

Steadfast support

Relief, recovery and resilience efforts in Ukraine and neighboring countries

The generosity from our clients and employees mobilized USD 56 million for the Ukraine Relief Fund. We have committed USD 41 million to help our partners provide relief, recovery and resilience services.

56m	73%	24	170+
USD raised to date	funds committed to date	NGOs directly funded by UBS-OF	grassroots NGOs supported

The need for sustained support

In response to the devastating war in Ukraine, more than 12,000 employees and some 10,000 clients donated to the UBS Optimus Foundation Ukraine Relief Fund. Combined with the matched funding from UBS and our strategic partner XTX Markets, USD 56 million has been raised to help those impacted by this crisis.

In the first few months, we focused on partners providing immediate emergency relief that had histories of working in the region as well as the potential to provide longer-term support for recovery. The situation on the ground has been incredibly dynamic and we have been strategically deploying funds to be responsive to active needs. We remain committed to our current partners and also started to make follow-on grants to existing partners.

We believe it is critical to direct funding to Ukrainian organizations. While UBS Optimus Foundation is primarily supporting these grassroots organizations through intermediaries, we aim to ensure as much funding as possible is reaching local Ukrainian organizations that have been working in their communities for some time and will continue to do so well beyond the crisis.

Going forward, we will continue to build on our successes and deepen our impact through existing and new partnerships, as well as focus more on local Ukrainian partners doing amazing work in their communities and nationwide.

Want to learn more about giving in a crisis? Read our guide: [We need to help: Thoughtful philanthropy in response to humanitarian crises](#)

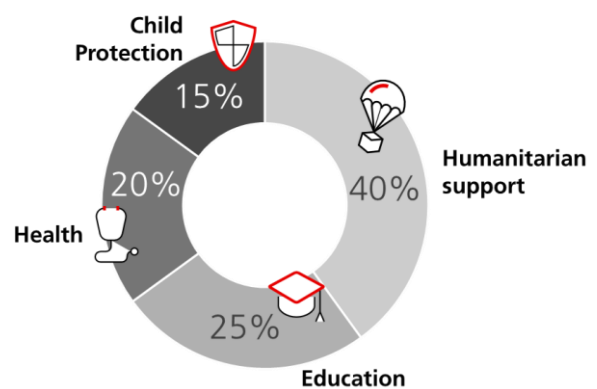
Where we've focused our efforts

We take a balanced portfolio approach and focus on our existing trusted partners. But we also add new partners as needs arise that are not yet addressed or underfunded – particularly medium- to long-term sustainable recovery programs.

We've committed USD 41 million to support 24 programs through the UBS Optimus Foundation (a selection of them featured on the following pages) that address a variety of needs:

- Mobilizing **emergency support** – economic assistance, survival supplies, winterization and protection services – for Ukrainian families who have been forced to flee
- Providing **health-focused humanitarian aid** for Ukrainians inside Ukraine as well as those taking refuge in neighboring countries
- Supporting **local grassroots organizations** focused on serving children and youth
- Building capacity for **mental health and psychosocial support** services
- Ensuring **education continuity** and catch-up learning for displaced children
- Protecting **vulnerable children** and their caregivers in Ukrainian orphanages and supporting the evacuation of children, particularly those with disabilities
- Strengthening **social protection** systems, including emergency interventions for families at risk of separation and national reform of child protection systems to reduce orphanages

Funding commitments by thematic focus area



Offering humanitarian assistance

CIVIC collaborates with civilians to bring their protection concerns directly to those in power, engages with armed actors to reduce the harm they cause to civilians, and advises governments and multinational bodies on how to make lasting policy changes. CIVIC has been present in Ukraine since 2017. CIVIC is now focused on areas at risk of escalation and those newly liberated, aiming to enhance preparedness and strengthen capacities of security and defense actors while furthering research and advocacy to improve civilians' lives.

Your support has helped CIVIC's efforts, which include:

- Community protection groups established and functioning in five communities of Poltava and Sumy oblasts to provide about 500,000 community members, local authorities, and military and defense actors a platform to discuss protection challenges and jointly develop solutions
- 240 civil-military officers trained to protect civilians
- 230 civilians – including secondary school teachers and local authority employees – gained skills and knowledge on protection from active bombing and leftover landmines

The **Global Fund for Children (GFC)** is providing funding and capacity building support to Ukrainian NGOs working with vulnerable children to provide humanitarian assistance, including safe shelter, medicine, evacuation, psychosocial assistance and educational access. GFC supports local organizations primarily in Ukraine but also a few along the Ukrainian border in Moldova and Romania.

