

# REPORT

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Dear friends, partners,  
esteemed donors and supporters,

The war persists, and we are still fighting for our lives and independence. However, each day of this struggle, with your support, is also filled with victories that gradually bring us closer to the ultimate win of Ukraine and the civilized world in this war.

Over the past six months, thousands of individuals, both Ukrainians and citizens of other countries, as well as large international and Ukrainian companies, and small businesses, along with thousands of philanthropists, have made contributions to the cause of victory. Together, we have been able to accumulate \$24.8 million in support of Ukraine and its people in the first six months of 2023. Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, donors have entrusted the KSE Foundation with over \$65.7 million. Every cent of this support is spent transparently. We highly value the trust you place in us and strive to justify it every day.

Thanks to your donations during the first half of 2023, we have not only supported Ukrainians and the defenders, protected children and families, but also reconstructed vital infrastructure: in April of this year, we proudly presented the fully restored Makariv Medical Outpatient Center, which was completely destroyed by a direct missile hit at the onset of the invasion.

Since its inception, KSE Foundation, the charitable arm of Kyiv School of Economics, has been committed to advancing education and innovation, providing assistance to students, professors, and relevant institutions. However, following the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia on February 24, 2022, and the subsequent outbreak of war, our foundation had to significantly expand its scope to save lives. With the support of thousands of generous donors, we have been able to address the pressing needs of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians.

#### **BEFORE**

The outpatient clinic in the village of Makariv, Kyiv region, was completely destroyed by a direct Russian missile strike on March 28, 2022.

#### **AFTER**

Now the dispensary has been completely restored by the KSE Foundation, the first non-governmental charitable foundation that the government involved in the restoration of the medical infrastructure.



While continuing to support education and nurture talented individuals, our foundation has also adapted its programs to cater to the new challenges brought about by the war. In addition to scholarships and grants, we now also focus on establishing school shelters to protect students during air attacks. Furthermore, our scholarship programs have been extended to include children of fallen Ukrainian defenders, and those forced to flee their homes due to the war.

Despite the demands of wartime, the core values of education and knowledge that underpin our foundation have influenced our approach to defense assistance as well. Alongside procuring protective ammunition, generators, vehicles, communication devices, optical instruments, and reconnaissance drones, we have made substantial and comprehensive investments in training Ukrainian defenders. Thanks to your support, our foundation has been able to save lives for the past 17 months of this full-scale war.

We procure medicine and medical devices to aid wounded soldiers and civilian war victims, ranging from incubators for preterm infants to vacuum-assisted wound closure systems. Every day, with your help as our partners and friends, we continue to provide assistance to people and contribute to the rebuilding of our nation. Our aim is to construct a strong, educated, and innovative Ukraine.

In this report, we would like to share with you the achievements and victories that have been accomplished through your support, dedication, and strength.

In the following sections, we will provide detailed information on the various areas of our work and the specific projects we have undertaken. Your partnership has been instrumental in making all of this possible, and we express our deepest gratitude for your continued support.



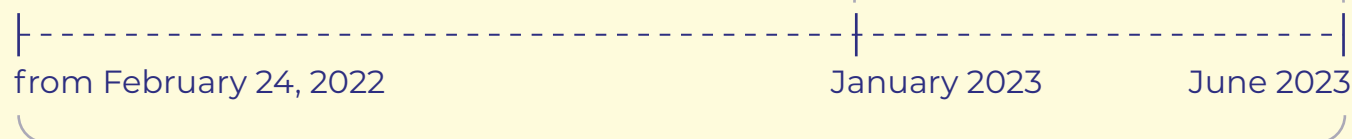
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# FIRST HALF OF 2023 STATEMENT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$24 804 436**

**Total charitable contributions received**



**\$65,748,392**

**\$24 156 130**



From businesses and charities

**\$648 305**



From citizens

**\$5 000 000**



Largest donation  
from a business/charity



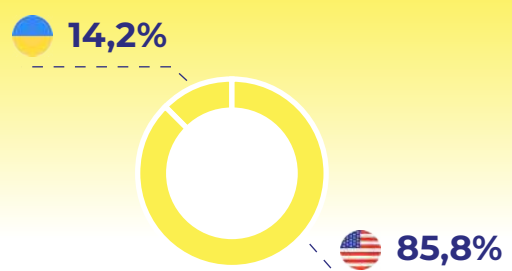
anonymously

**\$100 086**

The biggest  
donation from  
a private person



Hlib  
Zahorii



**\$3 526 140**



To the Ukrainian  
account

**\$21 278 296**



To the American  
account

# RECEIPTS OF THE BIGGEST BENEFACTORS

ANONYMOUS  
DONATOR

**\$ 5 000 000**

APRIL 2023



We extend our sincere gratitude to all our benefactors,  
irrespective of the amount of their contributions.  
We are particularly pleased to acknowledge and honor  
our most substantial contributors for the period spanning  
from January to June of 2023



Winkel Family  
Charitable Fund





# I. HUMANITARIAN AND INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS





## I.I. SAFE EDUCATION PROJECTS

The Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) Foundation has always held the promotion of education and science at the core of our purpose. However, the unprecedented challenges brought on by the war have compelled us to extend our mission. Our redefined objective now includes facilitating, offline education for schoolchildren across Ukraine, many of whom are currently unable to return to their schools due to the dearth of secure shelters. Thousands of these children are compelled to seek refuge from air attacks in basements ill-equipped for prolonged habitation.

