

**“Preventing non-communicable diseases, promoting healthy lifestyle
and support to modernization of the health system in Belarus”
(BELMED)**

**MPTF OFFICE GENERIC ANNUAL PROGRAMME¹ NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT
REPORTING PERIOD: 1 APRIL 2019 – 31 DECEMBER 2019**

<p align="center">Programme Title & Project Number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Title: “Preventing non-communicable diseases, promoting healthy lifestyle and support to modernization of the health system in Belarus” Programme Number (if applicable): ENPI/2014/352-372 MPTF Office Project Reference Number:³ 00093066 	<p align="center">Country, Locality(s), Priority Area(s) / Strategic Results²</p> <p><i>Country/Region:</i> The Republic of Belarus</p> <hr/> <p><i>Priority area/ strategic results:</i> Promoting effective prevention of NCDs and strengthening national health system to effectively address the challenges of NCDs in the Republic of Belarus</p>
<p align="center">Participating Organization(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP WHO UNICEF UNFPA 	<p align="center">Implementing Partners</p> <p align="center">Ministry of Health</p>
<p align="center">Programme/Project Cost (US\$)</p> <p>Total approved budget as per Project document: € 4 100 000 MPTF /JP Contribution⁴:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>by Agency (if applicable)</i> Agency Contribution UNDP, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA - € 300 000 Government Contribution <i>(if applicable)</i> 	<p align="center">Programme Duration</p> <p>Overall Duration: 55 months, 11 days</p> <p>Start Date⁵ 20.11.2015</p> <p>Original End Date⁶ 19.11.2019</p>

¹ The term “programme” is used for programmes, joint programmes and Projects.

² Strategic Results, as formulated in the Strategic UN Planning Framework (e.g. UNDAF) or Project document;

³ The MPTF Office Project Reference Number is the same number as the one on the Notification message. It is also referred to as “Project ID” on the Project’s factsheet page the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁴ The MPTF or JP Contribution, refers to the amount transferred to the Participating UN Organizations, which is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁵ The start date is defined by the date in the signed project document. The start date is available on the [MPTF Office GATEWAY](#)

⁶ As per approval of the original Project document by the relevant decision-making body/Steering Committee.

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⁷ If there has been an extension, then the revised, approved end date should be reflected here. If there has been no extension approved, then the current end date is the same as the original end date. The end date is the same as the operational closure date which is when all activities for which a Participating Organization is responsible under an approved MPTF / JP have been completed. As per the MOU, agencies are to notify the MPTF Office when a programme completes its operational activities.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EU	European Union
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WHO	World Health Organization
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
MoH	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus
MoE	Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Belarus
MoEd	Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus
MoES	Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus
MoI	Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Belarus
Belstat	National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus
Centre of Traumatology and Orthopaedics	State institution “Republican Scientific and Practical Centre of Traumatology and Orthopaedics” of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus
Alexandrov Centre	“Republican Scientific Practical Centre of Oncology and Medical Radiology named after N.N. Alexandrov”
RSPC MT	Belarusian Republican Scientific and Practical Centre for Medical Technologies, Informatization, Administration and Management of Health
“Mother and Child” Centre	State institution “Republican Scientific and Practical Centre “Mother and Child”
BelMAPE	State Educational Establishment "Belarusian Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education"
NGOs	Non-governmental organizations
ECI	Early childhood intervention
PSC	Project Steering Committee
NPC	National Project Coordinator
PMU	Project Management Unit
PHC	Primary health care
NCD	Non-communicable diseases
YFHC	Youth friendly health center
MCP	Model Centers for Parents
HLS	Healthy lifestyle

NARRATIVE REPORT FORMAT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Consolidated Report on implementation of the Joint Programme “Preventing non-communicable diseases, promoting healthy lifestyle and support to modernization of the health system in Belarus” (BELMED) covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019. This report is developed in compliance with the reporting requirements set out in the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) concluded between the Administrative Agent (UNDP MPTF Office) and the Contributor. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between Participating UN Organizations and UNDP, the Report is consolidated based on information, data and financial statements submitted by Participating Organizations. The report provides a comprehensive overview of achievements and challenges associated with the Joint Programme, in accordance with set objectives and results.

In September 2019 the Addendum #2 to the Contribution Agreement №. ENPI/2014/352-372 was signed by the EU and MPTF. According to this Agreement the implementation period of the JP was extended till 30 June 2020.

Most of BELMED Project activities contribute to the State Programme “People's health and demographic security of the Republic of Belarus for 2016-2020”, which has been approved by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus on 14 March 2016. In particular, BELMED contributes to the implementation of its two subprograms “Prevention and control of NCD” and “Family and Childhood.” <http://www.government.by/ru/solutions/2431>

For the first time in Belarus the National Information Strategy on healthy lifestyle was developed, approved by the Ministry of Health and launched. The main goal of the National Information Strategy is formation of the information field of the country to assist the achievement of indicators of the State Program.

Within the Local initiatives component of BELMED, the Project was fostering creation of partnerships of local authorities and communities, civil society, public and private organizations for discussing, designing, submitting and, if selected, implementing initiatives for promotion of healthy lifestyles (HLS) at the local level. Three Contests of initiatives were completed in all regions of the republic. Thereby cumulative number of local initiatives which are supported for implementation is 25 (88% out of them are implemented by NGOs). Total amount of all initiatives is around € 800,000. The results of completed initiatives showed the relevance and high demand for addressing healthy lifestyle issues, sustainability, as well as revealed readiness to collaborate and consolidate efforts at the local level for addressing the problems related to strengthening public health.

I. Purpose

The main Project's goal:

Promoting effective prevention of NCD and strengthening national health system to effectively address the challenges of NCD in the Republic of Belarus.

The main Project's objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Promoting healthy lifestyles and prevention of non-communicable diseases, aimed at reducing the impact of the most significant risk factors for non-communicable diseases – excessive alcohol consumption, smoking, unhealthy diet and low levels of physical activity.

