

## Humanitarian project

The public institution “Kobrin territorial center of social services for the population”

1. **The name of the project:** “The Guide”
2. **The period of the project’s realization:** a year (12 months)
3. **The applicant organization:** the public institution “Kobrin territorial center of social services for the population”
4. **The aim of the project:** Equipping of socially significant institutions and organizations with informative plates made in Braille, through the creation of a workshop for the production of these plates.

**5. The tasks are planned for the realization within the project:**

- the equipment of the workshop with the necessary technical means and materials;
- the production of informative plates adapted for the blind and the visually impaired;
- the assistance in adapting to the visually impaired and blind people in order to improve the quality of their life;
- to facilitate the communication for blind and visually impaired people;
- the creating of an accessible environment for the blind and visually impaired people;
- the cooperation with legal entities on the creation of an accessible environment for people with visual impairments in the region;

6. **The target group:** people with visual impairments.

**7. The brief description of the project activities:**

*The relevance:* not all people in our world have a good eyesight, some of them have it either very weak or completely absent. Braille printing helps them adapt to the circumstances and lead a more or less fulfilling life. Braille alphabet is a tactile dotted print. It is designed for writing and reading by the blind and visually impaired people. It facilitates significantly learning and communication for the blind, and it is also used to care for them. Braille can be read by the people who have lost their sight during their lives, the people blind from birth, the deaf-blind (if they are trained to use it). In Brest region there are no

specialized workshops for the production of informative plates and booklets in Braille. There is a need to create such a workshop in our region. Kobrin regional organization of the public association "Belarusian Association of the Visually Impaired" (Kobrin ROPA "BelAVI") provided the data on the number of people with visual impairments in the organization of the district: the total number is 210 people, disabled people of the 1st group - 71, disabled people of the 2nd group – 66, disabled people of the 3rd group – 60, disabled children under 16 - 1, sighted people – 12. But this is only the data of this organization, in fact, there are more people with visual impairment. The project will help to equip all socially significant institutions and organizations with mnemonic diagrams. Tactile signs are an important tool for creating an accessible environment for people with visual dysfunction. They facilitate greatly the orientation of a person in the room, helping to determine correctly the path of movement and the location of objects in the room. This will allow people with visual impairment to feel more confident inside any room.

***The main content of the project:***

- creation of a workshop for the production of plates and mnemonic diagrams in Braille;
- equipment of the workshop with a ventilation system;
- wiring replacement;
- purchase of a digital UV printer NC-UV0609PIII;
- purchase of consumables (PVC sheet, cutting knives, work clothes, a fire extinguisher, printheads, a locksmith table, ink, varnish);
- purchase of office equipment, a personal computer and software.

***Further realization of the project:***

After the completion of the project, the workshop will continue to work on the production of plates for socially significant institutions of the region. It is planned to organize a community for people with disabilities who visit the daily care department for the disabled and the elderly, in which souvenirs will be produced. These products will be used as prizes and gifts to participants in various competitions and sporting events for people with disabilities and senior citizens held by our organization.

8. **Total funding** (in US dollars): 50000

source of funding	amount of funding (in US dollars)

donator's funds	50000
co-financing	4000

9. **The location of the project's realization** (region, district, town): Republic of Belarus, Brest Region, Kobrin town, 31 Nastasich street.

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