Driven by our renewed commitment, and with the invaluable support of our esteemed donors, we successfully enabled over 10,000 students to safely return to their schools. This achievement underscores our pledge to persevere in ensuring that education remains accessible and safe amid the challenges we face.

### CHILDREN OF SHELTERS: Where in Ukraine schoolchildren are back at their desks, receiving offline education, thanks to the donors of the KSE Foundation

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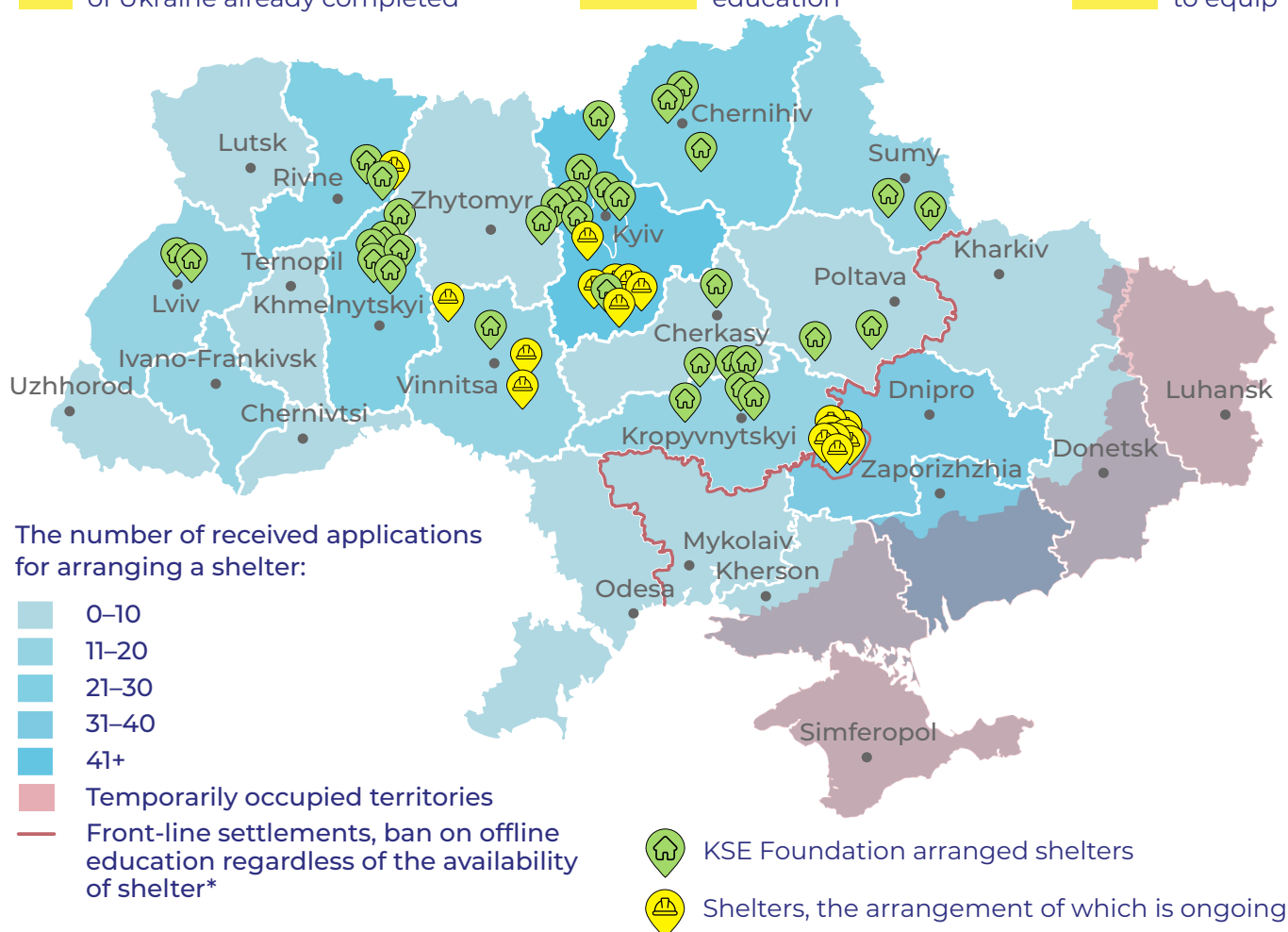
shelters in schools and kindergartens of Ukraine already completed

**10,000**

children were able to return to offline education

**300**

shelters we plan to equip



\*applications from these regions begin to be considered after providing information on the possibility of resuming offline training in case of arranging a shelter

The KSE Foundation is dedicated to its ongoing project "ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education" a mission aimed at creating learning spaces for Ukrainian schoolchildren amid wartime conditions. The main goal is to equip 300 Ukrainian schools and kindergartens with shelters that enable offline education and safeguard the welfare of students and staff during air raid sirens.

