

Development plan

The project is in the implementation phase, with funding allocated and a clear understanding of the way forward.

Among the activities that have already been implemented under the project:

1. **10 NGOs from 10 communities were selected** to participate in the project and sub-grant agreements were concluded with them (a list of the selected sub-projects with detailed descriptions you can find below).
2. **An introductory workshop was held** with the participation of representatives of public organizations and local self-government bodies, mentors and the project team.
3. **The process of mentoring has been launched.** During this phase of the project, we invited 10 mentors, 5 of whom will help with the spatial content of the community-building centers, and 5 – with the event content. Each community has a pair of mentors (one program, one spatial), and each pair of mentors has 2 communities they work with. Mentors were allocated between the sub-projects on the basis of the following criteria: desire to work with a specific community and the relevance of the mentor's experience to the needs of a specific sub-project.

Among the activities that are planned under the project:

1. **Continue expert support and funding for 10 participating organizations.** Our goal is to ensure that each of them achieves the desired outcomes, completing renovations, launching spaces, initiating program activities, and attracting visitors and events. During this time, we aim to provide participants with knowledge in communication, accessibility, sustainable development, culture, education etc. This equips the teams with development plans and the capability to sustain activities in the created spaces beyond our funding period. Throughout this period, we also plan to facilitate community exchange by organizing online meetings where all grantees can share progress, successes, and challenges.
2. **After the launch of spaces:** We will organize an offline conference to showcase the experience of creating community-building centers. This will facilitate the exchange of best practices and document changes since the project's inception.
3. **During the year after the completion of this wave of projects:** Approximately six months later, we plan to conduct a study on how these spaces function without our support and the changes that have occurred in the community due to their presence. This evaluation is crucial for implementing similar initiatives in the future.
4. **Initiate the next round:** We also intend to launch the next round, the second wave of this project, with an improved methodology based on the experience gained.

What is planned to be implemented within each sub-project:

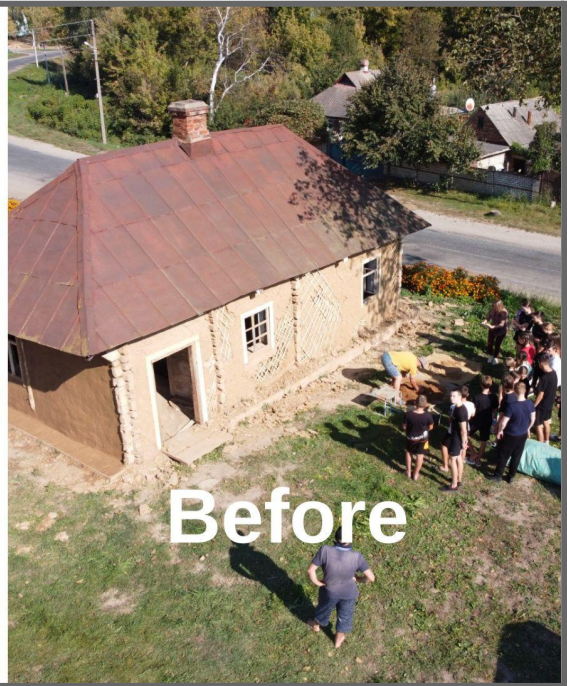
- **Chortkiv (town, Ternopil region), Bukovinian Agency for Regional Development NGO** – as part of the project, a modular pavilion will be installed on the site of an emergency garage and a "Library Art Garage" will be created. It will become a public space for gathering, supporting, and interacting with different groups of citizens, creating a friendly environment for communication, holding events, and generating ideas for the development of the city. During the project implementation, the community has already dismantled the emergency building, organizing a 'farewell party' and moderated vandalism, where everyone could draw on the garage. They also held a strategic session with residents, where they made changes to the planned activities for the future space. In the coming period, a new inclusive structure is to be built and event content is to begin;



