

Supporting those in crisis

Relief, recovery and resilience efforts in Ukraine and neighboring countries



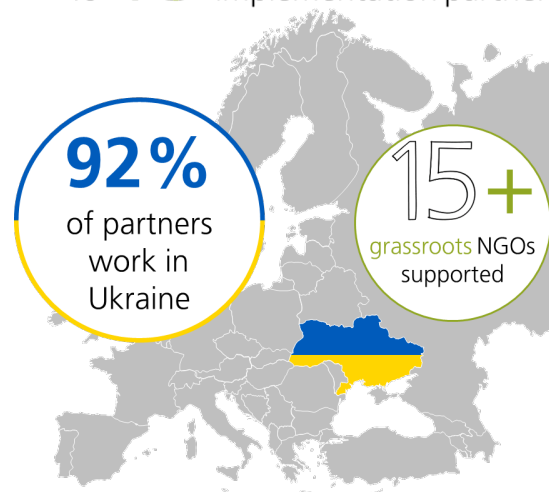
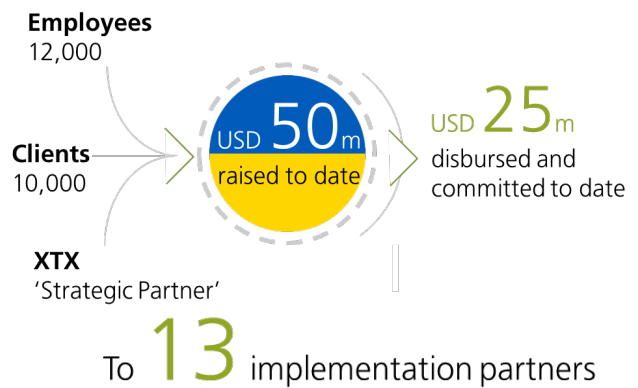
The generosity from our clients and employees mobilized USD 50 million for the Ukraine Relief Fund. We have disbursed over USD 25 million helping our partners provide relief, recovery and resilience services.

Stepping up to help

In response to the devastating war in Ukraine, more than 12,000 employees and some 10,000 clients donated over USD 25 million to the UBS Optimus Foundation Ukraine Relief Fund. Combined with the matched funding from UBS and our strategic partner XTX Markets, more than USD 50 million has been raised to help those impacted by this crisis.

These funds – so far USD 25 million in disbursements and commitments – are supporting a range of partners including Amicars, Crown Agents, the Global Fund for Children, Hope and Homes for Children, the International Rescue Committee, Lumos, Project HOPE, Street Child, UNICEF and War Child Holland. You can learn more about what these partners are doing on the following pages.

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

Typically, in any crisis, over half of crisis funding comes during one stage: the response and relief stage. But that leaves funding gaps for other critical stages: reconstruction and recovery; resilience, risk reduction and mitigation; and preparedness. That's why we're supporting a variety of organizations that can address issues across these stages:

- Mobilizing **emergency support** for Ukrainian families – economic assistance, survival supplies and protection services – for civilians who have been forced to flee
- Providing **health-focused humanitarian aid** for Ukrainians inside Ukraine as well as those taking refuge in neighboring countries
- Building capacity for **mental health and psychosocial support** services
- Ensuring **education continuity** and facilitate catch-up learning for displaced children
- Supporting **local grassroots organizations** focused on serving children and youth
- 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

An award-winning approach

We are proud that the Ukraine Relief Fund was recognized by the [Money Management Institute/ Barron's Industry Awards 2022](#). Now in its 14th year, the awards recognize innovation and leadership in the investment advisory solutions industry.

What's been achieved so far?



Addressing urgent and emergency needs

The **International Rescue Committee (IRC)** and its partners are assisting people uprooted inside Ukraine as well as refugees globally, with a special focus on the most vulnerable: women, youth, children, sexual assault survivors, the elderly and people with disabilities. While program locations remain dynamic, the IRC continues to focus efforts on eastern and central Ukraine. In Poland, the IRC is working with partners in Gliwice, Szczecin, Gorzow Wielkopolski, Bialystok and Krakow.