From the project's inception in September to December 31st, 2022, we have successfully completed 9 shelters, with 6 more in progress, providing 2,605 students with a learning environment. The first half of 2023 saw the completion of 25 additional shelters, allowing 7,400 students to return to their schools.

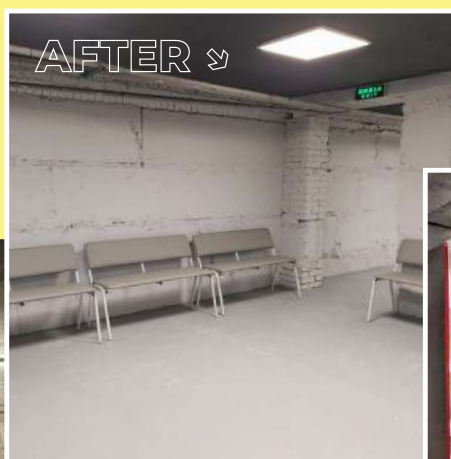
As of the end of June, we have renovated and fully equipped 34 shelters across various regions in Ukraine, including Sumy, Chernihiv, Khmel'nytsk, Cherkasy, Lviv, Kirovohrad, the deoccupied territories of the Kyiv region, Vinnytsia, and Zhytomyr Region. Maintenance and repair operations are currently underway in 18 more shelters located in areas such as Kryvyi Rih, the Kyiv region, Rivne region, and Vinnytsia region. By the end of 2023, we anticipate enabling 40,000 students to attend their local schools and continue their education offline.

Our largest contributor to the project remains Raiffeisen Bank, with a generous donation of EUR 1 million. This funding aims to renovate spaces to accommodate 30,000 children by the end of 2023.

We are also excited to announce new partners. XTX Markets, a top-tier algorithmic trading firm, has shown commitment to improving Ukrainian students' learning conditions with a significant contribution of USD 500,000. We're also grateful to, AEQUO, MTI, IMK for their collective donations of over USD 33,240, which will fund the refurbishment of three additional shelters in Kryvyi Rih.



**ZAKHYSTOK**  
SAFE EDUCATION



We wish to express our profound gratitude to Vodafone Ukraine for their magnanimous support as one of the preeminent donors to the ZAKHYSTOK project. Their exemplary philanthropy epitomizes the commitment of Ukrainian enterprises to corporate social responsibility and underscores their belief in the worthiness of our mission. This steadfast dedication serves as a sterling exemplar for other businesses, and we are privileged to count them as a cherished collaborator in the ZAKHYSTOK project.

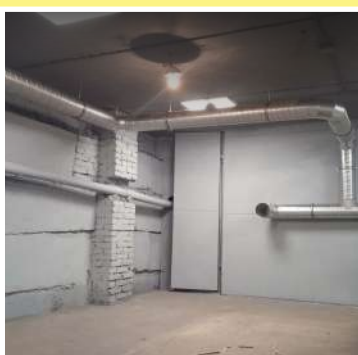
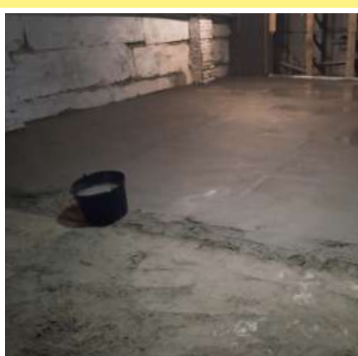
Jointly, buttressed by the support of Vodafone Ukraine and our other partners, we have unwavering faith in the capacity of collective action to surmount challenges and forge a more promising future for Ukrainian education and the children who represent its future.

We are delighted to disclose our strategic alliance with Ukrposhta, the national postal service provider of Ukraine. Through the sales of the postmark "ПТН ПНХ!" adorned with Banksy's artwork, the Ukrainian community exhibited an unyielding spirit of unity and benevolence. Ukrposhta's initiative successfully covered the cost of a substantial \$45,000, which was judiciously utilized to extensively retrofit and upgrade school shelters across Sumy, Poltava, and Kyiv regions.

## BEFORE ▾



## IN PROCESS ▾



## AFTER ▾





The KSE Foundation continuously seeks opportunities to raise awareness about ZAKHYSTOK and its mission. On Children's Day, the Kyiv School of Economics hosted a presentation of "a hut on a hill," an art installation demonstrating the hurdles faced and overcome by Ukrainian children in war-affected areas. Students from the occupied village in Kharkiv region, in search of connection, climbed a hill 150 meters from the school – the only place where they could get Internet reception. From materials at hand, they built the shelter on top of the hill, where they spent school days last year. After deoccupation of the village this shelter was presented at the Kyiv School of Economics as a symbol of the indomitability of Ukrainian children and the victorious power of education.

