



Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP)

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Winter is coming...Education Under Siege



Greetings!

In the seven-day period from October 16 – 22 Russian attacks on civilian targets deploying advanced drones and hypersonic missiles killed or injured nearly 50 children. Many of these children have experienced deep psychological trauma. These were kids sleeping in their cribs in at home in residential neighborhoods or at the market with their parents or, one way or another, at the wrong place, at the wrong time.

Severe shortages of anti-missile defense systems hampered efforts of the highly capable Ukrainian military forces to intercept and destroy incoming fire. Children and families pay the price of delays in making sure that Ukraine has what it needs to defend itself. And as we started describing in our last newsletter, the 24/7 Russian attacks on Ukraine's

infrastructure assure a winter of misery for people who would rather have peace and normalcy than the disruptions and dangers of a war they did not choose.

But the resilience and resolve of Ukrainians remains an amazing thing to observe. They have been and will continue to do whatever needs to be done, to endure war as they have been enduring for nearly five years, unwilling to sacrifice their sovereignty or democracy.

Yuliia Kardash, UCAP's regional director who lives in Lviv told Karen this week that even in the most western regions of the country, the air raids continue, day and night. Her son, Dmytro, and his schoolmates, were sent home from school just an hour after they arrived because of the constant air raid alarms. Overhead they hear the loud, ear-piercing buzzing of the Russian Shahed drones or missiles.

This is not normal. And this is not fair for children forced to live under the umbrella of a war they did not ask for.

And the families know what coming this winter: bitter cold and darkness as more and more of Ukraine's vital infrastructure is damaged.

None of this is to say that Ukrainians are helpless. They do their best to make due with whatever missile defense systems they can pull together. Their infrastructure repair teams are amazing and the families care for each and watch out for their neighbors.

And then there's you. And UCAP. We have launched our most ambitious humanitarian aid campaign since the war began. We are bolstering the programs that help kids deal with severe psychological trauma, help the hospitals continue to function, provide winter clothing, provide emergency lighting and heating sources for children, help underground schools stay open during blackouts. Please help us do more.

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Winter is Coming - Schools Must Prepare



In addition to supporting families with batteries, power banks, rechargeable lamps and winter clothing, **UCAP has asked our partners who work with schools to assess their needs for winter survival.**

We have learned how we can help:

Your support will **prepare 32 education facilities** in Sumy, Kharkiv and Odesa regions and the city of Kyiv for the winter.

The support covers energy independence, autonomous heating, lighting, shelter equipment and communication, so that schools and kindergartens can keep children safe, warm and learning through power outages and attacks on energy infrastructure.

The packages will serve at least 20,000 children, teachers and staff. And will accomplish these goals:

- **Keep the building warm:** autonomous heaters and heating systems.
- **Keep the lights and devices on:** charging stations, batteries, hybrid inverters, solar panels and generators.
- **Keep children and teachers safe in shelters:** lighting, dehumidifiers, recirculators and first-aid kits - and educational resources.
- **Keep the connection:** Wi-Fi, routers and power banks for communication with parents, authorities and online learning.

There are more requests coming in and we will continue to expand our reach to more schools and shelters....as we raise more funding.

With your help, we will make sure more students and teachers feel safe and warm while they learn and teach during this bitter winter.

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You are part of UCAP and UCAP is helping Ukraine's children cope with a terrible crisis and make it through what promises to be a brutal winter. And, if we're all in this together, that's exactly what we intend to do.

Thank you,
Irwin & Karen

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