

# Annual Report

on Support for Ukraine in the War

**ENSURE THE  
FUTURE**

**PROTECT  
CHILDHOOD**

**REBUILD THE  
DESTROYED**

Ukraine is living in a new reality where every day is marked as yet another February 24th.

Currently, the support of our defenders and the army stands as a paramount priority for all Ukrainians, signifying our collective commitment to the forthcoming victory. For this reason, we continue to work diligently, each contributing in our unique roles.

**Svitlana Denysenko,**  
Director of the KSE Foundation



Together with our partners and donors, in 2023 we allocated:

**\$6.6 million**

for assistance to brigades on the frontline for performing defense tasks

**\$4 million**

for UAV pilot training and the purchase of reconnaissance drones

**\$8.4 million**

for helicopters for medical evacuation and rescue missions for the injured

**\$2.7 million**

for support defense innovations

**\$595,000**

for providing defenders with vehicles

**\$189,000**

for optical and night vision equipment

**\$181,000**

for information technology

**\$149,000**

for bulletproof vests and helmets

**\$71,000**

for communication tools

However, we must not only react to the current situation but also consider the future, focusing on areas critical for post-war development and on preserving our society despite the horrors of war.

**Education represents a key focus in this context, holding the potential to unlock Ukraine's success and prosperity.**

We are grateful to our donors who have supported our independence since February 24, 2022. We are even more appreciative that many of you believe it is time to support the future by investing in people.

This year, the KSE Foundation awarded 329 grants to talented individuals affected by the war but determined to continue their development in Ukraine. Many of these individuals have lost loved ones in the war, many have parents currently defending us, and some have returned

from abroad, believing that Ukraine is their home.

This is more than just supporting education. It is a space where talents develop. This year, KSE University students have proven themselves to be a talented and caring community. Not only did they become the volunteer wing of the "ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education" project, helping equip shelters in the de-occupied Kyiv region, but they also raised \$2 million for the purchase of helicopters for medical evacuation, potentially saving hundreds or even thousands of lives.

We are entering the third year of the war – a war for freedom and independence. It has been draining not just for our defenders but also for our partners and friends. February 24th is the day when Ukraine held Europe's borders firm. We are grateful that you are standing with us in maintaining them today.

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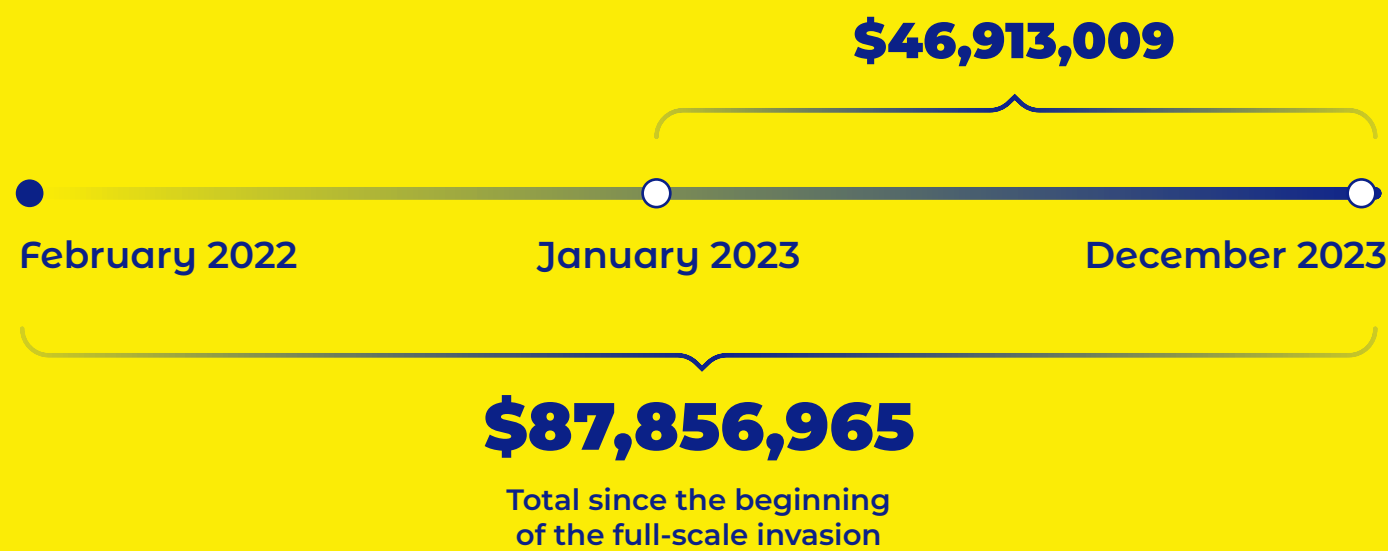
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# REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN 2023



**\$45,205,935**  
From businesses and charities

**\$1,707,07**  
From individuals

**\$38,204,340**  
To the American account

**\$8,708,669**  
To the Ukrainian account

**\$5,000,000**  
The largest single contribution from a business/charity  
Anonymous

**\$507,266**  
The largest contribution from an individual  
Mykhailo Rohalskyi

**\$232,920.5**  
Average contribution from a business

**\$665**  
Average contribution from an individual

# RECEIPTS OF THE PRINCIPAL BENEFACTORS

**ICU** **\$1 268 164**

**Ukrposhta** **\$1,126,674**  
and hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians who purchased stamps from charitable releases