- Activity 1.1. Develop a national strategy for a healthy lifestyle promotion and NCD prevention, aimed at reducing the impact of the most significant risk factors for NCD – smoking, alcohol consumption, unhealthy diet and low levels of physical activity, with participation of NGOs and international agencies.
 - Activity 1.2. Development and implementation the National information strategy on healthy lifestyle.
 - Activity 1.3. Monitoring and evaluation of the situation, creation of the evidence base for informed decision-making in the field of prevention of non-communicable diseases.
- **Objective 2:** Development of initiatives for promotion of healthy lifestyles at the local level.
 - Activity 2.1. Organization of the call for proposals for civil society organizations, local initiatives and local authorities aimed at promoting healthy lifestyles and implementation of the selected initiatives.
- **Objective 3:** Preparation and implementation of pilot screening programs for breast cancer at the regional level in order to implement population-based screening of the disease throughout the Republic of Belarus.
 - Activity 3.1. Establishment of an autonomous programme management team (PMT) to ensure coordination, development and implementation of the breast cancer screening programme.
 - Activity 3.2. Training for PMT members and medical personnel.
 - Activity 3.3. Development of the comprehensive plan and respective informational materials for the pilot programs.
 - Activity 3.4. Conducting the feasibility research and publication of results.
 - Activity 3.5. Improvement of the process of breast cancer screening.
 - Activity 3.6. Implementation of the pilot breast screening program.
 - Activity 3.7. Development, introduction and adapting the register for breast cancer screening.
- **Objective 4:** Improvement of the system of child disease and injuries prevention.
 - Activity 4.1. Strengthening national capacity on child injuries prevention, including monitoring and analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of preventive measures.
 - Activity 4.2. Improvement of knowledge and skills of teenagers on safe behavior, of young parents and the public on child injury prevention.
 - Activity 4.3. Expansion of access of adolescents to friendly services for prevention of risky behavior and injuries.
- **Objective 5:** Strengthening of the system of mother and child medical care.
 - Activity 5.1. Improvement of monitoring and evaluation of the quality of medical services in the field of maternal and child health.
 - Activity 5.2. Improvement of quality of health services in the area of reproductive health and mother and child health.
 - Activity 5.3. Capacity of primary health care in the provision of services to families with children under 3 years old is strengthened.
- **Objective 6:** Support to modernization of the health system with particular focus on primary health care in Belarus.
 - Activity 6.1. Providing policy guidance aimed at strengthening health system with particular focus on primary health care in Belarus.

- Activity 6.2. Enhancing better coordination of health providers and continuity of care.
- Activity 6.3. Developing incentive schemes for health practitioners.
- Activity 6.4. Strengthening clinical competencies of primary health care practitioners and standardization of practice related to prevention, control and treatment of NCD.

- **Objective 7:** Effective Project management.

- Activity 7.1. The initial stage.
- Activity 7.2. Monitoring and evaluation of the Project.
- Activity 7.3. Project management and Project management group activities.

The main Project's expected outcomes (UNDAF 2011-2015):

- People, especially vulnerable groups, are better protected from the risks detrimental to their health;
- National health system strengthened with the aim of providing quality health care services;
- A larger percentage of the population adopts a healthy lifestyle.

II. Results

Objective 1: Promoting healthy lifestyles and prevention of non-communicable diseases, aimed at reducing the impact of the most significant risk factors for non-communicable diseases (excessive alcohol consumption, smoking, unhealthy diet and low levels of physical activity)

This Project Objective #1 is led by the WHO and UNICEF.

Activity 1.1. Develop a national strategy for healthy lifestyle promotion and NCD prevention, aimed at reducing the impact of the most significant risk factors for NCDs – smoking, alcohol consumption, unhealthy diet and low levels of physical activity, with participation of NGOs and international agencies.

Activity 1.2. Development and implementation the National information strategy on healthy lifestyle.

The developed National Information Strategy on healthy lifestyle was approved by the Ministry of Health. Within implementation and introduction of the Strategy in order to promote HLS and prevent NCD, the Healthy Lifestyle Marathon #SAD was held in August 2019 in Minsk. More than 2500 participants aged 15-45 took part in the different sports events and activities that were organized in and out of sports institution "Freestyle Center". Anyone could try for free more than 60 different kinds of sports and HLS activities as well as get medical testing and advice. Many activities were adjusted for the needs of people with disabilities. Each week's event within #SAD had a specific focus on addressing the needs of different target groups such as outdoor activities for families with children, specialized classes for pregnant women. Also, two TV videos have been developed on the prevention of smoking and the promotion of physical activity and will be demonstrated on the national and local TV channels. The marathon received wide media coverage on the most popular TV, print and online media:

<https://news.tut.by/go/647146.html>

http://www.ecopress.by/ru/site_news/40/detail/5633/back.html

<https://www.belta.by/society/view/junisef-sovmestno-s-minzdravom-provodit-blagotvoritelnyj-marafon-zdorovogo-obraza-zhizni-356514-2019/>

http://mst.by/ru/actual-ru/view/v-tsentr-fristajl-za-zdorovjem-foto-17004-2019/?fbclid=IwAR0k7CMsMeDoKmwupXWairMEj3hq-zAN4HUyBYlt8n-vlhrh7_i8SugthV0

http://mst.by/ru/actual-ru/view/v-tsentr-fristajl-za-zdorovjem-foto-17004-2019/?fbclid=IwAR0k7CMsMeDoKmwupXWairMEj3hq-zAN4HUyBYlt8n-vlhrh7_i8SugthV0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6voDpG9Rpo4&feature=youtu.be>

Activity 1.3. Monitoring and evaluation of the situation, creation of the evidence base for informed decision-making in the field of prevention of non-communicable diseases.

In order to monitor and evaluate of risk factors of major NCD in adults in Belarus and create of the evidence base for informed decision-making in the field of NCD prevention, upon request of the Ministry of Health preparatory work has been started for implementing second STEPS survey in early 2020.

Source of verification for Objective 1:

- *The National Information Strategy on healthy lifestyle;*
- *The media publications;*

Objective 2: Development of initiatives for promotion of healthy lifestyles at the local level

This Project Objective #2 is led by the UNDP.

Activity 2.1. Organization of the call for proposals for civil society organizations, local initiatives and local authorities aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyles and implementation of the selected initiatives.

The Objective is targeted at encouraging and supporting effective partnerships and joint actions of public organizations, NGOs and private sector, local authorities and healthcare institutions in promotion of HLS at the local level. To achieve this goal UNDP is using the Grant facility mechanism, which has proved its viability and success within other development Projects implemented by UNDP. The mechanism assumes distribution of funds to finance selected local initiatives, which respond to certain criteria.

Three Contests “Be Healthy!” were conducted in all regions of Belarus. BELMED Project supported 25 best initiatives with total amount of the EU funding around EUR 800.000. 88% of the winner-organizations are NGOs, which indicates high level of commitment of civil society towards implementation of the activities aimed at strengthening public health and promoting HLS at the local level.

The following initiatives were successfully completed in the reporting period:

- Initiative "A Habit to Be Healthy " of Babrujsk city branch of Republican public association "Mothers Against Drugs" (winner of the Contest I) aims to reduce the factors triggering substance abuse by adolescents and young people by promoting their commitment to HLS and improving the quality of prevention activities in Babrujsk. 64 classes according to the Swedish BELLANET methodology were conducted, which were attended by 116 girls aged 14-17 (students of Babrujsk schools) in order to motivate them to take informed decisions and adopt HLS.

<http://narkotiki.by/novosti-razdela-privychka-byt-zdorovym/vstrechi-dlya-nastoyashchikh-ledi.html>

<http://narkotiki.by/novosti-razdela-privychka-byt-zdorovym/kak-devushke-stat-bolee-uverennoj-v-sebye.html>

85 master classes on various topics were conducted at the established Creative Workshop. The master classes were attended by 1240 young people from Babrujsk. The participants discovered their talents, learned how to relax through art, and how to interact in a group.

