

# Solidarity with Ukraine

## A year of action



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## A vital outpouring of solidarity to help Ukrainians cope



A year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the country's humanitarian situation is catastrophic. Access to basic services for millions of people remains compromised and the severe energy crisis, together with the biting cold temperatures, mean that access to heating is a major issue.

The help provided to civilians relies for a large part on NGOs and local initiatives, as the Ukrainian government is focusing its efforts on supporting the army. Which is why Fondation de France remains mobilized and continues to act in accordance with its operating procedures: providing relief – especially to the most vulnerable – while planning for the long term; relying on local organizations which can act where they are needed most; and drawing on the expertise of its dedicated committee and local correspondents to take decisions.

No one can predict how this conflict will evolve. We need to constantly rethink where we intervene and what takes priority. Right now, we are focusing on responding to the humanitarian emergency but we are also preparing for the future, to help rebuild the Ukrainian nation. The issue of human rights also helps us choose the projects we support, especially with regard to testimonies of war crimes and ill-treatment.

In a little less than a year, nine million euros have been allocated to around 100 initiatives, mostly in Ukraine and bordering countries, Poland, Romania and Moldova.

As private individuals, companies, donor-advised funds and media outlets, you contributed in your thousands and we are very grateful for your generosity. Each donation matters and this outpouring of solidarity is vital to helping Ukrainians cope. Unfortunately, this war is far from over and needs are still huge, whether it's about responding to the emergency or rebuilding the future. Now more than ever, let us stay united and carry on! ”



**Alexandre Giraud,**  
Chief Operations Officer



*Karine Meaux, head of emergencies programs at Fondation de France International, Michel Maietta, president of the Solidarity with Ukraine Committee and the representative of the Carpathian Foundation in Ukraine.*

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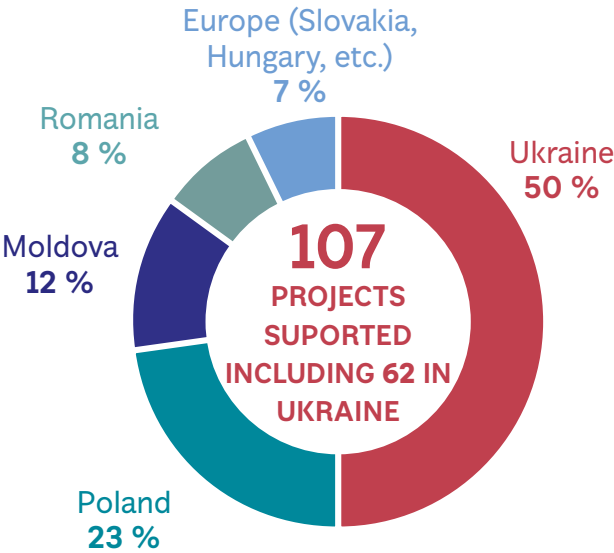
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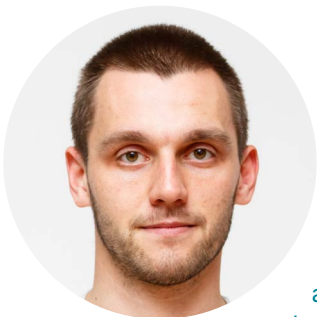
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**PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF SUMS  
ALLOCATED BY COUNTRY**



**What our local correspondents told us**



In the early days of the Russian invasion, Ukrainian civil society had to fend for itself. But it was able to rise up. We very much value the Fondation de France approach, which supports the people affected by the war while reinforcing the capacity of local players.

*Milan Zaitsev, local correspondent in Ukraine*



In the past few months, I've been facilitating contacts between Fondation de France and the Polish non-profit sector. This is a real challenge, but it's also a very rewarding experience. This support is crucial for Polish organizations short of funds, which have to cope with an unprecedented refugee crisis in our country's recent history.

*Jakub Wilczek,  
local correspondent  
in Poland*

## Projects supported in Ukraine

As the war drags on, humanitarian aid remains the priority, especially in regions close to the front. Fondation de France is mostly active in Ukraine, where needs are greatest.

### Providing food, accommodation and heating for those affected by the war

In order to meet the basic needs of the people affected by the war, Fondation de France supports projects such as nonprofit **World to Ukrainians**, which has set up a shelter in Zaporizhzhia and the **Odessa kindergartens** project, which offers emergency food aid to their staff, so that services can continue.

In the Kharkiv and Donetsk oblasts, badly hit by the fighting in recent months, **U-saved** provided bread every day to 5,000 highly vulnerable people (including low-income families, disabled people and the elderly).

Because lighting and heating are needed – especially in winter, as well as shelter and food, Fondation de France supports a number of initiatives to equip welcome centers and hospitals with generators. **Électriciens sans frontières** (Electricians Without Borders) and CAM-Z install generators in collective establishments like hospitals, where power outages endanger the lives of patients in intensive care. For its part, **Angel of Salvation** provides heating to accommodation centers for refugees who come from the front line or occupied areas.



Nonprofit CAM-Z install generators in hospitals, which are vital in the event of power outages.





*Uzghorod University, where the Carpathian Foundation welcomes displaced persons, women and children in particular.*

### Taking care of the most vulnerable

More than basic necessities, humanitarian aid extends to dedicated psychological support, to help those who need it to overcome trauma. Which is why **IMRC**, based in Kyiv, offers mental health support to people affected by the conflict, in addition to comprehensive medical assistance to war victims and elderly people.

