United Way’s Work in Ukraine

Since the onset of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in early 2022, United Way Worldwide has been at the forefront of supporting refugees. The United for Ukraine Fund, established in 2022, has played a pivotal role in this endeavor, distributing $4.7M to assist Ukrainian refugees. Partnering with organizations in Romania, Hungary, Poland, Germany, Spain, and the Netherlands, United Way has provided essential aid to hundreds of thousands of people—mostly women and children who fled the conflict.

With the support of donors, United Way and our partners have helped:

207,358 people get critical assistance, including food, shelter, clothing, and health services
21,000 people get immediate support at borders
35,000 people receive long-term support, including job assistance, training, and education

Insights and Perspectives

The situation of Ukrainian refugees is marked by continuous crisis, demanding extensive resources and multinational collaboration. Despite these challenges, there is evidence of resilience, hope, and global solidarity. United Ways’ cross-border partnerships have been crucial in providing emergency relief, educational support, mental health services, and more, showcasing agile, community-focused approaches.

Country-Specific Responses

- **Poland (Fundacja Dobrych Inicjatyw, a partner with United Way)**: Provided comprehensive support including transportation, psychological support, housing assistance, and long-term support with job and education access to 84,000 people.
- **Germany (PHINEO-United Way Germany)**: Aided 50,000 people with various services, including psychological support and long-term assistance.
- **Romania (United Way Romania)**: Supported 47,013 people with a wide range of services, emphasizing psychological support and long-term assistance.
- **Hungary (United Way Hungary)**: Assisted 20,998 people, providing food, hygiene products, health education, and substantial long-term support.
- **The Netherlands (United Way Netherlands)**: Reached 2,002 people, providing essential aid and long-term support including job and education assistance.
- **Spain (United Way Spain)**: Supported 3,345 people with housing assistance, medicine, clothing, long-term job assistance, access to education and language courses.
The United for Ukraine Fund's impact over the past two years has been significant, providing life-changing support and hope in a time of uncertainty.

United Way's commitment to bringing people together to build strong, equitable communities has been exemplified through its response to the Ukraine crisis, supporting not just immediate needs but also aiding in the long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation of affected lives. The ongoing war underscores the continuing need for such humanitarian efforts, with United Way poised to continue its vital work.

For more detail about the support United Way and our partners have had on Ukrainian refugees, please click here.

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