**Olena Zelenska  
Foundation** **\$1,000,019**

**Vodafone Ukraine** **\$820,376**

**XTX Markets** **\$806,000**

# REPORT ON EXPENDITURES MADE IN 2023



**\$8,425,925**

Helicopters for medical evacuation and rescue missions for the injured



**\$6,556,740**

Assist in carrying out defensive tasks and social support



**\$3,954,862**

UAV pilot training and the purchase of reconnaissance drones



**\$2,889,368**

Other



**\$2,723,282**

Support for defense innovations



**\$1,273,512**

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe education



**\$810,315**

Talents for Ukraine



**\$595,132**

Vehicles for defenders



**\$328,736**

Reconstruction of Makariv Outpatient Clinic



**\$308,256**

Medical goods and services



**\$188,971**

Optical and night vision equipment



**\$180,878**

Information technology

# REPORT ON EXPENDITURES MADE IN 2023

**\$108,297**

Equipment for defenders

**\$77,931**

Bulletproof vests

**\$71,425**

Communication tools

**\$70,606**

Helmets

**\$67,833**

Logistics services

**\$16,950**

Bank commissions

**\$12,647**

Generators

**\$12,584**

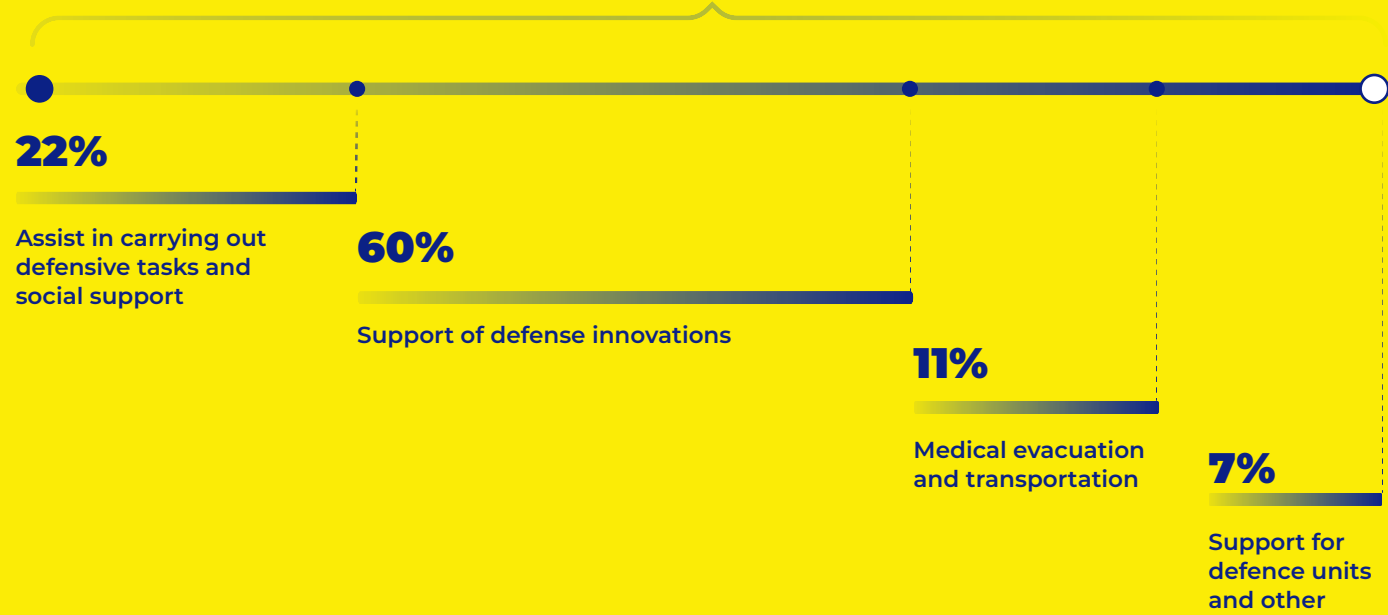
Digital security

**\$4,151**Sleeping bags and  
accessories

# COMMITMENTS BY DIRECTIONS

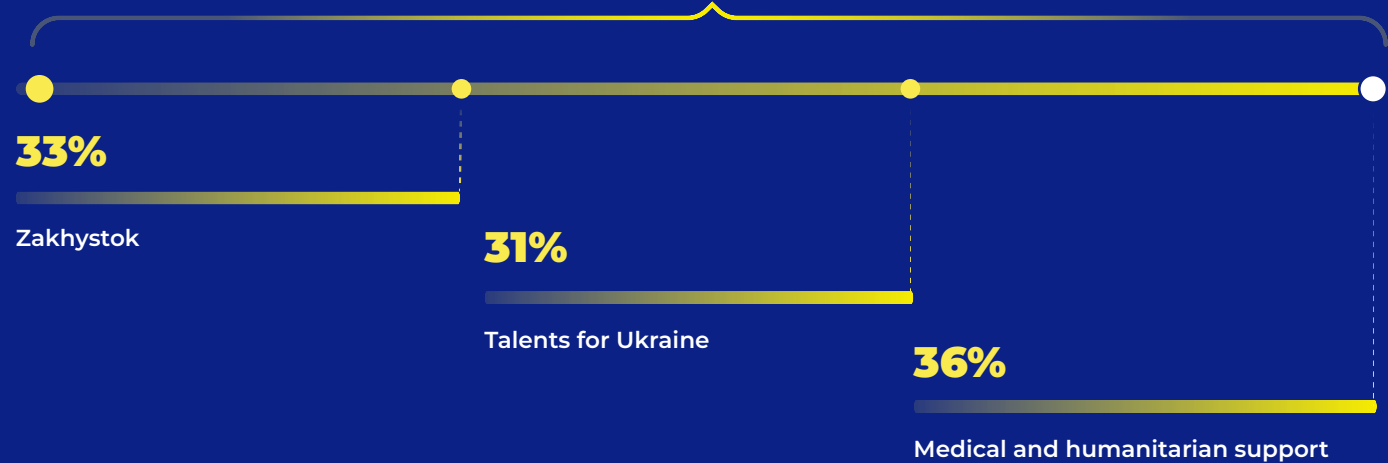
\$11,696,472

Enhancing Defense Capabilities



\$3,765,445

Institutional and Humanitarian



# 2023 Through the Eyes of Those You have Helped

## January

### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



**Liudmyla Myronenko,**  
a rural school principal in  
the Kharkiv region

*The russians cut the wire back in April 2022, and we lost our connection. There was only one hill in the village where the internet was accessible. It was cold there, with constant wind and rain. Therefore, to continue studying, our students built a shack on that hill – behind the water tower, to hide from the occupiers. Our defenders liberated us, and thanks to KSE, we gained access to satellite internet, a laptop, and the world learned about our determined children.*

## February



**Volodymyr Zhdanov,**  
an eco-farmer from  
Kherson, winner of the  
"Talents for Ukraine"

*I was in Kherson when the KSE Foundation called me. It was right after the de-occupation of Kherson; we were helping people with limited mobility by delivering aid. And at that moment, they called to tell me that I had won the "Talents for Ukraine" and that I would receive a grant thanks to the foundation's donors. My emotions were overwhelming at that moment. When you help others and do something good, all that kindness comes back to you.*

Talents for Ukraine



## March

**Artem Novakovskyi,**  
a student at the "Leader"  
Lyceum in the Kirovohrad region



### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

*The shelter used to be completely different: old and cold. Now, it is nice; it is warm inside, you can draw, read, or just sit and chat. I am glad I can communicate with my friends again, and now I can ask my teacher questions directly. This communication with teachers and classmates is very important. And the competitions have resumed, it is a pity that Polish reciters can not come to us yet, so we are doing it online. Even in this format, the competition has resumed, and I am happy about it.*