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

In Ukraine:

- 72,669 people helped with multi-purpose cash assistance
- 40,148 people provided in-kind assistance
- 227,658 people supported to recover from the consequences of violence and displacement through equitable access to services and information
- 46 health facilities supported
- 180 health workers trained

In Poland:

- 45,453 people supported with multi-purpose cash assistance
- 13,657 people supported to recover from the consequences of violence and displacement through equitable access to services and information
- 187 Ukrainians recruited to provide learners with support for easier integration into Polish schools

In broader Europe, UK and US:

- Scaling capacity to provide refugees in Germany, Italy, Slovakia, Moldova, Romania, Hungary and Greece with emergency protection, education, employment support and access to health services
- Working to create legal pathways and information for displaced Ukrainians in the United Kingdom
- Hiring and training Ukrainian navigators and call support staff for humanitarian parolees in the United States

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 hosting countries. UNICEF is providing millions of refugee 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:

- 40 Blue Dot centers, established in partnership with UNHCR, provided over 234,000 children and caregivers with critical information and services
- 149,885 women and children accessed primary healthcare
- 2,640 health professionals trained in mental health and psychosocial support, emergency care and child feeding
- 159,452 children and caregivers received mental health and psychosocial support
- 616,838 individuals granted humanitarian cash assistance
- 320,938 children accessed education



Funding, mentoring and coaching for grassroots NGOs

The **Global Fund for Children (GFC)** has been offering support since the first week of the crisis, with a long history of supporting child-focused grassroots organizations in the region. Due to those connections, the GFC has been able to quickly mobilize support to local organizations working with vulnerable children, youth and families. GFC partners are providing humanitarian assistance, including food, safe shelter, transportation, medicine, evacuation support, psychosocial assistance and educational access.

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

- 9 grassroots organizations supported with grants totaling USD 244,000: 7 in Ukraine, 1 in Moldova and 1 in Romania



Supporting health and psychosocial services

Americares is focused on medicine security, emergency medical support and psychosocial support. Americares is supporting the international sourcing and distribution of critically needed medicine and medical supplies to partners inside Ukraine. Americares is also granting financial support to partner organizations serving the health, safety and mental health needs of people affected inside Ukraine and in the surrounding countries.

Your support has helped Americares' efforts, which include:

- Over 190 tons of medicine and relief supplies, valued at over USD 35 million, sent to health facilities and responders in Ukraine
- Over USD 1.5 million in grants awarded to 52 organizations supporting health in Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine
- Over USD 3 million in medicine and medical supplies provided to volunteer medical teams on their 19 trips to offer medical services in Poland, Romania and Ukraine

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 has a long history in the region and first began working in Ukraine in 2002 on drug use prevention, HIV prevention and education for children in primary schools.

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

- 302 pallets of gravely needed medicines and medical supplies, worth USD 6.5 million, delivered to 91 Ukrainian health facilities
- 1,100 health care workers trained on mental health and psychosocial support
- 8,400 individuals provided mental health support

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:

- Procured medical supplies and equipment for the Ukrainian Ministry of Veteran Affairs, the Ministry of Defense and the Ukrainian Association of Cardiology
- Conducted needs assessments at 20 healthcare facilities in liberated areas across Ukraine to identify critical supply and infrastructure gaps that Crown Agents can help to fill to enable the facilities to serve more patients



Maintaining education continuity

Street Child works with local NGOs to ensure every child has access to an education. Street Child is building a base of carefully selected, locally based education partners in Ukraine working to build resilience in the education response for internally displaced people (IDP) through psychosocial support, summer camp-style informal education and education hubs where children can access online learning with teacher support and also attend catch-up classes to close gaps in learning.

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

- 5 education partners onboarded to reach communities in 12 oblasts, or administrative divisions
- Representing 25 education hubs, partners on track to reach at least 8,360 children with psychosocial support and 2,050 with educational support by end of year

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. War Child Holland is adapting their program to the context of the Ukrainian crisis, based on the national Ukrainian curriculum, with the aim to benefit 40,000 children. In collaboration with partner organizations, the program will be embedded locally and maintained on the ground.

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

- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science
- Partnership established with Ukrainian education NGO Osvitoria to ensure long-term sustainability
- First math content available on the Ukrainian Google Play and App Store with all math and reading content to be rolled out by end of year.