Your support has helped GFC's efforts, which include:

- 35 grassroots organizations supported with 42 grants totaling USD 1.1 million

"Thanks to this grant to support our beneficiaries, people who fled their cities and villages running from the war and occupation could have a safe place to live and access to food and shelter. Playing with other kids, having different creative activities, seeing smiles and support from the team, children had a chance to forget about the horror they went through and recover from the stress."

GFC Partner, Serve Now Ukraine

The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** and its partners are assisting people uprooted inside Ukraine as well as refugees globally, with a special focus on women, youth, children, sexual assault survivors, the elderly and people with disabilities. The IRC continues to focus efforts inside Ukraine but also provides support to refugees in Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, the United Kingdom and the United States. The IRC is also working with refugees in Germany by implementing its *Healing Classrooms* project, training early childhood educators to help children cope with trauma experienced.

Your support has helped IRC's efforts, which include:

- Over 2.45 million people reached with lifesaving information and support
- 157,623 people received emergency cash assistance and vouchers
- 98,357 people provided essential goods

UNICEF works with governments, UN agencies, civil society organizations and national networks to ensure humanitarian, programmatic and advocacy support for children and their families in refugee host countries. UNICEF is providing millions of women and children in Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia with healthcare, mental health, psychosocial support and education.

Your support has helped UNICEF's efforts, which include:

- 24,275 children supported through monthly child cash benefits of PLN 500 for refugee children in Poland
- Over 18,000 people helped with various social protection interventions within the municipalities of Gdynia, Katowice and Gdansk

Maintaining education continuity

Street Child works with local NGOs to ensure every child has access to an education. Street Child is working with 21 local organizations across Ukraine and Moldova to support displaced people through psychosocial support, summer camp-style informal education, and education hubs where children can access online learning and attend catch-up classes. Street Child is also supporting the Moldova Early Education Initiative for Refugee Learners.

Your support has helped Street Child's efforts, which include:

- 187 trained teachers provided psychosocial support for 5,942 internally displaced children
- Two child friendly spaces catered to 5,948 internally displaced children
- 41 learning spaces across 11 oblasts equipped and reached 6,267 internally displaced children



5-year-old Uliana, internally displaced from Kharkiv, was a regular visitor to Street Child's learning space in Krasnohrad, Kharkiv oblast. Her family moved to Krasnohrad in March 2022 after running from shelling. Her mother stated that Uliana had become withdrawn and very anxious.

Thanks to the program, Uliana's anxiety eventually decreased and she was able to begin learning, creating, playing and communicating. Uliana is now much calmer and able to express her emotion, according to her mother. She has worked very hard learning how to write, read and count. Uliana will start attending first grade in September 2023 with the proper knowledge, communication skills, and feelings of security and support.

Teach for Ukraine is a partner in the global Teach for All network. Teach for Ukraine is based in Kyiv and provides catch-up learning and psychosocial support through a 6- to 8-week tech-enabled tutoring program to provide learning and psychosocial support to Ukrainian students in grades 5 through 10 who are out of school because of the war. While Teach for Ukraine provides education continuity, it also ensures that children won't fall behind when school is able to resume. The Ukrainian government has expressed interest in adapting the model to strengthen the education system.

Your support has helped Teach for Ukraine's efforts, which include:

- 3,692 youth regularly benefitting from distance learning
- 353 tutors trained

Learn more about our support and the work of two of our partners – Teach for Ukraine and NGO Girls – through the Monocle podcast [Ukraine Relief Fund – one year on](#).

War Child Holland is active in 19 countries where children live with the effects of armed conflict, specializing in child protection, education and psychosocial support. War Child Holland's Can't Wait to Learn offline self-paced educational game – accessed on tablets – helps to guide grades 1-4 children through government-approved curricula in math and reading. In collaboration with partner organizations, War Child Holland has adapted their program to the context of the Ukrainian crisis, based on the national Ukrainian curriculum.