## April

### Reconstruction of the Makariv outpatient clinic



**Viktor Liashko,**  
Minister of Health of Ukraine



*The rebuilt clinic is a unique symbol of our resilience, a testament that no matter the blows dealt by the enemy, victory will be ours. In place of ruins we will build something better. I am deeply grateful to the Kyiv School of Economics and specifically to Tymofiy Mylovanov for taking the initiative to fundraise, which materialized in this remarkable facility. Very soon, medical life will begin here, family doctors will arrive, and the residents of Makariv will receive qualified assistance.*

## May



### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



**Lesia Voroniuk,**  
Founder of World Vyshyvanka  
Day, Winner of the "Talents  
for Ukraine"

*Culture is our spiritual armor, which is now also becoming our physical shield. We are delighted that through the "IMPERISHABLE" book, we could contribute to the KSE Foundation's initiative to equip school shelters. Together, we can achieve more.*

## June



**Larisa Galadza,**  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary of Canada  
to Ukraine (2019–2023)

*KSE is not just an educational institution but a highly active agent of positive change, involved in addressing crises for 3.5 years, from the COVID crisis to the full-scale invasion. For Canada, KSE is a valuable and effective partner because their work is evidence-based. If you have an innovative and useful idea to implement, reach out to KSE. Having ideas is one thing, but having the intention to implement them and the financial support to back them up is another. KSE has proven to be a partner capable of both.*

### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

## July



**Father Taras Baikovskyi,**  
Director of the Sheptytsky  
Gymnasium in the Lviv region

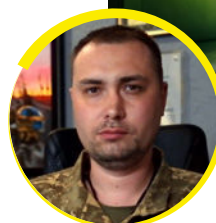
*When the parents of the students saw our old "shelter," they were frightened. Then they learned about the program from the KSE Foundation, and we applied. The shelter was repaired swiftly despite the problematic premises – there was a swamp instead of a floor, constant dampness, clay, and ground water flooding the basement. Now, there is a concrete screed and waterproofing, with quality ventilation. The basement was only 1.9 meters high, but now our shelter can simultaneously accommodate over 400 children. We are very grateful for everything done for the children.*

### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



## August

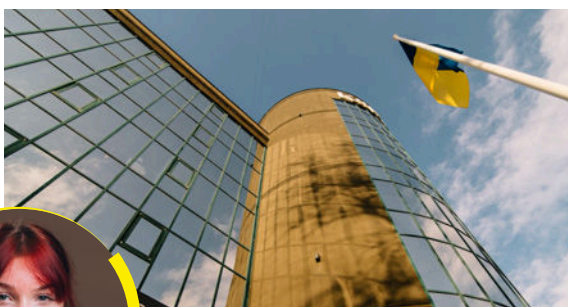
### Donate to Evacuate



**Kyrylo Budanov,**  
Chief of the Defense Intelligence  
of the Ministry of Defense of  
Ukraine, Lieutenant General

*Evacuating soldiers often requires improvised means. Necessary equipment is not always nearby, and waiting can cost lives. Helicopters for medical evacuation fundamentally change the practice of transporting the wounded. For the first time, it was not charitable foundations or representatives of big business that responded to a request from the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine, but the community of students of the Kyiv School of Economics. I promise that every collected hryvnia will save our heroes' lives and bring victory closer.*

