



Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP)

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What We Need to Know Now



We had lunch in New York City the other day with our dear friend, Yevhen Kudriavets, Ukraine's Deputy Minister for Education and Science. He was in town for a meeting and, schedules permitting, we relish every opportunity to get together, even if it's just for an hour or two.

Yevhen is a major player in the Ministry and an expert on the educational challenges facing Ukraine's children as they struggle to stay in school through unrelenting air attacks by Russian missiles and drones. And a great deal has changed since February 24, 2022 when nearly 200,000 Russian troops and armored vehicles swarmed over Ukraine's eastern border.

In the early days of the full-scale invasion, the attacks were predominantly targeting the eastern regions of Ukraine. That's where the bloodiest combat has been taking place and where frontline communities remain occupied by Russians. It is also where Russians have been committing the most egregious war crimes, leveling towns and abducting children for deportation to Russia. Younger children are put up for adoption by Russian families, and many older children and youth are sent to indoctrination camps where every effort is made to expunge any connection to their Ukrainian background.

But over the last 18 months, Russians have been striking targets all over the country, no longer limited to the eastern Oblasts or regions. Russian missiles and drones have specifically targeted thousands of schools and health clinics, as well as vital energy infrastructure.

The situation remains grave. But with your continued support, UCAP will not turn away from the challenges being faced by the remarkable children and families. And our partners are so appreciative that we continue our presence and support.

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Recovery Camps Addressing Ukraine's Trauma



In addition to updating you on the programs you're supporting, we have some special and exciting news to share. A report of what we have been doing at the UCAP supported Recovery Camps (one of our most effective programs) has been published by a health journal (JAMA Open). And our partner in Lviv, Khrystyna Dudashvili, director of the Recovery Camps project, is developing a training initiative to help replicate our model in other programs working with displaced children and moms. UCAP has supported the delivery of specialized care to Ukrainian children via Recovery Camps since October 2022.

By funding 57 camps, UCAP has enabled care to more than 6060 Ukrainian children

and mothers, mostly from the frontline, who have received the special combination of psychological support, stress management, play based practices and more. Children who screen positive for PTSD symptoms receive ongoing psychological counseling as a continuation of the healing support.

Please see more information in the articles below.

[JAMA Journal Article](#)

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COSMOS Magazine: Mental health camps help children cope with trauma of war

A program to help Ukrainian children has shown promising results, with three-quarters of participants experiencing improved mental health.

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Telehealth Equipment Delivered to 5 Hospitals!



It was exciting to hear that **all five hospitals in the Dnipro Children's Telehealth Network received their computer and medical equipment** in March. Installation will ensure that children and families will evade the almost daily drone attacks in the region and will receive much-needed pediatric subspecialty services safely for as long as the roads remain too dangerous to travel. As you see from the map above and the photos below, there are four regional hospitals (Kryvyi, Pavlograd, Synelnykove and Apostolove) that will be able to connect to Dnipro Children's Hospital as the hub-site for specialized care.



[Read More about Dnipro Project](#)

Irwin Discusses Ukraine Crisis and UCAP at Disaster Conference

Irwin provided insights and UCAP's perspectives on the on-going war in Ukraine - and implications for the country's future recovery - at the annual Action on Disaster Relief conference on resilience and response held in Panama City. Karen and Irwin had multiple opportunities to discuss the situation with disaster experts from Latin America and Europe.



Meet New Advisory Board Members!



Oksana Matiash

Board Chair and previous CEO at Teach For Ukraine | First Obama Scholar from Ukraine | MPP Oxford | Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe



Tetiana (Tanya) Kotelnykova

President and CEO of Brave Generation, Chair of the Ukrainian Recovery Youth Global Initiative founded in partnership with the International Leadership Center at Yale

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Meet the Children



Through a Mother's Eyes: Olena

Dnipro, Ukraine: "When the war began, we were in our home, a place my husband and I had spent our lives building. That morning is unforgettable—I sat on the floor holding newborn Stepan, hugging the older boys, unable to believe it was real. Despite the danger, we stayed because this is our home, our life, and where our loved ones are"....

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Thanks again for all your support, every dollar of which helps make sure we can help even more kids in 2025.

Fondly,
Irwin and Karen,

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