic materials, video, copy machines, tools for manual work
 - Installation of IT classroom with second-hand PC's
 - Prize for the best equipped school in the region

3. Education support projects in Belarus (cont).



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- Generally :
 - Schools in small villages have a shortage of didactic material
 - School buildings have a dire need of repair:
 - From interior decoration
 - Floor covering, showers, toilets, painting, kitchen utensils
 - To a complete roof
 - **Not financed NGO's cannot possibly fulfil this task**

3. Education support projects in Belarus (cont.).



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- Supporting the French and Dutch language faculty of the Language University in Minsk



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- New and second-hand study books for students and professors
- In 2005 the author Ward Ruyslinck donated his oeuvre to the Dutch Language Faculty

4. Conclusion.

- **The projects of Belgian NGO's in Belarus are significant:**
 - The health of the children is influenced favourably
 - There is a great need for medical help and education support
- **Continuation of our projects must be guaranteed no matter what it costs ...**

4. Conclusion (cont.).

- **The NGO's call upon the appropriate institutions to exercise their influence in Belarus to achieve :**
 - To free the import of medical supplies and medicines
 - A flexible attitude towards the NGO's
 - A relaxing of customs formalities for all goods and especially for medical goods
 - More support of local authorities

4. Conclusion (cont.).

- **Our goal** : receive subsidies from the European Union
- **Only then will this most welcome drop in the ocean today, will create the growth of the humanitarian help for the whole population of the affected areas tomorrow**