## September 📅



**Daria Popadyk,**  
a freshman at KSE

*After the war began, my mother, grandmother, and I evacuated to Moldova. But I wanted to return home. When choosing a university, I consulted with friends studying at the Kyiv School of Economics, who described it as a modern institution with contemporary teaching methods. They also told me about the scholarship program funded by both local and international donors at KSE. I couldn't let such an opportunity pass by.*

**Donate to Educate**

## 📅 November

### ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



**Oksana Halchyk,**  
Principal of the Kivshovata  
Lyceum in the Kyiv region

*Our children still see missiles flying over our villages. They are anxious and distressed. Many of our students live in neighboring towns, and in these times, it is hard for parents to send them far to school. But now, with our renovated shelter, parents know that during alerts, their children are safe, so on September 1st, everyone returned to their classrooms to catch up on missed lessons. We are immensely grateful for the tremendous support.*

## October 📅



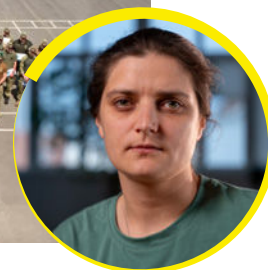
**Oleksii Kukoba,**  
a member of the Ukrainian Armed  
Forces and a KSE student

*I continue to serve, currently specializing in creating video content for the Armed Forces. I am profoundly grateful that, thanks to donors, I was able to receive a scholarship to study at KSE, focusing on post-war reconstruction and various aspects of urban and community life. Our journey doesn't end with victory; we still have much to do for Ukraine's development.*

**Donate to Educate**

## December 📅

### Defense Training



**Maria Berlinska,**  
Founder of Air Intelligence Support Centre, Head  
of the Victory Drones project, Co-founder of the  
nonprofit organization Dignitas

*More than 16,000 defenders trained in modern technologies at training grounds. This figure represents the direct support of the KSE Foundation for the work of Victory Drones instructors. The trained personnel have destroyed enemy equipment worth hundreds of millions of dollars, saving the lives and health of thousands. The KSE team has much to be proud of.*



## I.I. Support for KSE University

Investments in higher education is about fostering democracy through the provision of world-class education in Ukraine.

### Your Impact by the Numbers:



**8**

new programs launched at KSE University within the year



**329**

students received scholarships in 2023



**400**

new students will be on scholarships in 2024



**Top 5**

in Ukraine for Economics, Software Development, Psychology, Applied Mathematics, Law, Computer Science (AI), and Cybersecurity, KSE University is ranked among the best institutions

**This has been made possible thanks to our partners:** Friends of KSE, FUIB, ICU, Zagoriy Foundation, Farmak, Smart Holding, Nova Post, Darnytsia, Raiffeisen Bank Ukraine, WOG, Genesis, Anonymous, EBS, Dmitry Petrov, OTP Bank, OTP Leasing, Yehor Hrebennikov, Volodymyr Popereshniuk, Dobrobut, Kyivstar, MTI, umgi, AEQUO, Ampersand Foundation, and each one of you.

## Your Impact: Stories Behind the Faces

### Yana Slavinska,

Freshman at KSE from Kherson

**Major:** Law

*I have always dreamt of studying law to be able to protect people. In school, I wrote research papers for the Ukrainian National Junior Academy of Sciences on topics like bullying and the lives of children in the Kherson region during the Holodomor. Today, my dream is coming true – I received a scholarship to study at the Kyiv School of Economics thanks to the KSE Foundation donors. **I want to thank the donors for giving those of us who have been displaced by the war, like myself, the opportunity to study on a scholarship at a top university.** Each of us entrants is experiencing immense stress. Some have parents fighting at the front, others have had their homes destroyed. Support is incredibly important.*



### Kyrylo Savichan,

Medic, KSE student

**Major:** Public Policy and Governance

*We are all somewhat scarred by the war, as it brings blood, grief, tears, and sweat. The war forced me to learn how to quickly acquire new knowledge. Now, this skill will be useful in rebuilding the state thanks to my studies at KSE. Since 2015, I have been overseeing the operations of hospitals in 25% of the ATO (Anti-Terrorist Operation) zone and managed the treatment during the evacuation stages of wounded soldiers. I still continue to go on missions. **But I am grateful for the opportunity to study and transition back to civilian life.***

## Support the future of Ukraine today:

### \$100

will cover 1 month of living expenses for a student who has lost their home due to the war

