



Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP)

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Students in Lviv focus on **"learning recovery"** during a summer academy by Teach4Ukraine, to help children catch up lost learning due to the war.

Back to school in a country at war...

Greetings!

For most of us, the idea of getting the kids ready for school after the summer break is one of the annual rites that children approach with excitement and, sometimes, of course, a little anxiety about what the new year will bring. New teachers, maybe a new school, school supplies and new outfits are part of the cycle of family life. That's what it will be like for our four youngest grandchildren and, we suspect, for the kids you love as well.

Kids in Ukraine are looking forward to the new school year, too. But what does that mean for children in a country at war?

Russia has actually been waging two wars in Ukraine. One is, more or less, the war of conquest driven by Vladimir Putin's dangerously misguided idea that Ukraine actually belongs to Russia.

But Russia's second war has been unrelenting, deliberate, methodical attacks on targets far from the battlefields in the east and south of the country. Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, Lviv (where UCAP has its headquarters) and many other cities throughout the country have seen hospitals, energy infrastructure, residential communities and apartment buildings attacked repeatedly from the air with missiles and drones.

And a prime target? Schools. **More than 2,500 schools throughout Ukraine have been damaged or destroyed by Russian attacks. No school without a bomb shelter is allowed even to be open in Ukraine.** Classrooms are often actually held in underground bomb shelters. And far too often there is no school to go to. Teachers and parents do what they can to help their children learn online.

Children worry about the air raids and a parent who is fighting on the frontlines. They mourn a loved one who died in the war. They are distressed about the disruption of normal life and stressed about being driven from their homes and communities by violence and fear.

For UCAP and all of our donors, these wartime barriers to education coupled with ongoing psychological trauma drive us to do more to help these kids and families while the war rages. **With your help, UCAP has been supporting nearly a dozen projects helping children continue their education while the war rages. Here are a few examples...**

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Learning on the frontlines of war



UCAP is funding 3 shelter-based digital learning centers (DLC) through the summer to help hundreds of children in the Odessa region recover their learning loss due to prolonged educational disruption caused by war. **Over 90% of students have improved their knowledge an average of 23.5% in the recent 3 month study period.**

We hope to reach more students and expand our support to 5 DLCs in the coming year.

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UCAP funds basement shelter - Preschool and other classes

We visited UCAP's Enrichment and Education Center in Lviv to see progress on the **basement shelter construction, which will also transform later into a modern educational space.** The shelter replaces a nearby shelter that is no longer accessible to the 500 children that utilize the center regularly. This phase includes the essential construction works, such as underfloor heating, the ventilation system, internal partition walls, an accessible universal restroom, etc. It will also prepare the space for future use as a safe expanded multi-media and digital workshop with other educational activities for teens during wartime.



Laptops are critical for students in Ukraine



The need for laptops and tablets for Ukrainian children and teen education is unending. Since the majority of students study fully or partially on-line, digital access to lessons is critical. UCAP provides an ongoing resource to provide laptops to internally displaced children and/or teens who have lost a parent in the war. **This is Nika, a determined 12-year-old girl who dreams of becoming a lawyer.** Her father was killed at the beginning of the war while performing a combat mission in the Donetsk region, defending Ukraine. UCAP helped provide a laptop to Nika, which was needed to replace her tablet as she entered high school and engaged with complex computer science and language courses. More are needed.

Thank you so much - from the children, from the families - and from our partners in Ukraine. In their words..."you are a constant source of support, encouragement, and friendship. We are deeply grateful to all of you".

With appreciation,
Irwin and Karen

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