<https://vk.com/club147290296> (369 participants)

During the implementation of the initiative, the trainers and volunteers conducted 136 training courses on developing drug refusal skills; the initiative reached out to 2061 young people from Babrujsk

attending educational institutions. According to questionnaires, a part of the participants of preventive sessions decided to adopt a healthy lifestyle - give up smoking and never try drugs.

As part of the initiative, a section of the site <http://narkotiki.by/privychka-byt-zdorovym/> was designed and is functioning, besides, there are several groups on various social networking sites. Live broadcasts of the 19 conducted webinars for youth on the topics of interest for them generated 3119 hits and over 250 comments <https://vk.com/club160299930>. 1280 persons (adults, adolescents, addicts and co-addicts) received consultations at the created consulting office for the families facing parenting difficulties. 4 mass participation campaigns were conducted in the city to improve motivation for increased mobility and HLS among the students of specialized education establishments, vocational schools, and people of various ages living in the city.

- Initiative “Oblast Educational Security Centre” of Mahilioŭ Oblast Directorate of the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Belarus (winner of the Contest I). As part of the initiative, an Oblast Safety Centre of the Ministry for Emergency Situations (with barrier free environment) was equipped in the building of the fire station (Mahilioŭ, 6 Pažarny Ln.). In the activity of the Centre, special emphasis is given to innovative approaches to teaching health and safety skills. The work is organized around thematic blocks - fire safety; behaviour at water bodies, in the forest, on the road, during a thunderstorm; first aid; safety while operating electric and gas-fired equipment; anticrime block; radiation and nuclear safety. In 2019, over 8000 children and 2300 parents and teachers completed training at the Centre.
<https://mchs.gov.by/glavnoe/232959/>
<http://mogilev-region.gov.by/news/v-mogileve-otkryli-oblastnoy-centr-bezopasnosti-zhiznedeyatelnosti>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=2pu8Exi3DeA&feature=emb_logo
- Initiative “Let's Come Together to Prevent Children's Injuries” of Viciebsk Oblast organization of the Belarusian Red Cross (winner of the Contest I). As part of the initiative a package of activities were implemented to reduce death and severe injury rate in high-risk children of school age living in the city of Viciebsk: new methods of working with children and adults to prevent child injuries were implemented through improving competencies of the staff of concerned entities and volunteers; individual and group correctional activities were conducted to improve the responsibility of parents for the life and health of children in at-risk families; at-risk schoolchildren acquired self-protective behaviour skills; social assistance and counselling was provided to at-risk families. According to the statistical data of Viciebsk Oblast Children’s Clinic, during the implementation of the initiative “Let's Come Together to Prevent Children's Injuries” (2017-2019): in Viciebsk Oblast, deaths of at-risk children of school age decreased by 21,7%; overall morbidity from injuries reduced by 15,02%; as for injury rate at summer health improvement camps over the period 2015-2018 there is a general decline in the number of injuries in children by 22,2%; the number of severe injuries decreased more than two-fold.
<https://www.belta.by/regions/view/opyt-initsiativy-po-profilaktike-detskogo-travmatizma-sobirajutsja-rasprostranit-v-vitebskoj-oblasti-354335-2019/>
- Initiative “Eat right, live actively - it's great and productive!” of Biaroza District Ecological Public Association “EcoRegion “Yaselda” (winner of the Contest II). During the implementation of the initiative, three sports grounds for sports games (football on mire, gorodki and lapta) were established in the area adjoining the Environmental and Awareness-Raising Centre of Sporovsky Reserve (Vysokaje village, Biaroza district), and a mobile tabletop sports games studio (8 various games) was created at the Centre itself. During the implementation of the initiative, about 6000 persons improved their physical activity through the participation in the offered sports games. Besides, for the purposes

of promoting Slow Food movement a gastronomic expedition was conducted in Biaroza district: data about the gastronomic traditions in the region were collected; over 70 recipes were recorded, including 30 recipes of forgotten dishes. Twenty master classes were conducted on cooking traditional dishes for the youth studying at educational institutions and families of the district (over 240 persons, including persons with disabilities). The participants of the master classes were trained in the fundamentals and ideas of the Slow Food movement and were introduced to the results of the gastronomic expedition. An assessment conducted later demonstrated that over 73% of the participants began cooking at home, and over 68% reduced fast food consumption.

https://en-gb.facebook.com/pg/belmedberioza/posts/?ref=page_internal

<https://vk.com/club168273848>

<http://sporava.by/index.php/novosti/item/31-poedem-poedim-v-agrousadbe-zapovednoj-d-vysokoe-prokhodyat-kulinarnye-master-klassy-dlya-shkolnikov-i-molodezhi>

<http://sporava.by/index.php/meropriyatiya/item/43-v-ekologo-prosvetitelnom-tsentre-zakaznika-sporovskij-sostoyalos-itogovoe-meropriyatie-v-ramkakh-mestnoj-initsiativy-pitajstva-pravilno-zhivi-aktivno-eto-zdorovo-i-rezultativno>

- Initiative “Inclusive center of promotion of HLS” of Brest Oblast Youth Public Association “Person with Disability and Environment” (winner of the Contest II). As part of the initiative, the work of the Inclusive Centre for HLS Promotion was organized in Brest, at the Seventh-Day Adventist church (SDAC, a partner grantee). Over 100 group sessions for HLS promotion and improving the physical activity were conducted in two target groups - for 34 children/adolescents of the local area and 17 young persons with disabilities. Besides, one of the largest in Belarus sports and playgrounds was equipped in the territory of the SDAC. During the day the sports and playground is accessible to all locals. The ground has the following facilities: grounds for playing Showdown - table tennis for visually impaired, air hockey and table tennis for persons with disabilities, grounds for playing novuss, darts, chess and checkers, cycling lanes for persons with disabilities, boccia grounds, grounds for paraworkout and a children’s playground.

The grantee conducted a number of inclusive sports and games and educational activities in Brest and Brest Oblast (Pinsk, Žabinka, Stolin, etc.) to improve the physical activity and engagement of children and youth in HLS: the physical activity of 1628 children, including 57 with disabilities was improved.

<https://onlinebrest.by/novosti/pervyy-v-strane-inklyuzivnyy-centr-prodvizheniya-zdorovogo-obraza-zhizni-otkryli-v-breste.html>

https://daebrest.by/menu/hls/?ELEMENT_ID=313

- Initiative “Movement yard games” of Public Association “Council of the Fathers in Homiel” (winner of Contest II) aimed to engage at least 1000 adults and children living in the city of Homiel in regular yard sports games and tournaments. The grantee and partners equipped the first in Homiel workout ground, and 10 playgrounds in the yards of Homiel were equipped for various sports (football, streetball, ultimate frisbee, vybivala). The largest in Belarus street football tournament was conducted on these grounds (over 40 adolescent teams). Over the entire period of the implementation of the initiative, over 200 events were organized and conducted on the equipped grounds prepared by trained moderators and volunteers: major tournaments, master classes, respective sports games; about 1700 persons participated in the activities.