### \$500

will cover 1 month of tuition

### \$5,000

will fully fund an academic year of study for 1 student



+ DONATE



### KSE University stands for:

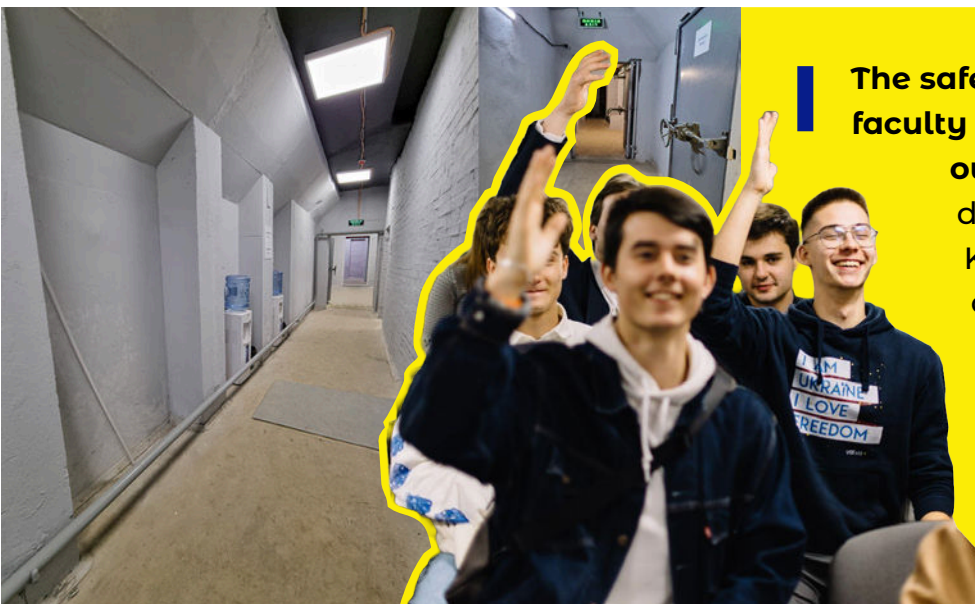
- **International education standards.** KSE has graduated over 1,000 master's students, with every sixth one going on to earn a PhD from Western universities.
- **World-renowned faculty.** The majority of our faculty bring unique international experience, including Nobel Laureate in Economics, Roger Myerson.
- **Cutting-edge majors.** Amidst the full-scale war, KSE University introduced 8 new majors, including "Artificial Intelligence," "Cybersecurity," "Urbanism and Post-War Reconstruction," "Applied Mathematics," and more.

The "Sustaining Ukraine Through Education" gala kicked off the fundraising for next year's scholarship program "Donate to Educate."



**Oleksandr Kamyshin**  
Minister for Strategic  
Industries of Ukraine

**Yuliia Svyrydenko**  
First Deputy Prime  
Minister – Minister of  
Economy of Ukraine



**The safety of each student and faculty member is a core value for our team.** Thanks to our donors, the KSE campus in Kyiv has a fully equipped, comfortable shelter. In case of blackouts, the shelter is equipped with a generator and emergency lighting.



Children in the school shelter until the start of repair works

## I.II. ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

Restoring the basic right of Ukrainian children to receive education in their local schools is our shared, critical mission. Studying among peers and under the guidance of teachers ensures a strong and educated future for Ukraine.

### Your Impact by the Numbers:



**66**

shelters have been equipped during the project



**20,100**

children have returned to in-person learning



**Tens of thousands**

of parents returned to work after the resumption of offline learning in schools. Now that children are back under the supervision of teachers, they no longer require the presence of adults at home

## Your Impact: Stories Behind the Faces

**Maiia Romanova,**

Principal of the Gruzchanska  
Gymnasium in the Kyiv region

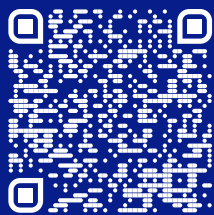
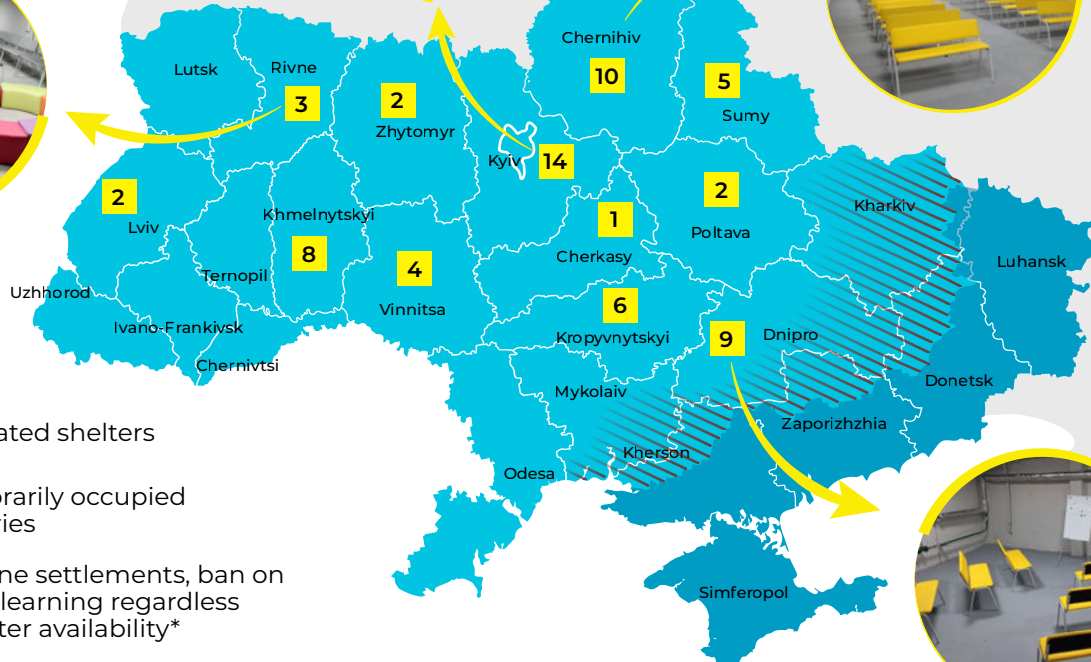
*In the spring of 2022, russians occupied neighboring villages, and we were cut off our electricity, phone connections, and heating. Food supplies in stores quickly ran out, and pharmacies were emptied of medicines. We were isolated from the civilized world. Refugees from neighboring villages came to us, they hid in our school shelter from enemy shelling, although there were hardly any conditions: the space was damp and unventilated. **But when we were liberated, the KSE Foundation equipped this shelter for us – now all our children can use it, and we have fully resumed classes at school.***



## Results of the "ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education" Project



- Renovated shelters
- Temporarily occupied territories
- Frontline settlements, ban on offline learning regardless of shelter availability\*



A contribution of

**\$100**

ensures the creation of  
conditions for one child to stay  
in the shelter

The "ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education" project by the KSE Foundation has become a nationwide program. We received support from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and hundreds of donors from around the world, covering dozens of localities across Ukraine.