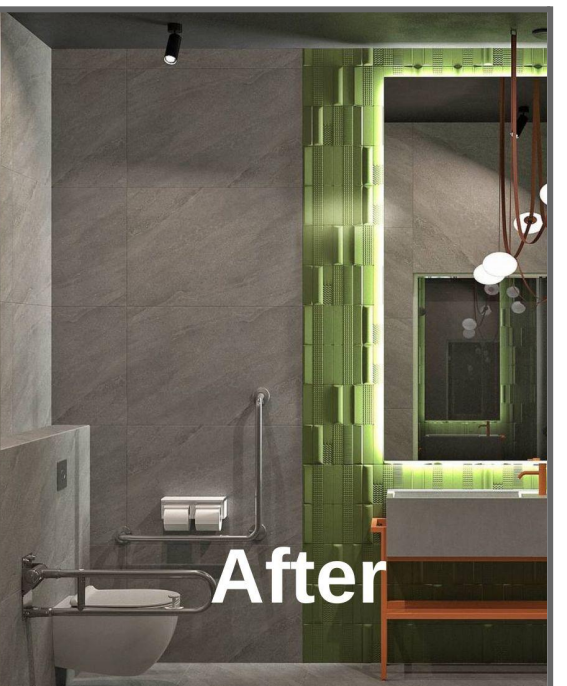
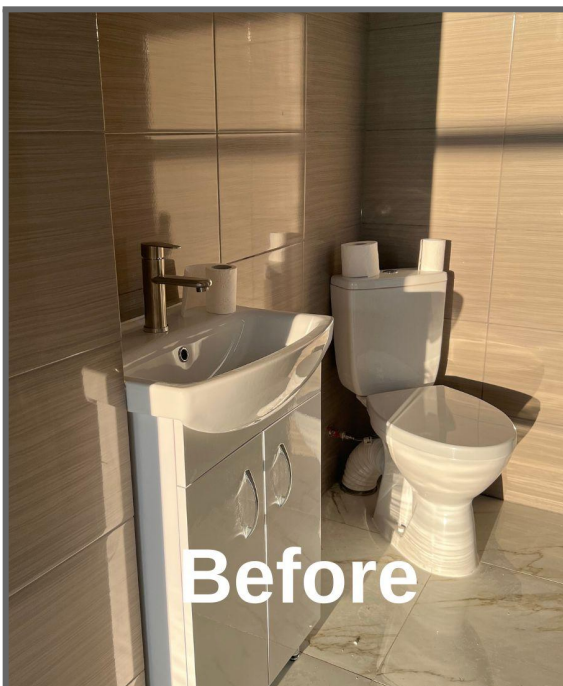
- **Yamne (village, Velykopysarivska municipality, Sumy region), NGO 'Rise+'** – as part of the project, it is planned to reformat three zones in the premises of the club building in the village of Yamne: the creation of a roller rink, a meeting space for holding discussions, trainings and work groups, as well as the arrangement of a cinema hall. During the project implementation, the team has already managed to open a meeting space and conduct art therapy there, and one of the local residents initiated fitness classes there. The team, together with local residents, also prepared a hall for the future rollerdrome (pictured below). In the next period, it is planned to arrange a roller skating area and continue the program part, in particular, launching movie screenings;



- Cherneshchyna (village, Krasnokutska municipality, Kharkiv region), NGO ‘Cultural di@log’** – the project team wants to create a community-building space HLYNA-hub ‘preKRASNOkut’ on the basis of a mud hut. In the HLYNA-hub, there will be educational, cultural, exhibition and other spaces, where seminars, master classes, exhibitions, presentations and community meetings will take place. During the implementation of the project, the programmatic part of the community center was combined with the spatial part by holding clay painting workshops, creating window and door decorations for the mud hut for local residents, including local schoolchildren. Focus groups were also held to discuss how to improve the area around the hut. For the next period, other program activities are planned in the hut (for example, an experimental workshop on the use of adobe blocks in construction), as well as continuing work on the arrangement of the hut and the territory, including the installation of an inclusive toilet;



- Kovel (town, Volyn region), NGO Great Idea** – a co-creation center ‘CollabZONE’ will be created for the youth of the community: a modern inclusive space for communication, educational events and leisure, a place where young people can unite, communicate and realize their creative and entrepreneurial initiatives. The project team has already purchased materials for the renovation of the restroom, taking into account the inclusivity aspect. They have also formed a list of partnerships for the future activities of the community center. In the next period, they plan to purchase furniture from a socially responsible business, complete the renovation and open the community center, as well as organize a youth forum there;