Distinguished attendees included President of Estonia Alar Karis, and Canadian Ambassador Larysa Galadza.

Lastly, we are pleased to share that the Embassies of Denmark and Estonia in Ukraine have pledged their support to the project. Further details of this partnership will be shared in the upcoming six months.





## The exhibition “Children of shelters”

Our team documented the children of two schools in the middle of unsuitable basements, where they are forced to hide in times of alarm.

The exhibition “Children of shelters” is a photo documentation of an excursion conducted by schoolchildren and a group of preschoolers for the KSE Foundation. Dressed in embroidered shirts for Vyshyvanka Day, the children descended into the basements of their educational institutions to show us the place that should become a safe haven for them. They led us through dark corridors with sandy floor, talked to us about the flute class and the school roof destroyed by an enemy shell.

The photo exhibition was presented at the Kyiv School of Economics for Children’s Day. The photos show students and pupils of two rural schools: Makovyshchanska Gymnasium (Kyiv region) and Brusylivska Art School (Zhytomyr region).



## Points of Resilience

During the tumultuous period of the Russian-Ukrainian war in winter 2023, marked by mass bombings that disrupted vital infrastructures, a beacon of hope emerged in Kyiv through the strategic partnership between the KSE Foundation and the charitable foundation "Kitty of Soloma." This collaboration yielded the establishment of three warming stations, or "Points of Resilience," a concept initiated by the Ukrainian government in November 2022.

These Points of Resilience, affectionately termed "Teplytsia" (Greenhouse), stand as symbols of refuge and comfort amid adversity. Stationed in schools, they serve as havens of essential resources, providing warmth, water, electricity, and mobile communication to those in war-ridden areas.

The Points of Resilience we've established not only ensured that hundreds of children and neighbors were protected from blackout periods but also provided a much-needed sense of community. Each station is thoughtfully equipped with Starlink internet connectivity, a source of electricity, hot tea, and even a small library. The volunteer spirit of the "Kitty of Soloma" foundation encourages visitors to bring books and their cherished pets, fostering an atmosphere of connection, comfort, and shared love for reading.

This collaboration signifies the collective power and resilience in our community, illustrating how supportive spaces can be built and sustained even amidst the most challenging times.





## Ukrainian Bookshelf

It is with immense honor and pride that we, at KSE Foundation, associate ourselves with the esteemed “Ukrainian Bookshelf” initiative, patronized by the distinguished First Lady, Olena Zelenska, and undertaken in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. This initiative serves as an avenue for us to showcase Ukraine and its rich literary heritage to the world.

Driven by our collective commitment and passion, we have successfully disseminated collections of 4,000 books, enlightening and inspiring global audiences across 22 international embassies. Our endeavor stands testament to our unwavering support for the Ukrainian people, particularly those forced to abandon their homes. We stand by them, recognizing their resilience and affirming their identities through the shared tales of our homeland.

[More details](#)



## I.II. KSE UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

The Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) Foundation, with its deep-rooted commitment to fostering academic talent and supporting education, is proud to announce a significant new initiative. This campaign seeks to raise 4,000,000 USD, with the objective of providing 700 scholarships to deserving incoming students at KSE University. Our aim is to reinforce the accessibility of quality education, especially for those whose lives have been disrupted by the ongoing war.

With your help, we've achieved significant success in this mission already. To date, our donors and partners have generously contributed a total of 2.8 million USD. These funds will provide nearly 500 students with the opportunity to pursue their academic dreams without financial constraint — a testament to the power of collective action and shared commitment to education.

However, our mission doesn't end here. We are committed to securing support for students from specific categories: internally displaced children, those who have lost their parental care due to the war, Ukrainian students currently living abroad longing to return to their homeland, wounded warriors embarking on new academic journeys, and those who have maintained exceptional academic results amidst adversities.

Education is a catalyst for change, a gateway to social mobility. By raising the remaining funds to meet our 4,000,000 USD goal, we can extend this powerful transformative experience to an additional 200 deserving students. With your continued support, we can alleviate their financial burden, allowing them to focus wholly on personal growth and academic excellence.

In the face of the formidable power of education to uplift communities, bridge social gaps, and foster a brighter future, the KSE Foundation stands firm in its belief. By investing in education, we are contributing to society's advancement, shaping the lives of individuals and communities alike. With your unwavering support, we are confident we can make a substantial and lasting difference in the lives of these deserving students.

