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## **The presentation of the guidebook was held at the meeting in the framework of the social project "Equal-Equal" in Stolin.**

The meeting was held with the participation of representatives of the Office for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The first copy of the guidebook was presented by the head of the Center for Support of Young Disabilities, Mikhail Skrebeyko.

- The main result of our work is the creation of a guide to accessibility. We had to look at about forty objects, but it turned out that there were significantly more of them. By today, eighty percent of all objects have been inspected and a working version of the guidebook has been prepared, "said Mikhail Skrebeyko. - I thought that this work would go very quickly, but everything turned out to be much more complicated. For convenience, we developed a questionnaire, which includes five questions that were filled by the representative of the object under investigation.

Mikhail Skrebeyko notes that during the monitoring there were pleasant and unpleasant moments. Very seriously related to the study of representatives of government agencies, which can not be said about private facilities. But there was also a good example: in one of the stores the director himself sat in a stroller and checked the availability.

For the head of the social support department of the population, Galina Voropaeva, this project became the first such project, in the implementation of which she took an active part.

- If earlier there were no uniform requirements for the organization of a barrier-free environment, then everything was done as best they could. In 2000, began to install ramps and railings, since 2015, attention was also focused on the visually impaired. Then began to appear yellow circles on the glass doors, the first and last steps have begun to make a line of yellow, focused on the railing, handles doors. The creation of the guidebook has become an assessment of the effectiveness of all the work done in the city, "says Galina Voropaeva. - If people use the guidebook, it will mean that we have done a good job.

In total, 391 objects plus Raypo (74) were promoted. The first monitor object TTSSON, separating day stay, for Labor, Employment and sotszatsite, department for veterans. Of all - 65 available in part - 113, available - 213 16% - is available, 29% -. Part (they did before, when there were no standards, only ramps and railings Now, without thresholds, and special tiles, and outdoor territory, and the entrance to the building), is inaccessible - 54.5%.

For example, near the store "Hlebosol" have already made parking for the disabled. The initiative group of the project "Equal-Equal" was heard and its work was done not in vain. It is said that before the monitoring it was hard to get into the bank for people with a vision impairment. But the representatives of the bank heard and eliminated the problem.

The chairman of the Stolin District Primary Organization of the Belarusian Association of Assistance to Disabled Children and Young People with Disabilities, Aelita Yakimovich added that people listened to the participants of the initiative group attentively and with interest, asked questions:

- No one complained, but rather regretted that they did not know before. Entrepreneurs asked: "How

much money do I have to pay?". We explained that this is so that new customers can come to you for flowers, clothes, other goods. Another plus of our work - traffic lights with sound, four specialized buses. This is a shift for our district center. All this means that we heard that we do not do it for nothing. This is important for our area and society.

The representative of the center for support of young disabled Mikhail Grib stressed that over the past ten years a lot has changed:

- Previously, we were looking for at least one available store, and now we are looking for where it is not. This is a great job. Previously, when we went to schools, it was just interesting to look from the outside. We introduced people to ordinary people with disabilities, and they looked at us as a curiosity! And now in Olshany, where about three hundred people with disabilities live, among them about forty children, even opened a class for people with disabilities.

The task of the group is to make 142 guidebooks, but they want to increase their number to 192. The guides will be transferred to all objects that have been monitored, to the architectural bureau for free. At the moment, there are 64 objects in the working version. For example, fully accessible facilities: court, notary office and Belgosstrakh (but there is no parking for people with disabilities).

The guidebook will be distributed on the Facebook page, on the website of the Center for Central Asia, the district executive committee.

The initiators of the guidebook believe that it will be of interest to tourists and tourist sites of Stolín:

- If we make the Stolín district the first barrier-less region in the country, many tourists will come even just to see.

More than five thousand people with disabilities live in the Stolín region.