



# SOS VILLAGES D'ENFANTS MONDE

## PROJECT PROPOSAL

*October 2014*

### **Ukraine: Convalescence for children from conflict affected areas in the Lugansk region**



# Response to psychological needs in Eastern Ukraine

In autumn 2014, the team of SOS Children's Villages Ukraine moved to the northern part of the Lugansk region to help internally displaced children and their families who escaped from the war zone.

The three districts concerned are mainly agricultural and are not prepared to provide for so many people who desperately need everything from financial aid to housing, medicine and school materials, as well as jobs and psychological help geared towards refugees. Many of the refugees are children, some of whom suffer from diabetes and need medicine.

For the last two months SOS Children's Villages Ukraine has been providing the families with cash payments, as the normal state child support, totalling 2,500 Hryvnia (approximately 150 euros) per child per month, is no longer being paid out to people in the Lugansk and Donetsk regions. The families relied on these social benefits for their survival.

**Most of the children who lived in a conflict affected area witnessed destruction and violence and experienced psychological trauma. They have a number of fears connected with previous experience, e.g. fear to lose parental care and family environment again.**



Double traumatised children need time to recover

Caregivers have very limited resources to relieve the children's suffering. In addition to problems caused by displacement and property losses they are faced with problems of getting government subsidies.

During 2015, the SOS Team in Ukraine will organise a specialised camp for them during summer vacation.

For three weeks, children from family based care supported by SOS Ukraine will stay in a tent camp and will participate in a scope of activities according to formerly established recreation plan.

It will be a group of 25 children aged 7-17 from Lugansk foster families and family type children's homes supported by SOS Ukraine.

Their participation will be based on the needs assessment and consultation with the families.

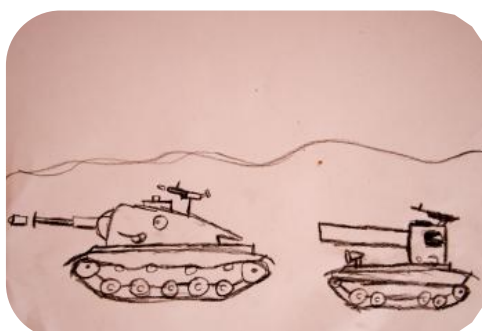
The camp lasts 21 days and includes scouting, games, competitions but foremost and all educational group and individual activities.

Additionally, psychological diagnostics and pedagogical support for children will be provided all time long.

Two employees of SOS Children's Villages Ukraine will supervise the camp regularly and support children and staff.

It is expected that the activities, counselling and trainings will help the children to return to a stable condition, avoiding further stress, aggressive behaviour or other negative manners within the family or their environment.

In case more complex problems are diagnosed, SOS Ukraine will develop further individual plans to help the children after returning home.



*"We have noticed that children's games and also drawings have become more aggressive"*  
says a SOS psychologist in July 2014

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT
Accommodation in the camp, meals, trainings, counselling	€ 13,330
Train tickets	€ 980
<b>TOTAL 2015</b>	<b>€ 14,310</b>