<https://newsgomel.by/news/society/semeynyy-festival-dvorovykh-igr-proshyel-v-gomele.html>

<https://vk.com/ruhgdg>

<https://m.tvrgomel.by/news/sport/proch-gadzhety-dorogu-zdorovomu-obrazu-zhizni-gomelchan-priglashayut-na-novuyu-vorkaut-ploshchadku/>

- Initiative “Laboratory of Healthy Nutrition “ShkolnikAM”” of Department for Education, Sports and Tourism of Svietlahorsk District Executive Committee (winner of the Contest II). As part of the initiative, the equipment of three school canteens of Svietlahorsk District was modernized: combi steamers, water softeners, electric cookers, etc. were installed. Combi steamers have reduced the loss of ready-to-serve foods by 10%, their use makes it possible to preserve the valuable properties of food, its minerals, vitamins, and thus ensure a balanced diet of schoolchildren and improve the dietary properties of the food cooked. Vegetable cutters installed in school canteens automated the preparation and processing of food raw materials, minimized the waste (waste decreased by 15%), and improved workforce productivity. The quality and organization of balanced diets of 100% of schoolchildren of the target group (206 schoolchildren) have improved; the quality of schoolchildren diets has improved as regards its microbiological content; a greater variety of meals is offered cooked using the installed equipment. Besides, as part of the initiative 26 awareness-raising and educational events were conducted - about 3000 locals have been familiarized with the fundamentals of HLS and healthy eating; 89 persons - cooks, food technologists, schoolchildren, and parents - have been trained in present-day technologies of cooking healthy meals at master classes.
<https://davidovka.schools.by/pages/video-masterklassy>).
<http://www.svetlcge.by/?p=10440>
 The best practices of implementing the initiative were presented both at the regional level and during the international FAO seminar “Consolidating School Food and Nutrition Approaches in Europe and Central Asia” (11-13.12.2019, Minsk).
<http://www.fao.org/in-action/fsn-caucasus-asia/news/news-detail/ru/c/1255322/>
- Initiative “Together to health” of Smarhoń District Organization of the Belarusian Public Association of Veterans (winner of the Contest III). As part of the initiative, 25 social workers and 41 proactive citizens (from 3 rural councils of Smarhoń District of Hrodna Oblast) completed training on the following topics: HLS, Arterial Hypertension, Diabetes, and were trained to train senior citizens living in Smarhoń District on the prevention of NCD as part of the established Health School. There were 10165 visits and 624 senior citizens were trained in monitoring blood pressure, measuring blood sugar content, healthy diet rules, and wellness techniques. Besides, six awareness-raising and practical meetings “What Do We Know about Arterial Hypertension” were conducted for 149 persons, and three meetings “Diabetes. Important to Know!” (103 persons) The participants of the meetings improved their knowledge of preventing arterial hypertension, diabetes; they were trained to measure arterial blood pressure with a blood pressure monitor and test blood sugar levels with a blood glucose monitor. Three “Healthy Recipes” contests were conducted for the people living in remote villages, 49 participants learned about healthy diets as an important factor of NCD prevention.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPMrU7pGeUM>
<http://www.shliah.by/news/obshhestvo/news13788.html>
- Initiative “Healthy lifestyle without restrictions” of Hrodna Interdistrict Public Association “Republican Association of Wheelchair Users” (winner of the Contest III). An Inclusive Healthy Lifestyles Centre was established in Hrodna. The Centre is equipped for delivering educational activities, classes for improved physical activity and HLS promotion for persons with disabilities and their environment. The following equipment is installed in the Centre: weight machines, gym wall bars, three examination tables, a tennis table and a table tennis robot trainer, barbells with a set of weight plates. An electric scooter was purchased to improve the mobility of persons with disabilities. With additional co-financing, five sets of brain tabletop games were supplied to the Centre. Over 50 persons including persons with disabilities visit the Centre on a regular basis. Besides, during the period of the implementation of the initiative, five trainings were conducted at the Centre, and the knowledge of 72 persons, including 30 persons with disabilities was improved on the following topics:

“Overcoming internal and external barriers”, “HLS while in a wheelchair”, “Prevention of bedsores in wheelchair users”, “Primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular diseases”, “Prevention of urological conditions in wheelchair users”. <https://www.grodnoplustv.by/index.php/novosti/item/8422-inklyuzivnyj-tsentr-po-prodvizheniyu-zdorovogo-obraza-zhizni-otkrylsya-v-grodno>

- Initiative “In team race to a common goal” of Public Association of Cyclists “VeloGrodno” (winner of the Contest III). To engage the residents of Hrodna in cycling as an effective means of NCD prevention the grantee established a cycling school for beginners in Hrodna (136 sessions conducted, 159 persons trained), and a Ride cycling promotion campaign was conducted (10 trips involving over 160 persons aged 10-50+). Besides, methodological guidelines (information package) on cycling movement were developed and disseminated to all Hrodna schools. Volunteers were trained to deliver trainings at schools based on the designed methodological guidelines (nine trainings conducted, 262 schoolchildren trained in road safety when cycling in and outside of the city, information provided on outdoor activities for cyclists). Thanks to the implementation of the initiative, NGO “VeloGrodno” for the first time managed to establish an effective partnership with the educational institutions of Hrodna. In some schools cycling clubs were created.

A questionnaire survey of schoolchildren, parents, and school administrations was conducted to learn from the people living in the city about the status of cycling (1960 persons participated). Based on the questionnaire survey findings, final recommendations on improving the cycling infrastructure of the city were developed and submitted to Hrodna City Executive Committee for decision making on improving the conditions for cycling by the residents of the city.

http://socnews.by/socprojects/2019/05/24/article_50092

<https://velogrodno.by/pokatushki/pokatushki-novyiy-format-obshheniya-dlya-lyubiteley-zozh-dostupnost-i-drayv.html>

- Initiative “It’s the right time!” of Social and Information Institution “Gorodskoye razvitiye”/Urban Development (winner of the Contest III). As part of the initiative, 5 advocacy workshops “Men’s health 45+” for mass media, local governmental and non-governmental organizations were conducted in Minsk Oblast. The participants (128 persons) noted it was necessary to highlight the problem in their workplace and in communicating with friends; raise the awareness of the people around through thematic events in their organizations and through publications in the mass media (98 publications as a result of the conducted workshops).

Besides, a contest for mass media and bloggers of Minsk Oblast was conducted for a best publication about real life local heroes aged 45+ pursuing an active lifestyle.

