

Education in emergencies

Building resilience into the educational response, **Ukraine**

Street Child is drawing on its extensive experience of ensuring children can remain safe even in conflict and crisis environments to support local NGOs helping children in their communities to have the resources they need to respond rapidly and effectively to changing circumstances.

The problem

The war in Ukraine has uprooted children and families from their homes, creating a child protection and child's rights emergency. Over 11 million people have fled their homes; nearly a quarter of the total population of Ukraine. The majority have been internally displaced. It is estimated that 5.7 million children within Ukraine are out of school due to school closures.

The partner

Street Child works with local organizations to ensure every child has access to an education. Street Child's interventions are integrated to confront challenges, assuring safety as it affords access to schooling. By coupling instantaneous change for children with an increase in the capacities of caregivers, communities and schools Street Child supports children to be safe, in school and learning in the long term. Street Child has a base of nine local partners in Ukraine, representing both the relatively safer regions in the West (Lviv, Ternopil, Zakarpattia) and those subject to regular military attacks (Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv and Dnipro). Several of these partners are also providing humanitarian support across other oblasts.

The philanthropic solution

Street Child is proposing a seven-month project targeted towards building resilience into the educational response in areas of Ukraine welcoming high numbers of internally displaced

people (IDPs), particularly in Western Ukraine. Street Child's approach has three prongs:

- (1) To ensure IDP children are receiving psychosocial support appropriate to the conflict environment and to prepare them for the start of a new school year;
- (2) To deliver summer camp style informal education, and offer overflow/supplementary access to the state curriculum from September to December; and
- (3) To elevate the capacity of local level NGOs to manage and deliver education-in-emergencies interventions within the humanitarian framework.

The evidence

Street Child is an education in emergencies specialist with extensive experience delivering programmes in complex conflict contexts, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, DRC, Mozambique, Somalia and Nigeria. Street Child is an amplifier of local leadership and impact and works closely with a network of local organisations.

This project will leverage lessons learned through an education pilot to be implemented by Street Child's partner NGO, Posmishka (Smile), also with UBS Optimus' support; and aims to position them to support their peers to replicate and gradually scale up this model of support sustainably.

The impact

This project is designed to provide 10,000 IDP children with psychosocial support, of whom 2,580 will access education through 40 hubs. It also has the potential to be an exemplar across Ukraine, especially as children navigate the transition into new schools in new locations and in new circumstances.

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