[You can make your contribution here](#)





At the heart of the KSE Foundation, our pride swells in acknowledging the significant contribution made by our own KSE students, who have voluntarily chosen to extend their commitment beyond the classroom to impact the larger community. Their inspiring initiative of leading a fundraising campaign for internally displaced children demonstrated the compassion and sense of social responsibility embedded in our student body. Furthermore, they orchestrated charity events with a dedicated purpose - to raise funds for scholarships for those whose education journey has been interrupted by the war. This embodiment of empathy, leadership, and action reflects the ethos of the KSE Foundation and the students' dedication to creating a better future for all. This is a testament to the power of our community, proving that the KSE Foundation is not just an organization, but a thriving ecosystem of care, commitment, and change.

At the heart of Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) University lies the philosophy of giving back, a belief epitomized in our Children's Present Drive campaign led by KSE University students. Launched on December 18, this initiative swiftly garnered substantial support, amassing nearly USD 20,000 on its inaugural day, and ultimately, collecting a total of USD 40,270 by December 20. The remarkable response not only fueled our initial aim to aid internally displaced children, but also empowered us to extend our reach to orphans and single-parent families across Ukraine, thereby gifting the joy of celebration to over 950 children amid the harrowing backdrop of war.



Our campaign's financial resources were meticulously utilized to create maximum impact. USD 15,861 facilitated the provision of gifts to orphanages across the nation, and USD 7,293 sponsored a memorable New Year celebration for internally displaced children in Bucha, a heartwarming event entirely organized by our dedicated KSE students. Additionally, we contributed USD 8,204 to the City of Goodness Charitable Foundation, leaving a prudent reserve for future initiatives focused on children.

The ethos of KSE is strongly mirrored in the actions of our students, who not only embraced the spirit of the campaign, but also breathed life into it. They spearheaded the festive event in Bucha, managing every detail with care and ensuring the participation of over 150 children, who attended with their parents and legal guardians. This student-led event served as a shining beacon of resilience and hope in the face of adversity.

Embracing partnerships to broaden our impact, we joined forces with organizations like Ukrposhta to reach out to children in the Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Ivano-Frankivsk, Sumy, and Kharkiv regions. This collaboration facilitated the delivery of gifts to 580 children, while our alliance with the City of Goodness Foundation enabled an additional 220 children to receive sweets and clothing.

The Children's Present Drive campaign is a testament to the power of community and the ability of our student body to foster hope and joy among those most affected by the ongoing war.





In 2022, the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) Foundation significantly amplified its efforts in the healthcare sector, by procuring and delivering an impressive count of 38,264 First Aid kits and 41,495 Tourniquets. This achievement was a critical contribution, meeting 10% of the overall need stated by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Beyond this impactful contribution, the KSE Foundation is dedicatedly expanding its medical stream, with a strategic focus on infrastructure enhancement and vital equipment acquisition. In the first half of 2023, the KSE Foundation allocated an additional \$185,000 for the purchase of medical supplies.

This initiative complements the foundation's previous work, which mainly centered on education funding. However, the current challenges demand a broader vision. Therefore, the KSE Foundation has now incorporated the lifesaving mission into its strategic goals. The vision now extends to reconstruct the devastated infrastructures of the liberated cities and towns in Ukraine, while simultaneously fostering an innovative, strong, and capable nation. The foundation's expanded mission thus signifies its unwavering commitment to not only educate but also to save lives and strengthen the country's resilience.



Even in the face of war, the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) maintains an unwavering conviction that immediate, strategic restoration of Ukraine is paramount. The KSE Foundation spearheads this mission, with the refurbishment of the Makariv Medical Outpatient Clinic standing as a testament to their commitment.

Tragedy struck on March 28, 2022, when a direct missile strike entirely demolished the medical clinic located in Makariv village, Kyiv region. Where once stood a thriving healthcare facility, only a fiery void remained. Unfazed by the daunting scope of the task, the resilient team of the KSE Foundation Charity Fund committed to an ambitious project: rebuilding the completely destroyed outpatient clinic. In doing so, the KSE Foundation emerged as the first non-governmental organization engaged by authorities to aid in the reconstruction of medical infrastructure.

We are delighted to announce the successful completion of this project on April 10th. The Makariv Primary Health Care Center, reconstructed at a cost of 789,000 USD, now stands where ruins once were. Within nine-month period, this 500 square-meter medical facility was fully restored in compliance with the highest international standards.





The revamped outpatient clinic, now brimming with modern medical equipment, has opened its doors to the community. A team of 19 dedicated medical professionals is prepared to serve over 19,300 patients, inclusive of approximately 4,000 children. The opening ceremony was attended by eminent figures such as Viktor Liashko (Minister of Health), Vitalii Vlasiuk (Kyiv region vice-governor), Vadim Tokar (Makariv village mayor), alongside representatives from the local health department and our generous donors.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our benefactors, including Ukrgasbank, Carlsberg, Visa, Chernovetskyi Investment Group, ERU, SOCAR Energy Ukraine, Anonymous international donors, UNICEF, Medicos Del Mundo, USAID Ukraine, Forests of Ukraine, Mediciens sans Frontier, and the International Medical Corps. Their generous support played a pivotal role in this transformative project. Additionally, we are deeply grateful to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for entrusting us with this critical initiative.