Our major supporters include Raiffeisen Bank Ukraine, XTX Markets, Olena Zelenska Foundation, Vodafone Ukraine, Ukrposhta, OKKO, Dragon Capital, AEQUO, FUIB, Farmak, Arzinger, MTI, IMC, Razom for Ukraine, Kyivstar.

A child in a school shelter before the start of renovation work

**Bohdan Salenko –**

a 16-year-old inventor.

This young scientist is studying at one of the largest lyceums in the Poltava region – one of those where the KSE Foundation is finishing shelter renovations thanks to the contribution from the Olena Zelenska Foundation.

*Our lyceum teachers always support and help us, but distance learning is very limiting. It is especially tough for first graders, who are entering their classroom for the first time and starting their journey into formal education. But now, with the large equipped shelter, we will be able to fully attend school again.*

His school switched to distance learning immediately after the start of the full-scale invasion. Thus, 1,200 talented students and future inventors, like Bogdan, were limited in their ability to receive quality education.

**BEFORE****AFTER**

The shelter will also provide protection for 60 little ones from the nearby kindergarten



A new diagnostic method he developed was recognized by the Junior Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

Bohdan celebrated his award in the old basement of his school.

## I.III. Healthcare



# Makariv Medical Outpatient Clinic

Your Impact by the Numbers:



**500 m<sup>2</sup>**

new building is larger than the one destroyed and meets the inclusion standards



**17,600**

local residents are patients of the clinic



**4,000**

of them are children



**12**

doctors work in the restored medical facility



**49,918**

times patients received professional medical assistance in 2023

Despite the war, we are convinced that the restoration of Ukraine must start today. We sincerely thank you for sharing our aspiration and remaining an integral part of the country's rebuilding efforts.

The outpatient clinic in Makariv was destroyed by a direct missile hit on March 28, 2022. By April 2023, the KSE Foundation presented a fully restored the medical facility.

## Your Impact: Stories Behind the Faces

### Serhii Solomenko,

Director of the Makariv Medical Outpatient Clinic



*When the Armed Forces of Ukraine finally liberated Makariv from the russians and explosives, we grasped the true extent of the destruction. The scene was appalling: it later turned out that not a single administrative building had survived intact.*

*Our doctors returned to the town, but there were neither premises nor equipment left – just ruins where the outpatient clinic once stood. However, thanks to the KSE Foundation and the partners, donors of the initiative within a year our outpatient clinic was rebuilt and became the heart of medical assistance for the Makariv community.*

The KSE Foundation became the first non-governmental charitable foundation that the Government involved in infrastructure recovery.



The outpatient clinic was rebuilt by the KSE Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Kyiv Regional Military Administration, local authorities, the clinic staff, and thousands of donors. Significant contributions were made by UKRGASBANK, Carlsberg Ukraine, VISA, Chernovetskyi Investment Group, Vodafone Ukraine, Energy Resources of Ukraine, SOCAR, with the design project created by Bogdanova Bureau.



# Medical Equipment and Supplies

The war has significantly increased the strain on Ukraine's healthcare system. Assisting Ukrainian civilians affected by the war and defenders wounded on the front lines to recover more quickly and avoid complications is a crucial mission that Ukrainian medical professionals work on daily. Thanks to your support, their work becomes more effective.



## \$308,000

was allocated by the KSE Foundation for the purchase of medical goods and services in 2023

**Thanks to the contribution from FUIB in the spring of 2023, the KSE Foundation delivered a negative pressure wound therapy system to a field hospital in the Vinnytsia region.**

This device accelerates the healing of wounds and burns of varying severity and has already aided dozens of defenders.



**Dmytro Yatskov,**  
a surgeon

*Nearly every soldier with an injury requires vacuum-assisted therapy, as currently, this treatment has no alternatives. With an increasing number of gunshot wounds and blast injuries, the VAC (Vacuum-Assisted Closure) device provided by the KSE Foundation has been incredibly helpful.*

In collaboration with the British charity foundation Urgent Projects, the KSE Foundation delivered equipment to the Kropyvnytskyi Maternity Hospital, with a worth of nearly

**\$43,000:**

Phototherapeutic devices for treating severe cases of jaundice in newborns, a feeding incubator, a special transport incubator for newborns, syringe pumps, a blood gas analyzer with a year's supply of reagents, a biochemical analyzer with six months' worth of biochemical materials.



**Liudmila Romaniv,**  
General Director of the Kropyvnytskyi  
Maternity Hospital

*When babies are born requiring surgical intervention or artificial lung ventilation, rapid and secure transportation becomes crucial during an air raid alert. We received from the KSE Foundation both transport incubators and neonatal, as well as other necessary devices. All of them save lives; there is not a single one that has not saved a life. The operation of our entire medical team depends on this equipment and how it functions.*



Additionally, thanks to the support of Urgent Projects, the acute need for medical equipment was met for two Kharkiv hospitals on the railway transport of JSC "Ukrainian Railways" – Clinical Hospital No. 1 and Clinical Hospital No. 2.

