



Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP)

May Report 2025

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Heartbreak and hope for Ukraine's children



Like the rest of the world, we were amazed to learn about Ukraine's extraordinarily successful covert attacks on Russia's military air power and a strategic bridge connecting Russia to Crimea.

Here's why these successes are so important to the morale of Ukrainians, the prospects

for peace and the future of Ukraine's children.

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After Three Years of War...the Toll on Children Grows



As we hope for a ceasefire, the impact of the war on children's mental health and education is growing. [UNICEF](#) warns that 1 in 5 children have lost a friend or family member, and psychological counseling remains crucial for their recovery.

Damaged schools and educational disruption continue even as efforts to provide "catch-up learning" are growing. Nearly 40% of children study online or with hybrid in person classes. See more [here](#).

UCAP is addressing both these critical areas of need through multiple partnerships throughout Ukraine.

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Youth Soccer and Safety...



This summer, UCAP will support a soccer camp in Prague for children from Ukraine's frontline regions. Since the start of the full-scale invasion in 2022, many of these children have lived with the threat of attacks, displacement, and daily uncertainty. The camp will offer a chance to provide trauma-informed soccer training, play, make friends, and experience the simple joys of childhood in a setting designed for their safety and well-

being. With experienced staff, secure accommodations, and a daily active routine, the camp will provide a meaningful break from trauma and a reassuring sense of stability.

Spilnota - Expanding Support for Orphaned Youth



In just 2 1/2 years, the Spilnota (Community) project has built a youth program and residential center that provides transformational and comprehensive services to 110+ orphaned and/or abandoned young Ukrainians impacted by the war. By establishing programs in 3 regions that provide deep, specialized and long-term education and psychosocial support, youth without hope or parental guidance are now seeing real pathways open up to them for future productive lives. UCAP and a benefactor have provided critical support to establish these opportunities. Please see the link below more information and Spilnota's recent report.

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A beautiful song for a donation...



Andrea Surova, a Ukrainian American musician, has written and produced a beautiful **new song about Ukraine titled "Our Hearts Are Free,"** a moving tribute of resilience and hope.

She and her co-founder, Dr. Stephen Panebianco, are hoping to generate support for UCAP's mission by offering a link to download the song as a thank you for a UCAP donation.

Learn more at:

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Yuliia visits Partners in Kyiv



In mid-May, Yuliia Kardash, UCAP's Regional Director travelled to Kyiv to meet with several key partners to discuss current funded programs and explore new opportunities for collaboration in the critical fields of catch up learning, addressing trauma, and teacher training. At the **UCulture** educational program, the **Shakhtar Social soccer program** the **Academy of Sciences of Ukraine**, and **Teach for Ukraine**, they discussed national-level education and well-being strategies that will engage children and teachers in programs that will nurture and enhance Ukrainian children's futures.

She also met with **EdEra** leadership to review the upcoming online course in trauma informed education that we are co-developing for Ukrainian teachers, set to launch this summer. These meetings are incredibly helpful in understanding the current needs on the ground and developing new joint initiatives to meet the needs of Ukraine's children.

Meet the Children



Through a Mother's Eyes: Svitlana

Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine: "My child is in need of psychological rehabilitation. Five months under occupation, followed by two years in Zaporizhzhia filled with constant stress and air raid warnings, have left their mark. My son remains fearful of loud noises and struggles to adapt to a new school after an extended period of online education. He often cries.

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As always, we thank you for your on-going support for the children of Ukraine. UCAP's continuing presence brings hope and rehabilitation to so many families - because of you!

With gratitude,
Irwin and Karen

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