Your support has helped War Child Holland's efforts, which include:

- 57,428 downloads of Can't Wait to Learn app with 31,276 active users already benefitting

Supporting health and psychosocial services

Americares is meeting the health needs of children and adults affected by the war through its support of health centers and organizations in Ukraine, as well as Poland, Romania and Slovakia. Over the past year, Americares has provided aid valued at more than USD 70 million to 74 partner organizations assisting those caught in the humanitarian crisis.

Your support has helped Americares' efforts, which include:

- Over 300 tons of medicine and relief supplies, valued at over USD 63 million, sent to health facilities and responders in Ukraine
- Over USD 3.3 million in medicine and medical supplies provided to volunteer medical teams on their 20 trips to offer medical services in Poland, Romania and Ukraine
- Over USD 600,000 to support social service and mental health organizations in Ukraine to train 1,110 clinicians to offer over 17,000 crisis intervention sessions
- Over USD 1 million in grants for power and heating plus 50 generators for Ukrainian health facilities

Crown Agents is at the forefront of the Ukraine crisis, procuring and delivering critical, life-saving medical goods and equipment to support and protect the most vulnerable who are impacted by the conflict. As a partner of the Ukrainian government for over 25 years, Crown Agents knows the

country's health landscape and has links to distribution networks.

Your support has helped Crown Agents' efforts, which include:

- Over GBP 1.4 million worth of life-saving medical equipment for perinatal centers and neonatal intensive care units in Ukraine procured
- 9 healthcare facilities rehabilitated, with 12 more in progress

Project HOPE is providing primary health services, mental health and psychosocial support, and pediatric care to internally displaced persons in Ukraine as well as refugees in Moldova, Poland and Romania. Project HOPE delivers gravely needed medicines and medical supplies, while also supporting the health system with mobile medical units, rehabilitation of health facilities and safe spaces for children.

Your support has helped Project HOPE's efforts, which include:

- USD 6.5 million worth of gravely needed medicines and medical supplies delivered to 91 Ukrainian health facilities
- 2,712 healthcare workers trained on mental health and psychosocial support
- 24,787 individuals provided mental health support
- 11 mobile medical units have treated more than 28,000 patients
- 8 health and social facilities rehabilitated

World Health Organization (WHO) continues its close coordination with the Ukrainian Ministry of Health and other health emergency organizations to deliver support to populations in Ukraine and neighboring countries. WHO is helping to ensure the strained Ukrainian health system can continue to offer the population access to vital healthcare. WHO is providing operational support for hospitals and health facilities, coordinating the deployment of EMTs, delivering lifesaving medical supplies, supporting referrals for patients within Ukraine or in the European Union, and coordinating the global health response.

Your support has helped WHO's efforts, which include:

- Over 1,170 tons of medical supplies, including 105 generators, 35 ambulances, trauma and surgical kits to treat 12,311 people, emergency health kits to treat 249,000 people and medicines to treat 1,062,500 people with non-communicable diseases
- Dozens of trainings provided for over 3,000 healthcare workers in Ukraine and refugee host countries

Protecting vulnerable children

Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) is using its resources, skills and expertise to protect children and families, particularly the more than 100,000 children in orphanages across Ukraine. HHC is providing practical, life-saving support through cash transfers and direct interventions as well as supporting the evacuation of abandoned children where safe and appropriate. HHC is also helping families in rural areas get access to food, water and protection. In neighboring Moldova and Romania, HHC is working with governments and

international organizations to ensure the safe reception and protection of refugee, unaccompanied and separated children. Keeping siblings together, prioritizing emergency foster care over orphanages and promoting family reunification are the priorities.

Your support has helped HHC's efforts, which include:

- 525 children evacuated from orphanages and placed in properly supported and monitored emergency family care
- 5,525 children and youth provided education through 19 temporary learning spaces
- 863 professionals trained to provide psychosocial support
- 11,800 people, including 6,196 children, received psychosocial support
- 80,247 people provided emergency food and non-food items

Lumos has provided immediate humanitarian assistance to vulnerable children and families in Ukraine and Moldova with critical emergency food and non-food items. In addition to this work to prevent separation of children from their families, Lumos continues to work with government authorities, key decision makers and child protection professionals to enhance knowledge and strengthen capacity to improve the child protection system. To support the long-term goal of care reform in Ukraine, advocacy and strengthening partnerships is a priority to ensure the process of deinstitutionalization can continue when the war is over.