The cost of equipment and supplies amounted to nearly

**\$127,000**



Among the devices provided are: a radiographic system, a blood gas analyzer, a yearly supply of reagent packaging 1150 ml, an Ottomed cauterization device, and a complete set of Ottomed instruments. This includes the OVP-S2+ video processor, OVG-S2+ gastrointestinal videoscope, OVC-S2+ Colono videoscope, and OLT leak tester.

8 pallets of medicines and medical supplies were delivered to the Professor Rudnev's Clinical Hospital of Mother and Child in Dnipro.

The total value of the donated medicines and consumables amounted to almost

**\$59,000**



This medical equipment and supplies help save the lives of newborns, surgical patients, and pregnant women.

# Expanding the Network of Rehabilitation Spaces

Annually, around 200,000 patients in Ukraine require rehabilitation services. The KSE Foundation, in partnership with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, signed a memorandum aimed at expanding the network of local outpatient rehabilitation departments – in hospitals located far from regional centers.



**Viktor Liashko**  
Minister of Health  
of Ukraine

**Svitlana Denysenko**  
Director of  
the KSE Foundation

The initiative will facilitate access for civilians and defenders to therapeutic physiotherapy services and ensure their systematic provision.

The project is being implemented in partnership with the "Office of Professional Support for Recovery," a public organization specializing in the development of outpatient rehabilitation spaces in communities.



The first rehabilitation space was opened in the Tarashcha City Hospital in the Kyiv region



Equipment installation is being finalized at the Bohuslav Central Hospital

The initial results of the project became possible thanks to the contribution of Vodafone Ukraine.





## I.IV. Rescue Missions and Aeromedical Evacuation

In rescuing the injured, timely medical assistance is a critical factor. Helicopters can reach even the most remote and inaccessible locations, making them indispensable for rescue operations on the battlefield and in front-line regions.

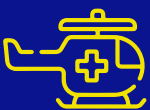
Students of the KSE University launched the "Donate to Evacuate" campaign to purchase helicopters for medical evacuation for the Defense Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine. The KSE Foundation and DefDev supported the initiative.

### Your Impact by the Numbers:



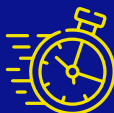
**\$2,000,000**

was raised by KSE students for helicopters for medical evacuation and rescue missions



**2**

helicopters have already been purchased and equipped with medical devices



**~15 minutes**

is the response time for the purchased helicopters

**Hundreds of lives will be saved thanks to timely medical assistance**

## Your Impact: Stories Behind the Faces

### Paramedic at the Defense Intelligence of Ukraine "Doc"

*Helicopters can reach the most remote and hard-to-access locations, making them indispensable for rescue operations.*

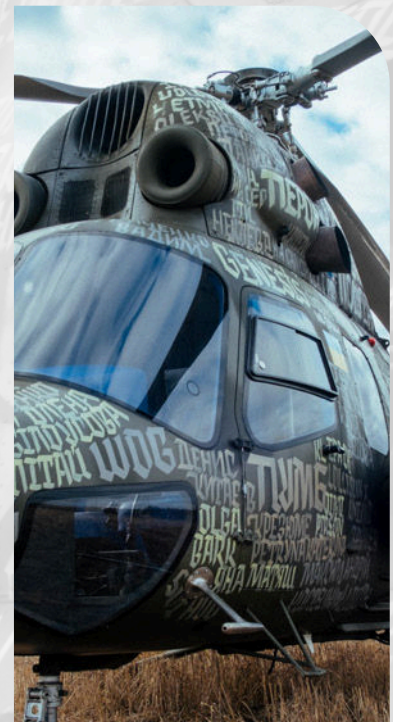
*Unfortunately, in these hard-to-reach areas, especially those under constant shelling, many lives are lost not due to fatal injuries but because of the lack of timely, professional medical help. Aeromedical evacuation offers these individuals a chance. I want to thank all the donors*

*for their support and particularly to the KSE students for initiating the Donate to Evacuate project.*



The names of everyone who supported the Donate to Evacuate initiative literally safeguard our wounded heroes. The Lopukhiny sisters, calligraphers applied a unique camouflage to the helicopter, featuring the names of the donors.

The initiative received support from hundreds of Ukrainians and dozens of companies. Major contributions were made by FUIB, Dragon Capital, Nova Post, OKKO, Asters, Biosphere Corporation, Genesis, OTP Bank, umgi, WOG, Farmak, EBS, Peron, Agro Region, OTP Leasing, and Mister Pillow.





## IV. Humanitarian Demining

Clearing villages and towns from explosive items is a critical need to save lives in Ukraine. The KSE Foundation supports innovations in the field of humanitarian demining to provide developers with practical knowledge and opportunities for effective mine clearance. Currently, in Ukraine, approximately 174,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land are potentially contaminated with explosive hazards.

### Your Impact by the Numbers:



**\$295,000**

planned in investments to support innovations in humanitarian demining, thanks to donors

*The project is implemented thanks to contributions from the KSE Foundation donor community.*



**50**

teams participated in the Demining Bootcamp

The program is aimed at developing and supporting innovative and unique solutions in the field of humanitarian demining in Ukraine. The project is implemented under the initiative of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, in collaboration with the Kyiv School of Economics, KSE Graduate Business School, and with the support of international and Ukrainian experts in humanitarian demining.