Protecting vulnerable children

Lumos is working with the national and regional governments in Ukraine and Moldova, as well as local partner organizations, to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to vulnerable children and families. Lumos's emergency response is focused on meeting the current emergency needs of children and families affected by the war in Ukraine and Moldova (with over 80,000 Ukrainian refugees) with critical emergency food and non-food items. Lumos is also providing technical advice and support to government and NGOs to ensure that vulnerable children – especially those trapped in institutions, internally displaced children and their families and caregivers, and refugee children in Moldova – do not become the invisible victims of this crisis.

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

- 7,413 children and 2,989 families supported with 178 tons of food and non-food items in Ukraine and Moldova
- 2,037 professionals trained in the provision of psychosocial support and Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services
- 430 professionals trained to provide psychosocial support
- 8,656 individuals received psychosocial support – well over half 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. With many orphanages destroyed and staff fleeing, the focus is on protecting the children left behind. 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:

- 507 children evacuated from orphanages and placed in properly supported and monitored emergency family care
- 680 children and youth provided education through 15 temporary learning spaces
- 270 professionals trained to provide psychosocial support
- 3,445 people, including 2,258 in Ukraine, received psychosocial support
- 27,075 people provided emergency food and non-food items



Source: Street Child

New program partners on board

CIVIC has been a vital and unique player in the protection-of-civilians movement for almost two decades across more than ten countries. 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, working directly with local communities and assisting the Ukrainian government and Armed Forces of Ukraine to build capacity to protect civilians. With a focus on areas at risk of escalation and newly liberated areas in Ukraine, CIVIC aims to reduce harm to civilians through promoting community self-protection and effective civil-military engagement.

IRC Germany provides tools and support for the successful integration and resettlement of refugees. In Germany, IRC will help mitigate the risk of long-term negative effects on refugee children's development, mental health and psychosocial wellbeing by supporting early childhood development (ECD) providers with skills and techniques to help children. The Healing Classrooms methodology has been evaluated in several countries and there is promising evidence of impact on the psychosocial wellbeing of children affected by conflict. IRC will train 700 ECD providers to support newly arrived refugee children in their social-emotional development, provide them with age- and language-appropriate learning opportunities, and engage with their families in a trauma-informed way.

Teach for Ukraine is a partner in the global Teach for All network, spanning more than 60 countries on six continents. The organization engages the best graduates and young professionals from diverse backgrounds to teach for two years in Ukraine's rural high-need schools. Teach for Ukraine is launching 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. Existing evidence shows that high dosage small group tutoring involving one-on-one or small-group instruction is one of the most versatile and potentially transformative educational tools today. Approximately 2,800 adolescents will go through the program in small groups, receiving six one-hour sessions each week. Each group is assigned three tutors who have specific training to deliver academic content and additional training on providing psychosocial support to students, which comprises a quarter of the tutoring time.

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 will help ensure the strained Ukrainian health system can continue to offer the population access to vital healthcare. This will be accomplished by providing operational support for hospitals and health facilities, coordinating the deployment of emergency medical teams, delivering lifesaving medical supplies, supporting referrals for patients within Ukraine or in the European Union, and coordinating the global health response in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

What's next?

Each day that passes, the conflict brings more suffering— particularly to vulnerable children. The longer the war continues, the medium- to longer-term needs that conflict-affected people, internally displaced people (IDPs) and returnees will face to rebuild their lives will similarly rise – requiring sustained support from the humanitarian and broader international community. From the start, we recognized the importance of providing emergency relief as well as supporting longer-term recovery efforts. Over the next months we will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide funding support to our partners that address critical need gaps and remain flexible by deploying relief and recovery support as the situation requires. We are particularly concerned about the approaching winter and increased attacks on critical infrastructure, which could have catastrophic impact on children and families during the cold winter months. Families are taking shelter in damaged buildings ill-suited to deal with the cold temperatures. Families whose homes have been destroyed or who are fleeing to other parts of Ukraine and abroad will need access to safe, warm shelter, fuel, warm clothing, and food. We are working with our local partners to support families through the cold season while continuing our strategy to provide mental health and psychosocial support services, education continuity as well as protecting vulnerable children and their caregivers.

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