## Medical equipment for urgent hospital needs

The Kyiv School of Economics (KSE) Foundation's project was actualized through an international collaboration with Urgent Project, a UK-based charity Foundation. This partnership speaks volumes about the trust and confidence that our UK partners have placed in our ability to make a substantial impact.

The project's primary goal was to facilitate the delivery of much-needed essential medical equipment as charitable aid. This aim was realized through two significant initiatives.

Our first heartfelt endeavor catered to the critical needs of Kharkiv Clinical Hospital on railway transport #2, operated by the "Health Center" branch # 606 of the joint-stock company "Ukrainian Railway." In this vital medical haven, we provided a suite of lifesaving medical equipment. Among these were a blood gas analyzer, a year's supply of reagent pack 1150 ml, a cautery machine, and a comprehensive set of Ottomed devices. This included a Video Processor OVP-S2+, Gastro Video Endoscope OVG-S2+, Colono Video Endoscope OVC-S2+, and a Leakage Tester OLT. With an investment of USD 45,850, we were able to uplift the standard of care and open new horizons of hope for the patients at the hospital.

Our second mission of compassion brought a ray of hope to the municipal maternity hospital in Kropyvnytskyi city, a critical second-level perinatal center. With an investment of USD 37,478, we were able to deliver a range of essential equipment. This included five Power LED lamp phototherapy units, three single syringe pumps, a nurturing incubator, a dedicated transport incubator for newborn babies, a biochemical analyzer, and six months' worth of biochemical supplies. To complete the package, we also provided a blood gas analyzer along with a year's supply of reagent pack 1150 ml. The provided devices help save newborns and effectively prevent complications every day, ensuring not only enhanced quality of care for the mothers but also a promising start to the newborns' lives.

The successful completion of these two initiatives underscores the positive impact of international collaboration, and more specifically, the trust bestowed upon us by our UK partners.





Also, in the first half of 2023, the KSE Foundation has acquired a negative pressure wound therapy system, a state-of-the-art wound healing apparatus, with a contribution from FUIB (First Ukrainian International Bank).

This cutting-edge device has already been implemented and mastered by the physicians at the military hospital in Vinnytsia, a leading medical facility specializing in the recovery of Ukrainian Defenders following complex traumas and injuries. The therapeutic system, known as KCI ActiV.A.C., is a sophisticated technological solution that accelerates the healing process of wounds and burns of varying severity. The treatment duration for military personnel can range up to 25 days, depending on the complexity and location of the injury. During this time, even severe wounds can heal without the risk of infection or other complications.



KSE Foundation, in a synergistic collaboration with our international and local partners, has successfully deployed strategic healthcare initiatives to uplift the medical infrastructure in Ukraine. Our actions not only embody our commitment to catalyzing positive change in healthcare, but also signify our dedication to enhancing patient outcomes and, ultimately, contributing to a healthier and more resilient Ukraine. Through these endeavors, we continue to demonstrate that strategic collaborations and unwavering resolve can truly make a difference in times of need.





## II. DEFENSE PROJECTS

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The KSE Foundation is honored to share updates about our defensive initiatives, which aim at fortifying the capabilities of Ukraine's Special Forces, State Border Guard Service, and the Ministry of Defence's Defence Intelligence. Our commitment transcends beyond simply equipping these dedicated professionals. We put equal, if not greater, emphasis on delivering extensive training and educational programs, to ensure our defenders are well-versed and prepared to carry out their tasks.

In partnership with the Dignitas Fund, we embarked on an initiative to equip our defenders with the tools they need for non-offensive, defensive reconnaissance operations. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the private benefactor whose generous contribution facilitated the procurement of nearly 500 Mavic 3 quadcopters, worth \$1.2 million. These aerial reconnaissance drones are being distributed to brigades stationed in the most challenging frontline areas.

Our strategic implementation entails robust engagement with military commanders and the development of a comprehensive training curriculum. Every recipient of these drones undergoes professional training as part of the Victory Drones project, helmed by veteran and founder of the Aerial Reconnaissance Support Center, Maria Berlinska. The training program is meticulously designed to include safe and effective UAV operation, as well as comprehensive instruction on utilizing modern technology for defensive purposes. Moreover, we offer practical training sessions led by field experts at a military training ground.

To clarify, these drones are purposed solely for surveillance and reconnaissance, providing valuable insights into enemy activities without engaging in offensive operations. By fortifying our defensive capabilities, we aim to safeguard our land and its people with minimal confrontation and risk.



## AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2023, THE FOLLOWING WERE PURCHASED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE FRONTLINE TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE AND DEFENSE:

Drones and UAV pilot training



**\$2 313 440**

Financial aid



**\$1 366 997**

Information technologies



**\$180 878**

Optical devices  
and night vision devices



**\$131 557**

Protective gear accessorize



**\$87 179**

Vests



**\$77 712**



## AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2023, THE FOLLOWING WERE PURCHASED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE FRONTLINE TO PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE AND DEFENSE:

### Helmets



**\$65 867**

### Cars



**\$39 422**

### Means of communication



**\$19 336**

### Digital security



**\$5055**

### Generators



**\$4208**

## Army of Drones

The KSE Foundation has made significant contributions to the advancement of drone technology and training within the defence sector. We have successfully trained 10,000 UAV operators, equipping them with essential skills in effective drone piloting and combatting enemy electronic warfare and other modern warfare technologies. These training programs have been conducted at numerous centers across the country. Building on this success, an additional 10,000 pilots are scheduled to undergo training in the near future. This expansion of training opportunities was announced during the presentation of the new phase of the Drone Army Academy by Mykhailo Fedorov, the Deputy Prime Minister for Innovation, Development of Education, Science, and Technology – Minister of Digital Transformation.

The Kyiv School of Economics, with support from private donors, has financed the training of these operators, providing funding to training centers that have submitted reports on their trained operators. The comprehensive training encompasses both theoretical and practical aspects, covering the operation of various types of drones, including copters, FPV drones, and aircraft-type drones.



## NGO Aerorozvidka

The KSE Foundation proudly supports the NGO Aerorozvidka, which plays a crucial role in the development of situational centers. These centers serve as technological hubs that unite and coordinate various technical means of intelligence, facilitating effective joint operations. By implementing the ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition, and Reconnaissance) process within the Ukrainian army, Aerorozvidka is bringing a proven approach utilized by NATO countries since the 1990s. Situational centers greatly enhance decision-making efficiency, improve the effectiveness of striking enemy forces, and contribute to the survivability and synchronization of Ukrainian troops.



The KSE Foundation remains committed to supporting Aerorozvidka's efforts in developing and expanding these centers to ensure comprehensive situational awareness and advanced operational capabilities for the benefit of our armed forces.

## Victory Drones

The KSE Foundation proudly supports Victory Drones, an ecosystem dedicated to training and providing support for drone operators in collaboration with the Armed Forces, State Emergency Service, and medical services, in conjunction with the General Staff. Our partnership with Victory Drones focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive training programs, ensuring that operators receive the necessary skills and support to effectively utilize drones in their respective fields. Together, we strive to bolster the operational effectiveness and efficiency of drone usage within the Armed Forces, State Emergency Service, and medical services, while aligning with the strategic objectives of the General Staff.



**Maria Berlinska,**

Ukrainian public activist, veteran,  
founder of the Air Intelligence Support Centre  
volunteering organization



## Vehicles for the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine

We are excited to announce our upcoming plans to supply the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine with up to 60 vehicles of the general cost amounted to 500K USD specifically designed for border patrol operations. This strategic initiative aims to enhance the capabilities of the border guards in safeguarding and protecting our nation's borders. The procurement of these vehicles will provide the necessary mobility and resources to effectively carry out border surveillance, interdiction, and response activities. By equipping the State Border Guard Service with these modern vehicles, we aim to strengthen border security and contribute to the overall safety and integrity of Ukraine. We look forward to working closely with the State Border Guard Service to ensure the successful implementation of this project and to further support their vital mission in safeguarding our borders.

## Medevac Helicopter Campaign for Defence Intelligence

Medevac Helicopter Campaign for Defence Intelligence. We are pleased to announce that students of the Kyiv School of Economics (KSE), with the support of the KSE Foundation and the UKRAINIAN DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT CHARITY FUND, are launching the "Donate To Evacuate" initiative to raise \$1,000,000 for two MI-2 AM-1 medevac helicopters for the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. The medical evacuation helicopter is the fastest and most indispensable transport on the battlefield. MEDEVAC MI-2 AM-1 can transport the seriously injured over a distance of 600 km at a speed of up to 200 km/h. The helicopter is equipped with everything necessary for safe evacuation and providing medical assistance during transportation: on board is a ventilator, a device for monitoring the work of the heart and other medical devices.



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The KSE Foundation's defense initiatives continue to make significant progress in the areas of education and innovation. The majority are from Ukraine, with around 10% coming from diverse international backgrounds including Poland, Germany, the UK, the US, among others. As we move forward, education will remain at the core of our initiatives, driving innovation and ensuring the effectiveness of our defense forces.





# III. TALENT AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



## Talents for Ukraine

The KSE Foundation, backed by global philanthropists, takes immense pride in the "Talents for Ukraine" program—an initiative aimed at catalyzing the emergence of innovative, unorthodox leaders with the audacity to challenge conventional wisdom. This program is our heartfelt pledge to cultivate talent within Ukraine, nurturing the creative potential that will propel the nation's future. We warmly invite passionate, influential individuals committed to molding Ukraine's growth and its footprint on the global stage to join us. The program has been allocated a budget of USD 1,000,000, with each selected talent receiving USD 5,000 to bolster their endeavors. However, support is tailored according to individual needs, and the evaluation process is carefully overseen by an expert jury. Our primary focus is not to fund startups or businesses, but to fuel the creative spirits who dare to be different.