See the winners’ publications here:

<https://www.kp.by/daily/26962.4/4016398/>

https://news.tut.by/go/618769.html?utm_campaign=news-feed&utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss-news

<http://www.pramen-news.by/?p=27482>

<https://kurjer.info/tag/45/>

<https://belarusfeed.com/old-beautiful-belarusian-seniors-instagram/>

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1w_hw8ZVJnwKVAvSili2FLcc7pxzw5JZO

As part of the initiative, a long-term advertising campaign “This is still me!” was designed and launched. The campaign includes two plotlines for outdoor advertising and a video. Twenty billboards were installed in Žodzina, Maladziečna, Sluck and Salihorsk, and over 60 in Minsk (additionally, at the cost of the outdoor advertising company). The video is shown on an ongoing basis on BT, ONT, STV, STK (Salihorsk), MKTV (Maladziečna), Sluck TV, Sphera TV Channel (Žodzina), Svetloe TV (Barysau) television channels, in cinema advertisements of Minsk cinemas, and in subordinate organizations of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus in Minsk Oblast. The total coverage

is over 50,000 people. Besides, the video is published on the initiative's Facebook page, and its promotion in the Odnoklassniki social network service was ensured (over 57000 views):

<https://ok.ru/group/55286722134148>

Besides, on 24 August 2019, the Festival "It's high time! Daily physical" was held in Maladziečna. During the event, theme grounds were arranged: the main stage with a concert set, sports, games, consultations and diagnostics, and children's grounds where expert consultants on HLS, healthcare, healthy diet, and psychology provided consultations. 474 persons participated in the festival - people living in the city, representatives of local NGOs, health care facilities, social services, and educational establishments. Following the advocacy campaign, 46 materials were published in the mass media, including BelTA, SB. Belarus Today, ONT, TUT.BY, and other central and regional mass media.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSuxlZv2aaY&fbclid=IwAR11cM0IH1ItULXOu3U-xI BOzPXLien312tn_6Nne1EvPQzPk-8gI0P7ns

<https://kraj.by/belarus/news/sobitiya/-kak-v-molodechno-proshel-festival-samoe-vremya-zaryadka-na-kotoriy-prihodili-semyami-2019-08-25>

Besides, on 10 August 2019, as part of the 13th Sporovsky Haymaking 2019 Environmental Festival (held in Sporovsky National Biological Reserve, Brest Oblast) the BELMED Project organized the presentation of the local initiatives winners of three "Be Healthy" contests in different oblasts of Belarus, and sharing of experience for the initiatives. The BELMED grantees conducted educational, sports and creative events for the participants and guests of the festival:

- yard games tournament: vybivala, hali-halo, rubber band jumping game, square, frisbee;
- Nordic walking and gymnastics master classes;
- a mobile studio of tabletop games;
- training master classes for children on the fundamentals of health and safety;
- a mobile cardiovascular health testing station, a cardiologist's consultation station and an information stand on preventing non-communicable diseases;
- a healthy eating master class;
- creative master classes (sand drawing, decoration of plaster figurines and panel picture, glass painting);
- games, quizzes and healthy lifestyle and healthy eating contests.

Over 1000 persons participated in the events and familiarized with the BELMED project initiatives as well as with the best practices of healthy lifestyle support.

http://maiak.by/news/obshchestvo/vse_na_sporovskie_senokosy_.html

<http://berezacity.by/news/698-v-derevne-vysokoe-proshyol-ekologicheskii-festival-sporovskie-senokosy-2019.html>

Source of verification for Objective 2:

- *The UNDP Agreements with the organizations-recipients and payment orders to transfer the tranches;*
- *The reports of organizations-recipients on implementation of initiatives;*
- *The media publications.*

Objective 3: Preparation and implementation of pilot screening programs for breast cancer at the regional level in order to implement population-based screening of the disease throughout the Republic of Belarus

This Project Objective #3 is led by the WHO, UNDP and UNFPA.

Activity 3.1. Establishment of an autonomous programme management team (PMT) to ensure coordination, development and implementation of the breast cancer screening programme.

The respective activities are completed before the reporting period.

Activity 3.2. Training for PMT members and medical personnel.

40 National specialists participated in the workshop on multidisciplinary team for Belarusian radiologists and pathologists took place in Minsk in October 2019. It was conducted by a group of WHO, IARC and international experts in radiology, pathology and mammography imaging. Establishing system of joint assessment of all detected cases of breast cancer by team of surgeons, radiologists and pathologists is crucial for quality assured screening of breast cancer.

<https://training.iarc.fr/iarc-education-and-training-programme-news/>

<https://bit.ly/35vf2V2>

Activity 3.3. Development of the comprehensive plan and respective informational materials for the pilot programs.

The developed informational materials on breast cancer screening for the target audience (including the leaflets for the patients, posters, invitation letters, letters informing on the results of the breast cancer screening) were transferred to the pilot healthcare facilities and have been using to increase adherence of the target audience to screening and effectiveness of pilot program.

Activity 3.4. Conducting the feasibility research and publication of results.

Activity 3.5. Improvement of the process of breast cancer screening.

Activity 3.6. Implementation of the pilot breast screening program.

Activity 3.7. Development, introduction and adapting the register for breast cancer screening.

The software of the electronic breast cancer screening register has been using in a pilot healthcare facilities since February 2019. The test operation of the developed software has been conducted in November 2019 by the created commission. This commission included the representatives of pilots and involved healthcare facilities which were appointed by the MoH, as well as representatives of UNDP and software company developer.

Based on the results of test operation the commission concluded that the program can be transferred to beta testing that is the next step for introduction and using.

Source of verification for Objective 3:

- UNDP Agreements for software development and waybills for purchases;
- The minutes of the test operation of the developed software of the electronic breast cancer screening register;
- WHO Agreements with IARC, event company;
- UNFPA transfer documents of the informational materials on breast cancer screening;

Objective 4: Improvement of the system of child disease and injuries prevention

This Project Objective #4 is led by the UNICEF and WHO.

Activity 4.1. Strengthening national capacity on child injuries prevention, including monitoring and analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of preventive measures.

In the reporting period, seven round tables were conducted with the participation of 240 pediatricians, doctors, orthopedic traumatologists, staff of YFHCs, health care managers, road police inspections and specialists of

the departments of the Ministry of Emergencies and city authorities, examining the main gaps and ways forward on child injury prevention and mortality from external causes that were stipulated in the round tables' resolutions (the order of the MoH #738 as of 13.06.2019). The Resolutions were submitted to the Oblast Executive Committee. The round tables' conclusions and recommendations were covered in the regional media.

In order to enhance the national capacity, to monitor and analyze child injuries from external causes across the country a national electronic database on injuries from external causes was modified by the United Institute of Informatics Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. While collecting data, the program now enables disaggregation of cases of injuries by age groups, gender, regions and other important indicators that are an essential part for a proper situational analysis. Since March 2019 the database is being used in a pilot mode by traumatological healthcare institutions in Minsk region. The results of the piloting were presented to the MoH and the decision of the introduction of the database in other regions is now pending due to the modernization and unification of electronic systems of the MoH and this issue will be followed up by UNICEF.

