

**ACTIVITY OF SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS AIMING AT OVERCOMING  
CHILD HOMELESSNESS AND NEGLECT IN UKRAINIAN SSR IN THE  
FIRST HALF OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

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*A research has been made on functioning of non-governmental organizations whose activity was aimed at overcoming child homelessness and neglect in the first half of the 20th century in the Ukrainian SSR.*

***Child homelessness, street children, mass homelessness of children, society, non-governmental organizations (NGOs).***

**Significance of the theme has been caused by** overcoming child homelessness as a threatening social anomaly that requires immediate financial, organizational, legal, social and psychological actions of state authorities and general public.

In 1920s- 1930s in the Ukrainian SSR there was established a system of state bodies and non-governmental organizations, which cared about problems of child homelessness. It had a large network of correctional institutions. Therefore the study of the experience of their work is not only of scientific, but also of practical importance for solving today's issues. The study of the past will not give ready-made answers and recommendations on how to resolve the issue of overcoming child homelessness and neglect, but it may help identify effective forms and methods of work, avoid mistakes and miscalculations.

Non-governmental organizations were an integral part of the system of child welfare service and overcoming child homelessness and neglect in

1920s. It was then that for the first time were set up special volunteer non - governmental organizations to assist state authorities in struggle against homelessness, neglect and juvenile delinquency.

People's Commissariat for Education established Children's Social Inspections, and the Central Commission for Helping Children created the society of "Friends of Children".

Ukrainian Red Cross Society also played an important role in overcoming homelessness and child neglect. One of the main tasks of the Ukrainian Red Cross Society was protecting children from violence and brutality in times of war.

International organizations including American Relief Administration (ARA), Fridtjof Nansen's Organization, American Mennoniten Relief (AMR), the Save the Children Fund, International Workers' Aid and the Swedish Committee of the Red Cross had been providing substantial aid to starving and homeless children.