

# HOPE AMIDST WAR

THE UKRAINE CONFLICT  
TWO YEARS ON

Mark\*, 9, and his family received cash assistance from Save the Children so they could support themselves after fleeing their home.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT

# WE'VE HELPED OVER **2.6M** PEOPLE, INCLUDING OVER **1.1M** CHILDREN.

It's been two years since the war in Ukraine escalated in February 2022 and there is still no end in sight.

From the very beginning, we have worked alongside partners to provide humanitarian aid and essential services to millions of families across Ukraine and neighboring countries.

For the past two years, we've responded to some of the most urgent needs of families, including restoring families' livelihoods, ensuring children's

access to education, providing mental health and psychosocial support services and much more.

We know that this conflict is far from over and families will need assistance for years to come.

That's why we remain steadfast in our commitment to serving children and families caught in this conflict for as long as they need to recover and rebuild their lives.

In Ukraine, Save the Children provides kindergartners with games and activities in bomb shelters to help them cope with the stress of frequent air raid alerts.



## OUR RESPONSE IN UKRAINE

# 2.18 MILLION PEOPLE REACHED, INCLUDING OVER 873,000 CHILDREN, IN UKRAINE.

Throughout the second year of the war, families and children across Ukraine faced constant bombardment, threats to their livelihoods and strikes hitting civilian infrastructure, including the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in June that led to massive flooding and loss of clean water for hundreds of thousands of people.

Our team of around 340 staff, together with 30 local partner organizations, remain committed to supporting families in Ukraine with humanitarian aid and essential services.

**103,723** 

CHILDREN PROVIDED WITH EDUCATION SUPPORT

**66,907** 

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

**319,349** 

PEOPLE RECEIVED FOOD AND LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT, INCLUDING CASH ASSISTANCE

**185,320** 

PEOPLE RECEIVED TEMPORARY SHELTER AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS

**61,767** 

PEOPLE RECEIVED NUTRITION SUPPORT

**211,528** 

PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILD PROTECTION SUPPORT

**1,323,614** 

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE SUPPORT

**30** 

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN UKRAINE



## SPOTLIGHT

# PROVIDING LIVELIHOODS SUPPORT TO FAMILIES IN UKRAINE

During emergencies, livelihoods programs are absolutely indispensable. They are a cost-effective way to provide families the means to eat for the weeks and months to come, as well as strengthen their resilience to future shocks.

That's why we're ensuring children and their families in Ukraine can meet their basic needs through our food assistance and livelihoods programs.

We've helped children like Lana\*, 15, who lives with her family in a village situated in Ukraine's Mykolaiv region.

After the onset of the war, Lana's village faced increased shelling and bombardment, and her family lost their livestock as a result. Our teams provided Lana and her family with cash assistance, enabling them to purchase a cow and restore their livelihood.

In addition to cash assistance, we've helped small business owners and farmers in Ukraine apply for small grants to help with livelihoods recovery.

Oksana\*, 54, and her niece Lana\*, 15, in the family's backyard in a village in Mykolaiv region, Ukraine.

## THE IMPACT OF LOCAL PARTNERS

We know that, in emergencies, supporting local and national actors is critical as they play a key role in rapidly delivering life-saving assistance. They're also able to access communities others cannot and are invaluable when it comes to linking response efforts to resilience building and long-term recovery.

In Ukraine, 40% of our funding directly supported 30 local organizations. In addition to funding, we provide training and technical support to strengthen local humanitarian efforts.

Here are just a few examples of how their work and dedication are meeting families' needs in Ukraine:

## NGO PECTORAL

NGO Pectoral runs Zelo Art and Health Clubs, which have expanded their operations to support children living near the frontline in Kharkiv.

Supported by Save the Children, the Zelo Art and Health Clubs provide children with art classes, psychosocial support and a safe space to play and engage with their peers.



## NGO ISTOK

NGO Istok runs 15 Digital Learning Centers in the Kyiv region where children can participate in online lessons, do homework and play with peers.

Istok also oversees mobile psychosocial support teams that support teachers and students in the Kyiv and Mykolaiv regions, ensuring that both groups receive the necessary support, resources and guidance they need.

## AVALYST

Together with Save the Children, Avalyst has provided families with cash assistance and support for building renovations.

While our partnership extends across Ukraine, work in the east remains the most valuable as Avalyst travels to the frontline to provide emergency assistance directly following shelling and bombardment.





Anzhela\*, 8, gets support with her homework from a Ukrainian teacher in a Digital Learning Center in Lodz, Poland.

## OUR RESPONSE IN POLAND

**OVER 127K  
PEOPLE REACHED,  
INCLUDING OVER  
102K CHILDREN,  
IN POLAND**

In Poland, we've worked to ensure that children can access uninterrupted and quality education in collaboration with five local partners.