Updated clinical protocols for triage and emergency care for children have been prepared for approval by the MoH, taking into account the latest WHO recommendations "Childhood hospital care."

Activity 4.2. Improvement of knowledge and skills of teenagers on safe behavior, of young parents and the public on child injury prevention.

The network of Model Centers for Parents (MCP) on the creation of the safe environment for newborns and young children at home continued to expand in 2019. Four MCP in Minsk (7th children polyclinic), Homiel, Babrujsk and Mazyr were renovated and equipped and will be opened at the beginning of 2020 in addition to ten effectively functioning in Belarus. In addition, addressing the urgent issues with child mortality from external causes and in accordance with the request of the Brest Oblast Executive Committee UNICEF supported the design and procurement of the equipment for three MCP in Stolin, Brest and Minsk with the follow up renovation and opening in first half 2020.

To ensure the quality of the training programmes and sustainability of already established MCP and those that are coming in 2020 the methodological guidelines will be developed and seminars for MCP coordinators will be conducted next year.

Special focus was paid to raising public and parental awareness on prevention of child injuries from external causes. Six animated videos on child injuries up to 1-minute each, accompanied with a series of posters were produced and handed to the Ministry of Health for nation-wide distribution in children's polyclinics, maternity houses and MCP that educate on the prevention of child injuries from drowning, road traffic accidents, swallowing small items, falling from windows and dangerous of winter outdoor activities. More than 100000 parents will benefit from information-communication activities and materials.

Two press events were conducted in Minsk to attract the public's and parents' attention to dangerous of unattended small items at home, such as tablets, batteries, buttons, pins, and puzzles. The event on the prevention of little things swallowing by children was conducted in 6th Children's Polyclinic in Minsk. The MoH, Health Committee of Minsk City and Child Surgeons demonstrated items surgically removed from child's stomachs, distributing among parents the piggy banks to foster children's habits to put the coins inside the piggy bank versus swallowing them. The event received coverage in all important media:

<https://interfax.by/news/obshchestvo/society-different/1268645/>

<http://www.zorika.by/?p=41339>

<https://news.21.by/health/2019/12/12/1941140.html>

<http://zviazda.by/be/news/20191210/1575988250-u-minsku-prayshla-akcyya-skarbonka-zdarouya>

<https://ortoped.by/novosti/profilaktika-travmatizma.-bezopasnost-detej.html>

As part of the broader information campaign on child injury prevention, a memorandum on the prevention of young children falling from windows was signed between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and private companies that produce windows. The companies and ministries who joined the Memorandum committed to providing windows with special window opener ‘stabilizers’ that prevent a window from being easily opened by children as well as distribute information among their target audience.

<https://minsknews.by/v-minske-podpisali-memorandum-po-predotvrashheniyu-sluchaev-detskogo-travmatizma/>

<https://gp.by/category/news/novosti-belarusi/news208592.html>

Activity 4.3. Expansion of access of adolescents to friendly services for prevention of risky behavior and injuries.

The network of YFHCs continued to widen. The YFHCs in Minsk (9th Children polyclinic) and Lida were fully equipped and started the effective functioning covering more than 3000 adolescents with the adolescents-centered services in 2019. Based on the request of the MoH the medical and office equipment and furniture were supplied to three new YFHCs in Brest, Kalinkavichy and Vaŭkavysk which will be opened in first half 2020.

While the work of YFHCs is important in advancing adolescents’ health and well-being, the majority do not effectively reach the most vulnerable adolescents, nor do they consider the comprehensive needs of adolescents. Special attention was paid to reduce the ‘access threshold’ to the socio-medical services provided by YFHCs and a key challenge in outreach – the limited coordination among different sectors for referral and support.

Under the agreement with “Mother and Child” Centre UNICEF continued to enhance the capacity of YFHCs specialists and strengthen the interagency and cross-sectoral collaboration of YFHCs, education establishments and NGOs. 5 seminars (order of the MoH #324 as of 19.03.2019) and round tables were conducted in Mahilioŭ, Hrodna, Brest, Viciebsk and Homieŭ (order of the MoH #689 as of 04.06.2019) and one additional round table in Minsk. Seminars contributed to in-depth analysis of algorithms of the interagency and cross-sectoral cooperation which was developed by experts of YFHCs and NGOs. The conclusions and recommendations worked out by 85 seminars’ participants were presented and discussed within 6 rounds tables with participation of 250 healthcare managers, pedagogues, psychologists, parents and adolescents and recommendations for localizing the guidance to specific regional needs were stipulated in the round tables resolutions. The recommendations also focused of the further improvements on the quality of counseling and comprehensive medical, psychological, social assistance to adolescents at-risk and from vulnerable groups embracing the enhanced organizational and methodological work, professional capacity development, experience exchange, preventive work and social assistance and support. The resolutions were submitted to the Minsk City and Oblast Executive Committees.

In addition, 216 pediatricians, valeologists, gynecologists, psychologists, narcologists and physician assistants upgraded their counselling skills for work with adolescents in YFHCs, including from vulnerable groups, though 12 three-days seminars “Counseling adolescents practicing risky behavior on changing their behavior and promotion of healthy lifestyles” (the order of the MoH # 323 as of 19.03.2019).

To address the burning issues of adolescents' suicidal behavior one two-days training for YFHCs specialists and psychologists from Minsk region "Mental health and improved psychological assistance to adolescents" was held in December. The training contributed to the improved quality of psychological counseling of adolescents and their families on crisis conditions, and prevention of bullying including cyberbullying and suicidal behavior (the order of the MoH #1491 as of 12.12.2019).

Source of verification for Objective 4:

- *The MoH Orders for training and round tables conducting;*
- *UNICEF Agreement with "Mother and Child" Centre;*

Objective 5: Strengthening of the system of mother and child medical care

This Project Objective #5 is led by the UNICEF and UNFPA.

Activity 5.1. Improvement of monitoring and evaluation of the quality of medical services in the field of maternal and child health.

The Resource Methodological Monitoring Center in "Mother and Child" Centre continued to strengthen the capacity in the advanced coordination of YFHCs, ECI centers and Baby Friendly Hospital Initiatives. The register of YFHCs was developed and regular updated. The website for YFHCs was revamped with adolescents' participation and uploaded with the methodological and information materials to support the health care providers in the development and integration of the adolescents friendly health services and also providing the adolescents tailored information on prevention of psychoactive substances use, bullying, suicidal behavior and promotion of the mental health and healthy life style.

Guidelines on organizing and conducting the monitoring of Youth-Friendly Health Services and Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative have been developed and the range of the monitoring visits will be conducted next year.

Activity 5.2. Improvement of quality of health services in the area of reproductive health and mother and child health.

Over 16 participants from five perinatal facilities have improved their skills in 5-days advanced training on effective perinatal care, which included orientation in adult and peer-to-peer teaching approach. Trainees have introduced their facilities achievements in effective perinatal care implementation. Every team has developed new set of goals and objectives for the further improvement on the facility level.