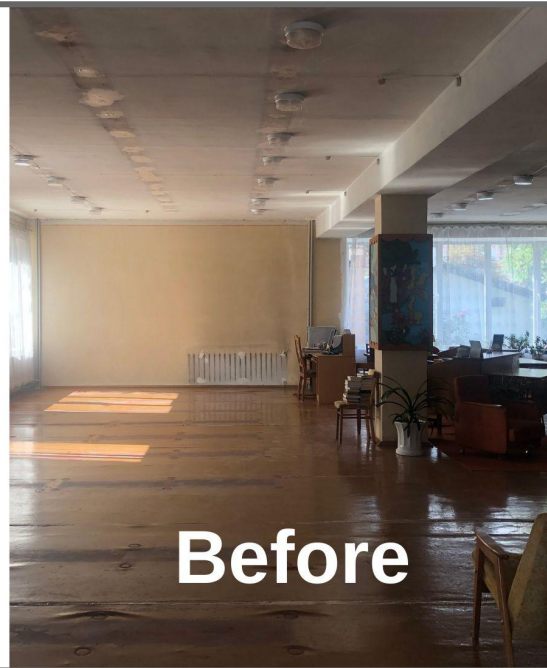
- Nizhyn (town, Chernihiv region), NGO 'CITY N'** – the project team plans to create a veterans' space 'NEZLAMNI' to support veterans and people who suffered as a result of military operations. During the project, the participants managed to prepare the premises for further renovation and plan the zoning of the future community center so that its future users could receive legal and psychological assistance, as well as have space for organizing meetings, including film screenings, workshops, etc. In the next period, they plan to make partial repairs, equip a ramp and an inclusive restroom to be able to receive the first visitors - veterans and their families;



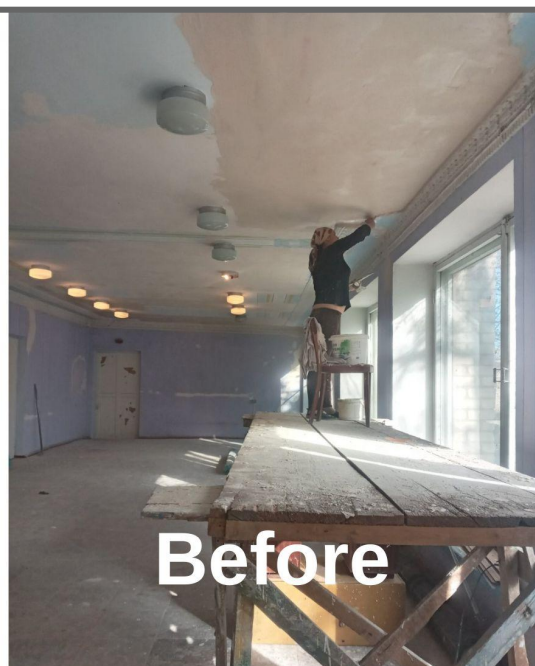
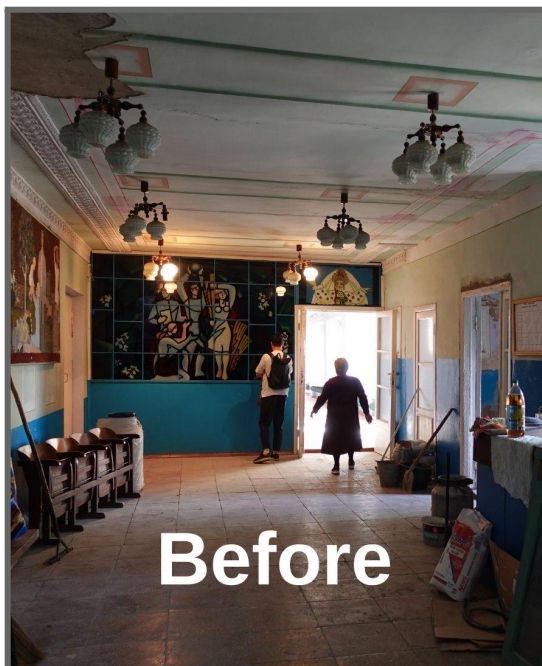
- Bliznyuki (village, Kharkiv region), NGO 'Basis of Ukraine'** – in the former premises of the pharmacy, the project team plans to create a recovery and resource hub 'Apteka', where residents of the community will be able to receive psychological support, attend creative trainings, and hold meetings. The team has already purchased some materials and dismantled and removed construction waste. We are planning to re-roof, install doors and windows, expand doorways, and do construction work inside the building. In January we will start the event part of the project.