We've also served families arriving in Poland through our Child Friendly Spaces in reception centers where we provided safe identification and referral for at-risk children.

Finally, we provided families with cash assistance to ensure they can afford rent, health costs, groceries and other essential costs.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RESPONSE:



### 100K+ CHILDREN

reached through our education activities, including 50 Digital Learning Centers.



### 15K+ CHILDREN

supported through our child protection and mental health programs, including 18 Child Friendly Spaces across two reception centers.




### 7K+ PEOPLE

served with livelihoods support, including cash assistance to ensure they can afford essential items.



### 1K+ CHILDREN

who were evacuated from institutional care reached with child protection support, including mental health and education programs.



Viktoriia\*, a teacher and psychologist from Ukraine, supports children in our Digital Learning Centers in Poland.

## SPOTLIGHT

# SERVING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN POLAND

We've prioritized inclusive, quality and equitable access and participation for all during our humanitarian responses, including for at-risk children and children living with disabilities.

As a result of the escalation of the war in Ukraine, some 1,600 children from institutional care centers were evacuated to Poland.

Many of them have disabilities, health conditions and developmental delays that require a high level of support.

In Poland, we've partnered with HumanDoc and KOPD to provide child protection services within facilities hosting children evacuated from Ukrainian institutional care centers.

HumanDoc and KOPD support children facing child protection concerns, children at risk of post-traumatic stress disorder and children with disabilities.

Together, we've organized activities to support children's well-being, including art therapy to build participants' self-esteem, reduce stress, improve motor skills and create a sense of community.

## OUR RESPONSE IN ROMANIA

**OVER 337K  
PEOPLE REACHED,  
INCLUDING OVER  
173K CHILDREN,  
IN ROMANIA**

In Romania, we're at border crossings, asylum centers, refugee camps and counseling centers, providing families with the resources and services they desperately need.

Our teams have established eight Counseling Hubs across Romania where specialists provide tailored support like counseling sessions, case management services, educational and recreational activities, mental health and psychosocial support and more to Ukrainian children and families.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RESPONSE:



**188K+ PEOPLE**

reached through our child protection services, including eight Counseling Hubs across Romania.



**18K+ PEOPLE**

supported through our mental health programs.



**26K+ PEOPLE**

served with cash assistance so they can afford accommodation and essential items like food, medicine and fuel.

## OUR RESPONSE IN LITHUANIA

**OVER 26K  
PEOPLE REACHED,  
INCLUDING OVER  
22K CHILDREN,  
IN LITHUANIA**

From the beginning of the conflict, our teams in Lithuania have served families fleeing Ukraine through our nationwide network of family support coordinators and mental health and child protection experts.

Through our family support programs, we've provided families with cash assistance and distributed essential items. We've also provided nutrition support to pregnant and breastfeeding women.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR RESPONSE:



**22K+ CHILDREN**

supported through our nationwide network of family support coordinators, which included providing referral services and distributing school kits, baby kits, hygiene items, clothes and more.



**17K+ CHILDREN**

reached through our Child Friendly Spaces in reception centers.



**617 PREGNANT WOMEN**

provided with targeted support, including baby arrival kits, hygiene items, accommodation and more.



# RESPONDING IN THE YEAR AHEAD

## UKRAINE

In the east and south of Ukraine, more than 3.3 million people live near the frontlines and need our urgent support. Save the Children is one of the only international NGOs left operating in the west, where we're serving high numbers of internally displaced people in need of humanitarian aid.

As the war moves into its third year, the possibility of further displacement is high. As institutional funding is reduced, needs are increasing and donor support is needed for our programming to continue at scale.

**IN 2024, WITH A TOTAL FUNDING TARGET OF \$100 MILLION, WE WILL AIM TO REACH 1,042,500 PEOPLE IN UKRAINE.**

## POLAND

Recent research commissioned by Save the Children and partners showed that hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian children remain out of school in Poland, creating massive concerns on the impact this war will have on future generations. We remain committed to creating opportunities in which children can learn, develop and achieve their full potential.

In Poland, due to the lack of institutional funding, we rely heavily on philanthropic giving. Our work is critical as we support the most vulnerable families in Poland, including female-headed households, children with disabilities, the elderly and others.

**IN 2024, WITH A TOTAL FUNDING TARGET OF \$18.9 MILLION, WE AIM TO REACH 55,210 PEOPLE IN POLAND.**



We're ensuring children's safety by providing mine awareness training to children in Ukraine.



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Alla\*, 8, who fled Ukraine for Romania after the war started with her mother Maryna\*.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to your support, our teams and partner organizations were able to provide children with the support they needed these past two years – in Ukraine and in the region.

Your compassionate contribution made a significant impact on the lives of those affected by the ongoing crisis, providing hope and relief to those who need it the most.

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