Posters, booklets and banners were created together with pregnant women and mothers, helping doctors to provide in an accessible form the reliable and high-quality information about lifestyle and necessary medical interventions for pregnant women. Over 10000 materials were printed, presented and planned to be distributed to target audience during events and via social media. Over 50 billboards are located in 13 cities and towns.

<https://www.mamexpert.by/i-am-changing-mobile/>

Educational event aimed at health care professionals took place to promote the women engagement to Health interventions during pregnancy and childbirth, more than 55 specialists have attended and trained. Another forum has directly involved around 80 beneficiaries – pregnant women and their families and thousands of people were connected remotely.

More than 90 obstetrician-gynecologists have been trained using simulation methodology on management of obstetrics complications in Mahilioŭ, Baranavičy and Minsk. Training module was developed by national consultants from “Mother and Child” Centre based on international recommendations and best practices and includes practical skills on severe complications during labor using hi-tech mannequin.

Activity 5.3. Capacity of primary health care in the provision of services to families with children under 3 years old is strengthened.

Aiming to ensure sustainability of the already achieved results and to embrace as big audience of medical specialists as possible a leading Belarusian medical educational institution BelMAPE was contracted to conduct a series of seminars on early intervention and home visiting services in Belarus. The programme of the seminar embodies the information on the developed earlier set of guidelines and practical manuals on early childhood intervention services. Seminars started in December 2018 and lasted till October 2019. To ensure the sustainability of the achieved results and to embrace as big audience of medical specialists 7 scientific practical seminars on early intervention and home visiting services were conducted by the leading experts of BelMAPE (7 orders of the MoH were issued).

Republican scientific and practical seminars have been held in Minsk (2), Brest, Homieĺ, Viciebsk, Hrodna and Mahilioŭ. 663 participants of seminars (specialists, providing medical care to children on an outpatient basis, including district pediatricians, general practitioners, interns specializing in pediatrics and general medical practice) increased knowledge and built competences on the prevention of gender inequality, discrimination and stigma when working with a family and people surrounding the child, counseling the family on the creation of a safe environment for the child at home. The seminars agenda also embraced the master classes and lectures on the evaluation of early child development, early detection, prevention and intervention. Specialists have been trained on early detection of mental disorders of the postpartum period in the immediate surrounding of a child during home visits, the development of communication skills, the involvement of fathers in taking care for and upbringing of a child, encouraging the family to vaccinate children against infectious diseases, and acquiring the skills of working with the child’s surrounding in case of refusal to vaccination.

In addition, 75 methodological guidelines on early identification of early developmental delays of children under 3 were developed and distributed among specialist of ECI centers.

Source of verification for Objective 5:

- *The MoH Orders for trainings conducting;*
- *UNFPA Agreements with service providers;*
- *UNFPA contracts with national and international experts;*
- *UNICEF Agreements with “Mother and Child” Centre, BelMAPE;*
- *Travel verification documents;*

Objective 6. Support to modernization of the health system with particular focus on primary health care in Belarus.

This Project Objective #6 is led by the WHO.

Under implementation all Activities 6.1. – 6.4:

Activity 6.1. Providing policy guidance aimed at strengthening health system with particular focus on primary health care in Belarus.

Activity 6.2. Enhancing better coordination of health providers and continuity of care.

Activity 6.3. Developing incentive schemes for health practitioners.

Activity 6.4. Strengthening clinical competencies of primary health care practitioners and standardization of practice related to prevention, control and treatment of NCD.

In 2019, the work of the Joint Coordinating Committee for Objective 6 implementation with representatives of the MoH, WHO, regional health authorities and National educational institutions was continued, drawing on the results of the project's activities conducted in 2018.

With regard to providing technical assistance to the BELMED pilots in implementing new models of service delivery in primary health care, regular monitoring visits to the pilot healthcare facilities in Minsk and Horki (Mahilioŭ region) were performed. Visits were performed by WHO technical team, which included national specialists, international experts on Primary Health Care, coordinator of the project and staff from the WHO Country Office in Belarus. During visits, the technical consultations were provided to the pilots' personnel, and there were discussions and analysis of indicators of performance and practical challenges to the project implementation.

Both pilot healthcare facilities have started collecting baseline data for monitoring and evaluation, based on developed indicators and methodology. They have collected data on the institution level, with an opportunity to extract data per every doctor participating in the pilots.

Representatives of administration and personnel of both healthcare facilities have been provided with feedback from WHO technical team on how enablers of the structural and policy change are to be implemented. Difficulties and barriers reported by health professionals during the site visits were addressed through additional training sessions for nurses and doctors' assistants aiming at enhancement of skills and competences needed for patient-centred motivational counselling.

During the site visits the WHO technical team identified the needs of pilots' personnel in enhancing skills and competencies in motivational counselling. A three-days multi-professional training course for doctors, doctor assistants and nurses was conducted in Mahilioŭ in December 2019 with deeper focus on the structure of motivational counselling, communication skills for better engagement of patients during consultation, communication skills and elements for more holistic assessment of problem and for better shared responsibilities in decision making on what would be most appropriate for the plan for problem management and/or modification of risk factors.

Two workshops on primary care with participation of WHO experts was organized for the primary health care specialists in September and December 2019 in Minsk. The participants (up to 20 national specialists in each event) have been trained on how to better organize primary health care delivery and ensure optimal skill mix and proper shifts of roles and functions of primary care staff in the management of NCD.

Capacity of representatives of the pilot healthcare facilities and health care authorities in the development and promotion of primary care and nursing education was strengthened through their participating in a series of study tours to neighboring countries with good examples of PHC and patient-centred service delivery. There were three study visits to Kazakhstan and Lithuania. Participants of the study visits were familiarized with different approaches to NCD prevention, early detection and management and how the health systems address those challenges.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/belarus/news/news/2019/09/strengthening-health-care-quality-assurance-in-belarus-health-professionals-and-policy-makers-visit-kazakhstan>

<https://www.mf.vu.lt/en/about/news/41-general-news/1064-cooperation-between-neighboring-countries-is-ongoing-delegation-from-belarus>

<http://www.medvestnik.by/ru/news/view/pronizyvajuschij-analiz-18971-2019/>

A multi-disciplinary workshop on nursing education and continuous professional development with participation of international experts was organized in Hrodna Medical University. Health care professionals from a wide spectrum of regional level healthcare facilities have been trained on how to better adjust new roles of nurses to contemporary demands for patient-centred healthcare delivery and better control and management of NCD.

Source of verification for Objective 6:

- *Travel verification documents;*
- *Report and aid-memoire of the visits of WHO expert;*
- *The contracts with national experts;*
- *WHO Agreements with Vilnius' University, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, event company;*
- *MoH Orders;*
- *The media publications;*

Objective 7: Effective Project management.

Activity 7.1. The initial stage.