The year's first half saw a resounding response with 2,220 applications for the "Talents for Ukraine" grant program. The majority hailed from Ukraine, with around 10% from diverse international backgrounds including Poland, Germany, the UK, the US, among others. The gender distribution was fairly balanced, with men representing 55% and women 45%.

A significant portion of applications, over one-third, came from the arts sector. 22% stemmed from the realms of science and education, while 17% represented public sphere visionaries, and the rest spanned an array of fields. The expert jury has thus far identified 93 bright sparks to receive the grant, each securing \$5,000, cumulatively amounting to \$465,000 from the "Talents for Ukraine" budget, celebrating and empowering extraordinary Ukrainian creativity.

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WINNERS




**IVAN VERBYTSKYI**  
 Researcher and analyst in the social sphere




**MYKHAILO HRABAR**  
 Promoter in the field of the Ukrainian game industry




**BOHDAN RUBLOV**  
 PhD, coach of children's teams at mathematics olympiads




**ANATOLII SKUMS**  
 Oncologist surgeon




**MARIA YAKUSH**  
 Manufacturer of blown glass



**YANINA KHIZHINSKA**  
 Teacher, methodologist of educational programs



**OLEKSANDRA KUTAS**  
 Wheelchair model, social activist with idea for an app that evaluates spaces for inclusivity



**OKSANA STRYNADIUK**  
 Tik-toker, popularizer of Ukrainian poetry



Among the grant recipients, 64% are men and 36% are women. While 12% are making their mark from abroad, a resounding 88% are based right here in Ukraine, breathing life into their transformative visions on home soil. Our eclectic mix of winners includes pioneers in space and medical technology, robotics engineers, authors, directors, artists, scientists, performers, producers, cultural and educational advocates, designers, public figures, and more. Through their individual endeavors, they are collectively shaping a vibrant, forward-thinking Ukrainian culture and making ripples on the global stage.

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## Empowering Veterans

The Kyiv School of Economics and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine signed a memorandum of cooperation to increase the number of veterans who start their own business and develop startups. The document was signed by Yuliia Svrydenko, First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine – Minister of Economy, Valentyna Sakhno, Head of KSE Graduate Business School and Svitlana Denysenko, Director of KSE Foundation.

The signed Memorandum of Cooperation is an important step in supporting soldiers returning to civilian life. Cooperation between the state and civil society will be one of the foundations for ensuring a stable and successful future for military personnel and their families.



The KSE Foundation has been instrumental in providing support to the AI Lab at KSE (Kyiv School of Economics). Our laboratory is a center for innovation, research, and development where we work on creating and implementing advanced solutions for the development of Ukrainian businesses, the state, and human capital.





## KSE Prompt Design Challenge: A Competition on Artificial Intelligence for School Students

The KSE Prompt Design Challenge was a pioneering endeavor in Ukraine, establishing the nation's inaugural competition centered around the deployment of neural networks. In our quest to lay the intellectual foundation of Ukraine, this initiative served to kindle an interest and proficiency among school students in handling large language models based on artificial neurons. The challenge welcomed 117 participants who were guided through the effective use of neural networks, ethical implications, and how to optimally integrate them as proficient aids rather than replacements for human-generated responses.

Our winners demonstrated outstanding talent and creative application of artificial intelligence, pushing the limits of what is achievable. To acknowledge their remarkable accomplishments, they were rewarded with certificates valued at \$10,000 for the purchase of technology equipment. This reward was intended to foster their burgeoning interest in the field, inspiring them to delve deeper into the limitless possibilities of AI technology.

The KSE Prompt Design Challenge marked a significant stride in Ukraine's AI arena, particularly within the realm of education. The competition played a crucial role in equipping our young minds with the skills and knowledge to efficiently navigate neural networks, fostering innovation, creativity, and instilling an understanding of ethical concerns. As these talented students continue to harness the power of AI, we believe they will contribute significantly to the evolution of AI technology and its conscientious application across diverse fields, thus driving positive transformation in Ukraine and beyond.

Moreover, in our commitment to nurturing talent and shaping Ukraine's intellectual future, we also prioritize support for children affected by the war. We believe in creating opportunities that empower them, bolster their resilience, and enable them to realize their potential despite the challenges they've faced.





On behalf of thousands of children, tens and hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians who have directly felt your help, from Ukrainians on the front lines and in the rear, their families and our entire team of the charitable foundation, we want to once again say to you sincerely – thank you.

We extend our profound gratitude to our benefactors, whose unwavering commitment to democratic values and faith in education as the engine of progress fuel our efforts at the KSE Foundation. Your generosity enables us to translate our shared vision into tangible initiatives, shaping a brighter future for Ukraine. Thank you for standing with us in this transformative journey.

**We are grateful for your contributions. If you would like to make another, please use this link:**