Your support has helped Lumos's efforts, which include:

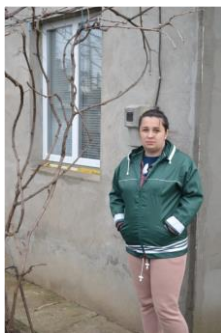
- Phase one emergency response concluded with 3,000 families supported to prevent separation and over 8,000 people (half children) receiving psychosocial support
- Phase two has commenced, which will continue humanitarian aid to support at least 5,000 children while participating in care reform at national, regional and community levels

New program partners

Depaul Ukraine

Depaul International is the leading global agency specializing in homelessness. Depaul was working in Ukraine prior to the current conflict – led by local experts and well respected. Depaul's approach is holistic, providing a combination of housing support, cash assistance and psychosocial support.

Natalia lives with her husband and two children, aged 9 and 4, in the Mykolaiv region. Four years ago, the couple bought a house, and dreamed of building a happy and comfortable home for their children. Rockets launched at the stadium in their city destroyed surrounding houses and severely damaged Natalia's house. "It was very scary, our windows were broken, the roof was damaged," Natalia says, as she recalls the day in tears. "Everything in the house was covered with glass. It was unrealistic for us to repair the entire house after it was destroyed. We don't have that kind of money. I'd like to thank Depaul for the windows, it helped us a lot."



Your support has helped Depaul's efforts, which include:

- Three children's centers in Odesa and Mykolaiv have enrolled 421 children aged 4-16 in their three-month program
- Repairs made to 152 homes for winterization, preventing homelessness for an estimated 380 people
- 318 families received crucial cash transfers

Lightful

Despite the huge amounts of funding pledged to Ukraine, red tape is preventing grassroots Ukrainian NGOs from accessing bilateral and multilateral relief funds to help those inside their war-torn country. Lightful's digital products and services are designed to simplify and amplify the work of grassroots NGOs. Lightful created Building Resilience in Digital Growth and Engagement (BRIDGE), a capacity-building program that builds confidence in three key areas – strategy, storytelling and digital confidence – so that grassroots NGOs gain the knowledge, understanding and experience to reach more people and raise more funds.

Your support has helped Lightful's efforts, which include:

- 174 Ukrainian grassroots NGOs participated in Lightful's digital bootcamp
- 70 grassroots NGOs selected for the BRIDGE program

OutcomesX

We're partnering with OutcomesX to pilot the use of outcomes purchasing to channel funding to grassroots Ukrainian NGOs. OutcomesX recruited 63 NGOs working on two outcomes that UBS Optimus Foundation sought for Ukrainian children: improved learning and improved mental health. The Impact Genome Registry rated the quality of the NGO's uploaded data based on rigor of collection method, relevance to the outcome and validity so that a portfolio of organizations could be chosen.

Your support has helped:

- USD 2 million worth of outcomes contracted from 24 local organizations, including EdCamp and Divchata, with a verification process to come as results unfold
- Ongoing peer-led learning webinars and facilitated networking to strengthen organizational capacity

"Today, smaller, minority-led and local-language nonprofits are often at a fundraising disadvantage. Many don't have the social capital or costly grant writers and evaluation consultants that larger and better-connected organizations might. But a social-outcomes marketplace levels that playing field by giving organizations a central resource to find capital and compete for it based solely on their ability to deliver results."
Phyllis Costanza, cofounder & President, OutcomesX

World Jewish Relief

Founded in 1933 to support Jewish people in Nazi-occupied Europe, World Jewish Relief (WJR) has since then brought life-changing actions to Jewish and non-Jewish people who are in crisis around the world. WJR has been working in Ukraine for the last 30 years. WJR's Building Stronger Families program will support 185 disadvantaged families with complex needs to move toward self-sufficiency and away from dependency.

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All programmatic data provided by UKRF partners. The UBS Optimus Foundation is a grant-making foundation that offers UBS clients a platform to use their wealth to drive positive social and environmental change. The Foundation selects programs that improve children's health, education and protection, ones that have the potential to be transformative, scalable and sustainable as well as programs tackling environmental and climate issues.

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