An Urgent Appeal







Kids Operating Rooms Needed! Lviv, Ukraine

Since the start of Russian's invasion of Ukraine, the western Ukrainian city of Lviv has become a center for internally displaced people who have migrated from all around Ukraine to seek safety and medical care.

Saint Nicholas Children's Hospital (SNCH) has stood during this time as an inspiration of healthcare resilience amidst formidable challenges and due to the dedication of its health workforce and the incredible perseverance of its physicians and nurses.

SNCH has seen their surgical cases increase by almost three times during the last two years due to the ongoing conflict and are receiving patients from all over the country for general pediatric surgery, neurosurgery, cardiac, ENT, ophthalmology, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and oncology procedures. They are one of only two tertiary burn centers in the entire country and are a medical hub for mine explosive injuries and war trauma which can cause a lifetime of disability or death if not treated effectively and quickly.

Old infrastructure, poor ventilation, lack of space and equipment ... even amidst these challenges there are stories of hope and survival such as a four-year old child with 80% burns whose life was saved by the team at SNCH.





Together we can save lives.

The Ukraine Children's Action Project and KidsOR are dedicated to solving this glaring gap in care and ensuring that essential infrastructure and resources are provided to the SNCH.

Help save children's lives in Ukraine.

Currently there is space for five operating rooms to be reconstructed at SNCH which is lying empty and unused due to lack of resources. Over fifty trained pediatric surgeons and anesthetists are working with a startling lack of resources to care for these children.

Our vision is to raise funds for two new operating rooms for children, a pre-operative space and family waiting area, and a post-operative recovery ward all powered by solar.

When complete, these operating rooms will enable SNCH to increase their capacity by 30% and provide an additional 3,650 general and emergency surgical procedures for children every year.

Total amount needed for two pediatric operating rooms is \$750,000.

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"Life-saving, hope-delivering, resilience-reinforcing programs, services and essential humanitarian support for Ukraine's displaced and refugee children – extraordinary young people in the cross-hairs of an out of control superpower..."



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In the midst of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the lives of children are being disrupted and their future is increasingly put at risk. The Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP) is working to ensure that all children in Ukraine have access to the vital resources they need to stay safe and secure in the face of war and devastation.

UCAP was established to assess and support the urgent needs of displaced children who have escaped from the full-scale Russian invasion that began on February 24, 2022. Since that time, nearly two-thirds of Ukraine's children under age 15 have fled besieged areas in eastern regions of the nation. Many of these children have experienced severe trauma and face ongoing disruption to their education.

Since 2022 UCAP has funded more than 30 projects that support our mission to optimize the health, well-being, and education of children who have been impacted by war and separated from their families, homes, and communities.

www.ucap.help







Impact

In just six years, KidsOR has installed nearly 100 Operating Rooms in over 35 countries.

Our approach enables local surgical teams to care for more children, operate on younger and smaller patients, improve mortality and morbidity outcomes, prevent disability, and save lives.

At KidsOR we:

- Transform unused or derelict spaces into state-of-theart, child-friendly, pediatric Operating Rooms.
- Put life-saving tools in life-saving hands: by supplying each Operating Room with over 3,300 pieces of specialist equipment.
- Install pioneering solar technology to provide 24/7 essential flow of electricity to the Operating Rooms.
- Individually design each Operating Room to fit the needs of the hospital, featuring colorful signature artwork to soothe and distract a child from their clinical surroundings.

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