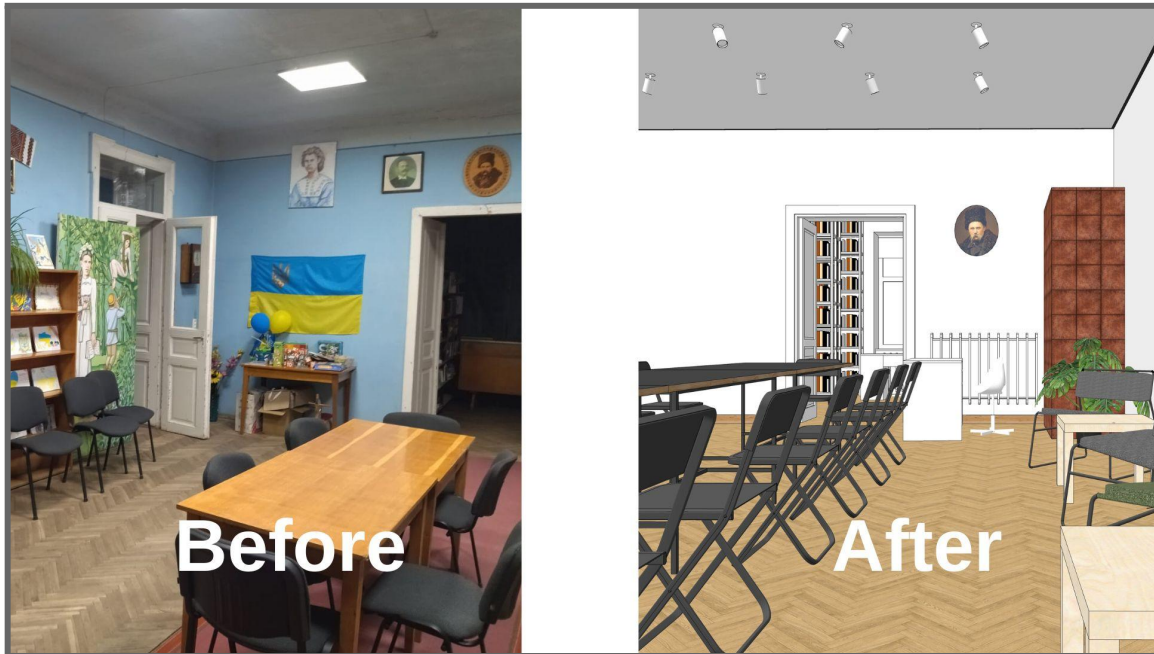
- **Ovruch (town, Zhytomyr region), NGO 'Initiative Youth of Ovruchchyna'** – on the basis of the library, the project team wants to create a barrier-free safe space for self-realization of active citizens of different age categories and social groups. The concept of the project includes, in particular, psychological trainings, master classes with the participation of local masters, language courses and evening parties. From the beginning of the project the space has been cleared of shelves and books (thousands of books) and is ready for renovation. The team has already managed to buy laptops and start conducting digital literacy classes for the elderly, youth gatherings, and purchased mini-looms and a sewing machine for workshops. In the next period, they plan to renovate the premises to meet the needs of people with limited mobility and continue program activities;



- **Yevgenivka (village, Snihurivska municipality, Mykolaiv region), NGO 'VIVAT'** – the project team plans to create a modern hub in the Yevgenivka Cultural Center where events will be held for the elderly, people with disabilities, families with children and other interested residents. Together with mentors, the team has planned the zoning of the space, ordered windows and materials for renovation, and plans to complete the renovation in the coming months. Since the library is located in the de-occupied territory, where there is still a threat of shelling, the organization cannot publicly announce events, but local residents are gradually learning about the renovation and coming to events held in the library of this building. Over time, events will be held in the new, more functional and aesthetically pleasing space.



- Horodok (town, Lviv oblast), Agency for the Development of Horodochchyna NGO** – the project team plans to create an accessible space ‘Without Limits’, which will hold a conversation club, art therapy classes, computer literacy training, a literary club, provide free legal consultations. During the implementation of the project, a concept for transforming the library has already been developed, taking into account the aesthetic needs and the need for an inclusive space. In the near future, it is planned to complete the renovation and start program activities – gatherings for young people, financial literacy classes, literary clubs, etc.



- Kremydivka (village, Dobroslavska municipality, Odesa region), NGO ‘VATRA-2015’** – in the public space ‘DobroHab’ that will be created within the project, it is planned to hold educational and cultural events, as well as provide social and psychological support for various categories of the population, in particular for vulnerable groups. The project team, together with the mentor, formed a vision of filling the space with furniture and appliances, and conducted a study of the needs of residents to formulate event content. A youth worker joined the project. In the coming months, it is planned to create a chatbot to receive feedback from future users, complete the furnishing of the space, and start program activities.

