

**Organisation: “Children of Chernobyl must live”**

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According to a survey done a year ago, the Bulgarians named the Chernobyl Info Blackout to be the most weird event during the past century

([http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=113106](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=113106)).

That is a result of the fact that the Bulgarian government kept everything a secret. So it is not strange that our government did not help people in Chernobyl right after the accident. You can't help something that you deny, right? To conclude, I couldn't find any information about an organization, governmental or nongovernmental, which gave a hand to Chernobyl when it was needed in 1986.

1989 was a year of changes in Bulgaria. But even after that there weren't any attempts from my country to help Chernobyl and by that I mean that no humanitarian or any other organizations were created for that special aim. I tried searching some but couldn't find any.

Here (<http://www.belarusguide.com/chernobyl1/chlist.htm>) you can see a list of Chernobyl Related International Charity Organizations but not any one of them is connected anyhow with Bulgaria.

The only information I can offer is from the last summer. I found out about a visit of 45 children in Bulgaria in August 2010. They are ill because of the radiation Chernobyl caused in the regions they live – Ivanovski, Poleski, Kiev - and Bulgaria invited them to spend a few days during their summer holiday at the seaside in Balchik (Bulgarian sea resort). They stayed in Bulgaria for 10 days as guests of the Bulgarian ministry of education and the Bulgarian government paid everything connected with their stay here. The Ukrainian children were given the opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful resorts in the region like Dobrich, Varna, cape Kaliakra and Albena. The idea was not only enjoyment for the ill children but also to improve their health by breathing clear air near the sea.

The arrival of the children was organized by the international organization “Children of Chernobyl must live” as it is also represented in Bulgaria. But as this organization is not Bulgarian and considering the fact that Vanya Tsvetkova, also from Bulgaria is already working on it, I don't think I can add anything else on the topic.