Activity 7.2. Monitoring and evaluation of the Project.

The National Project Coordinator appointed by the Ministry of Health led the strategic issues for the effective implementation of the Project.

For the purpose of monitoring of the Project implementation and advising on strategic Project issues one meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) took place during the reporting period and six PSC electronic voting. PSC consists of the representatives of the MoH, EU, UN Agencies (WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA). At the PSC meeting any encountered difficulties in project implementation and measures taken to overcome problems have been discussed.

Activity 7.3. Project management and Project management group activities.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) ensured coordination of the participating UN Agencies for the effective implementation of the Project activities.

For prompt and efficient dealing with routine issues of the joint Project implementation, the PMU was organizing regular meetings at the working level with involvement of the representatives of all participating UN Agencies. PMU also organized several working meetings with the National Coordinator and bilateral meetings with every participating UN Agency to discuss day-to-day Project implementation issues.

Source of verification for Objective 7:

- *Minutes of the PSC meeting and electronic voting;*

ii) Indicator Based Performance Assessment:

Using the **Programme Results Framework from the Project Document / AWP** - provide an update on the achievement of indicators at both the output and outcome level in the table below. Where it has not been possible to collect data on indicators, clear explanation should be given explaining why, as well as plans on how and when this data will be collected.

	<u>Achieved</u> Indicator Targets	Reasons for Variance with Planned Target (if any)	Source of Verification
<p>Outcome 1⁸: Development of initiatives for promotion of healthy lifestyles at the local level.</p> <p>Indicator: Support of the local initiatives on healthy lifestyles' promotion.</p> <p>Baseline: 9 initiatives were supported by the end of 2016 (this indicator is cumulative).</p> <p>Planned Target: 2017 – not less than 14 initiatives are supported; 2018 – not less than 20 initiatives are supported; 2019 – not less than 20 initiatives are supported.</p>	<p>For 2019 – cumulatively 25 local initiatives have been supported by 31 December 2019 in all regions of Belarus</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>UNDP Agreements with the recipients and payment orders to transfer the tranches.</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Preparation and implementation of pilot screening programs for breast cancer at the regional level in order to implement population-based screening of the disease</p>			

⁸ Note: Outcomes, outputs, indicators and targets should be **as outlined in the Project Document** so that you report on your **actual achievements against planned targets**. Add rows as required for Outcome 2, 3 etc.

<p>throughout the Republic of Belarus.</p> <p>Indicator: Development, implementation and assessment of a pilot breast screening programme that fulfils international quality standards</p> <p>Baseline: Absence of an organized, population-based breast cancer screening programme in Belarus</p> <p>Planned Target: Procedures for nationwide rollout of a breast cancer screening programme are developed on the basis of the pilot results.</p>	<p>The software for breast cancer screening register is developed and its test operation have been conducted at the pilot healthcare facilities.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>The minutes of the test operation of the developed software of the electronic breast cancer screening register</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order as of 28.07.2017 No. 830 "On the organization of screening and early cancer detection".</p> <p>Ministry of Health Order as of 28.07.2017 № 831 the "Regulation on programme management team for breast cancer screening within the BELMED Project"</p> <p>UNDP Agreement with IT company</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Improvement of the system of child disease and injuries prevention.</p> <p>Indicator 3.1: Child mortality from external causes.</p> <p>Baseline: 2016 – 8,1 per 100 000 children (0-17 years).</p> <p>Planned Target: 2017 – 8,0 per 100 000 children; 2018 – 8,0 per 100 000 children; 2019 – 7,9 per 100 000 children.</p> <p>Indicator 3.2: Child disability from external causes</p> <p>Baseline: 2016 – 0,34 per 10 000 children (0-17 years)</p>	<p>For 2019 – 6,42 per 100 000 children</p> <p>For 2019 – 0,29 per 10 000 children (primary child disability)</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health annual data reporting</p> <p>The Ministry of Health annual data reporting</p>

<p>Planned Target: 2017 – 0,36 per 10 000 children; 2018 – 0,34 per 10 000 children; 2019 – 0,32 per 10 000 children.</p>			
<p>Outcome 4: Strengthening of the system of mother and child medical care.</p> <p>Indicator 4.1: Registered newly diagnosed cases of child morbidity per 1000 children Baseline: 2016 – 1807 per 1000 children Planned Target: 2017 – 1805 per 1000 children; 2018 – 1803 per 1000 children; 2019 – 1800 per 1000 children.</p> <p>Indicator 4.2: Information and methodical monitoring center on the mother and child health issues Baseline: 2016 – Absence of the information and methodical monitoring center Planned Target: 2017 – Information and methodical monitoring center on the mother and child health issues has been established on the basis of the «Mother and Child» Centre. 2018 – Information and methodical monitoring center is financed from the budget of BELMED Project and «Mother and Child» Centre.</p>	<p>For 2019 – 1751,7 per 1000 children</p> <p>Information and methodical monitoring center is financed only from the budget of the «Mother and Child» Centre.</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health annual data reporting</p> <p>The Ministry of Health Order as of 05.02.2019 №133 “On the re-organization of the Resource Information-Methodological Monitoring Center”.</p>

<p>2019 – Information and methodical monitoring center is financed from the budget of the «Mother and Child» Centre.</p> <p>Indicator 4.3: % of districts where early medical rehabilitation services provided to children U3 with special needs. Baseline: 2016 – 31%. Planned Target: 2017 – 40%; 2018 – 45%; 2019 – 50%.</p> <p>Indicator 4.4: National Strategy on the improvement of child and adolescent health Baseline: Absence of the National Strategy Planned Target: National Strategy is adopted</p> <p>Indicator 4.5: Primary disability in children aged 0-1 year. Baseline: 2016 – 63,72 per 10000 children aged 0-1 year. Planned Target: 2017 – 63,5 per 10000 children; 2018 – 63,3 per 10000 children; 2019 – 63,0 per 10000 children.</p>	<p>For 2019 – 92%. (in 109 districts out of 118)</p> <p>The National Strategy on the improvement of child and adolescent health is developed, provided to the MoH and presented at the republican round table on 23.11.2018</p> <p>Verified data for 2018 - 59,56 per 10000 children. Preliminary for 2019 – 58,56 per 10000 children. The final data for 2018 will be available in May 2020 after receiving the final population data.</p>	<p>Achieved</p> <p>Achieved in previous reporting period</p> <p>Achieved for 2018 and for 2019</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health primary documentation</p> <p>The document of the National Strategy on the improvement of child and adolescent health.</p> <p>The Ministry of Health annual data reporting</p>
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Annex I

Contract awards above EUR 15,000, made in the period 01 January 2018 – 31 March 2019 within the frameworks of the EU funded Project “Preventing non-communicable diseases, promoting healthy lifestyle and support to modernization of the health system in Belarus” (BELMED)

Participating UN Organization	Company name	Country	Amount (equivalent in EUR)	Contract award was made, date	Goods/ services	Website
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