Across the country, the **National Network of Local Philanthropy Development**, a network of 18 Ukrainian organizations provides medical equipment and drugs to local communities, enabling them to care for the most vulnerable, including in times of war.

More generally, **Carpathian Foundation Ukraine** supports local initiatives providing social and psychological help for displaced persons, with particular emphasis on women and children. **ProWomen** has been developing a coaching program exclusively for women, and help with accessing the labor market, as they often find themselves to be the head of the family.

### Testimonies for the future

Today's investigations will lead to tomorrow's justice. As such, Fondation de France contributes to several projects documenting human rights violations in Ukraine.

To that end, **Vostok SOS** operates several telephone help lines for war victims and displaced persons. The **European Prison Litigation Network** protects the rights of prisoners held in zones occupied by Russia by condemning the war crimes committed in prisons. As to **Luhensk Regional Human Rights**, which has been active in the Donbas area since 2013, it offers legal advice to war victims and publishes information and testimonies recorded in Ukraine and abroad, in order to refer to the International Criminal Court in due course.

### Taking action Europe-wide

On Ukrainian soil, the status of the various regions (occupied, liberated, used as transit routes or massive hosting of refugees) requires a contextualized approach, from emergency relief to support for the long term. Where possible, Europe-wide collaborative projects are preferred, for more impact.

## Projects supported in Poland, Romania and Moldova

Fondation de France continues to work in the countries bordering Ukraine. The needs there are markedly different, the emphasis being on integrating refugees in their host country.

In Poland, Fondation de France – in partnership with the **Polish National Federation on Homelessness** – supports integration projects such as the **Inkubator Społeczny Foundation**, a social incubator that hosts refugee families and offers them help with schooling, language lessons and assistance with administrative procedures as well as searching for a job. For its part, the **Akceptacja Foundation** provides medical transport for disabled Ukrainian refugees who are sick and injured heading towards Poland and other European countries.

In Moldova, the **Roma Awareness Foundation** enables Roma refugees from Ukraine to receive emergency relief in the border regions of Transnistria and Taraclia. Refugees in these areas often have no documentation and are deprived of official help from the authorities. The organization hosts families and supplies them with food.

In Romania, **Concordia**, a nonprofit specialized in social care for children, provides comprehensive assistance to Ukrainian refugee families, from temporary accommodation to psychological and administrative support. It also organizes leisure and educational activities for the youngest, to help them hold the trauma of war at bay. Over the last six months, support has been provided to more than 700 people, mostly women and children.



*In Moldova, the Roma Awareness Foundation caters for basic necessities such as accommodation and food for Roma refugees from Ukraine.*



## The commitment of donor-advised funds

For over a year, 30 Fondation de France donor-advised funds have stepped up and come to the aid of those affected by the war. Their generosity reinforced support to a number of project leaders like the **Saint-Nicholas Foundation** in Poland, whose work is co-funded by Fondation de France, Fondation Mustela, Fondation Prévoir and Fondation Schneider Electric.

The Saint Nicholas Foundation first selected ten civil society project leaders to help and support refugee children throughout Poland.



*Psychological support, Polish language lessons, school supplies and leisure activities are some of the benefits that the Saint Nicholas foundation can provide to Ukrainian children who have taken refuge in Poland, by supporting 10 project leaders.*

*“The foundation creates havens of peace for children in Polish cities,” explains Brigitte Diaz Deshayes, from Fondation Prévoir. “Thanks to funding, children have been provided with psychological support, Polish language lessons, catch up lessons and sport and leisure activities in the summer of 2022. Fondation Prévoir is delighted to have contributed to its work, with practical help for Ukrainians.”*

Since October 2022, the Saint Nicholas Foundation has been providing psychological help throughout the school year for children and young refugees. Therapy as well as crisis intervention is available for children and young people in a psychological support center in Warsaw. *“True to our mission of taking action for children, Fondation Mustela intervened,”* notes managing director Emmanuelle Dumas. *“Thanks to Fondation Saint Nicholas’ work, we were able to help with accommodation and psychological support for refugee children in Poland.”*

## Solidarity with Ukraine 2022 sources and uses of funds statement as of 12/31/2022

SOURCES	Cumul	%
<b>Income raised from the general public and other private funds</b>	<b>16 599 340</b>	<b>99,1 %</b>
<i>Individual donations</i>	15 893 746	96 %
<i>Fondation de France donor-advised funds</i>	705 594	4 %
<b>Grants from local authorities</b>	<b>76 648</b>	<b>0,5 %</b>
<b>Financial products</b>	<b>74 233</b>	<b>0,4 %</b>
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>16 750 221</b>	<b>100 %</b>

USES	Cumul	%
<b>Charitable projects</b>	<b>8 022 584</b>	<b>92 %</b>
<i>Grants allocated to local operators for projects</i>	7 751 611	97 %
<i>Implementation and monitoring costs</i>	181 442	2 %
<i>Staffing costs</i>	89 531	1 %
<b>Donation processing costs</b>	<b>302 522</b>	<b>3 %</b>
<b>Donor information costs</b>	<b>197 338</b>	<b>2 %</b>
<b>Operating costs</b>	<b>224 912</b>	<b>3 %</b>
<b>TOTAL USES</b>	<b>8 747 356</b>	<b>100 %</b>
Available at year end (dedicated funds)	8 002 865	

To find out about all the projects supported, go to [fondationdefrance.org/un-an-ukraine](https://fondationdefrance.org/un-an-ukraine)



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