**Tymofiy Mylovanov,**  
President of KSE



***We have created an opportunity for developers to exchange experiences and ideas, challenging each other.***



*This helps understand how we can be useful to one another and how to develop the project further. For example, increasing the involvement of technology and reducing the direct presence of people to minimize the risk to individuals.*



***Our global goal is to make 80% of potentially mined territories safe for use within the next 10 years. To achieve this, we are working in several directions simultaneously.***

*This includes creating a competitive demining market, encouraging the development of machinery and equipment production in Ukraine, enhancing the capabilities of operators, and collaborating with donors.*

**Yuliia Svyrydenko,**

First Deputy Prime Minister – Minister  
of Economy of Ukraine



## II.I. Defense Training

One of the main priorities of the KSE Foundation is to ensure Ukrainian warriors have a technological edge on the battlefield. Thanks to targeted support, we finance the training of pilots for various types of reconnaissance drones.

### | Your Impact by the Numbers:



**19,154**

UAV operators completed their training in 2023



**\$1.8 million**

allocated for their training in 2022–2023

Strategic investments are made within the "Army of Drones" project – a joint program of the Ministry of Defense, the Ministry of Digital Transformation, the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and the State Service for Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine, which the KSE Foundation donor community has joined.

## One trained pilot saves hundreds of lives:

**\$272**

Training of fixed-wing UAV operators

**\$217**

Training of FPV (First Person View) UAV operators

**\$109**

Training of multirotor (copter-type) UAV operators

Since the start of the full-scale war, the charitable foundation of the Kyiv School of Economics has purchased over 1,500 reconnaissance drones for Ukraine's defenders, saving hundreds of thousands of lives.

This was made possible thanks to UAV piloting training. Completing courses and having the skills to operate quadcopters is a mandatory requirement for receiving drones from the Foundation.

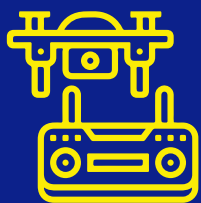


Defenders learned effective drone piloting, counteracting enemy electronic warfare, and other advanced technologies in dozens of training centers.



The KSE Foundation is proud to support **Victory Drones** – an ecosystem that focuses on training and supporting drone operators. Our partnership with Victory Drones and its leader, veteran Maria Berlinska, is focused on developing and implementing comprehensive training programs.

**Air Intelligence Support Centre** plays a crucial role in developing situation centers – technological hubs that integrate and coordinate various reconnaissance means, facilitating effective joint operations.



The KSE Foundation is committed to more than just directing targeted contributions for the procurement of equipment and pilot training; it also supports those advancing the domestic manufacturing industry

**Drone developer Vitaliy Bespalenko received a grant from the KSE Foundation for his personal development.**

Previously, Vitaliy had been designing drones for cargo delivery, but with the onset of a full-scale invasion, he adapted his designs to meet wartime needs, leading to the creation of an armored drone that assists sappers in surveying territories and conducting demining operations.



**The development of fire-resistant polymeric-ceramic materials from basalt fibers is another innovation, led by engineer and technologist Yegor Zelenin and his team.**

The KSE Foundation provided him with a financial grant to allow the inventor to focus on developing his ideas. His technology enables the creation of materials that can be used for 3D printing various drone components, enhancing the capabilities and safety of these critical tools in defense efforts.





## II.II. Equipping Defenders

Enhancing defense capabilities is a key factor in protecting lives and securing Ukraine's victory. KSE Foundation's defense initiatives aim to strengthen the capabilities of the Defense Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the Special Operations Forces of Ukraine, the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, and hundreds of brigades defending the country on the front lines.

### Your Impact by the Numbers

Purchased in 2023:



**207**

bulletproof vests



**140**

helmets



**861**

items of equipment for defenders



**89**

optical and night vision devices



**53**

communication devices



**10**

generators



**788**

reconnaissance drones



**51**

vehicles for defenders

Projects supporting the defenders are implemented thanks to targeted contributions from the KSE Foundation's donor community.



A contribution of

**\$1,000**

provides one defender with a complete set of protection, including a bulletproof vest and a helmet

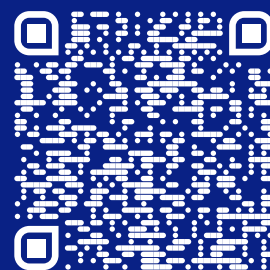


A contribution of

**\$2,200**

provides defenders with one reconnaissance drone

The rapid drone delivery program to the hottest front lines is a KSE Foundation initiative launched in spring 2023. **Reconnaissance drones were quickly distributed to hundreds of brigades.**



**+ DONATE**



The KSE Foundation has allocated funds to purchase 50 vehicles for the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine. The transfer will be carried out in collaboration with the BGV Charity Fund. This transport is intended for patrolling the Ukrainian border and for use in missions by border guards defending the country on the front lines.



## III.I. Startup Ecosystem and Support for Veteran Businesses



### Veteran Business: From Idea to Funding

Effective reintegration of war veterans into civilian life and support for their families lay the groundwork for Ukraine's future. Thanks to the contributions of the KSE Foundation's donor community, we have the opportunity to assist those who have defended us. In addition to educational grants for wounded Ukrainian defenders, we support them in starting their own businesses.

#### Your Impact by the Numbers:

**24**

business consultations were provided to combatants or their spouses

**7**

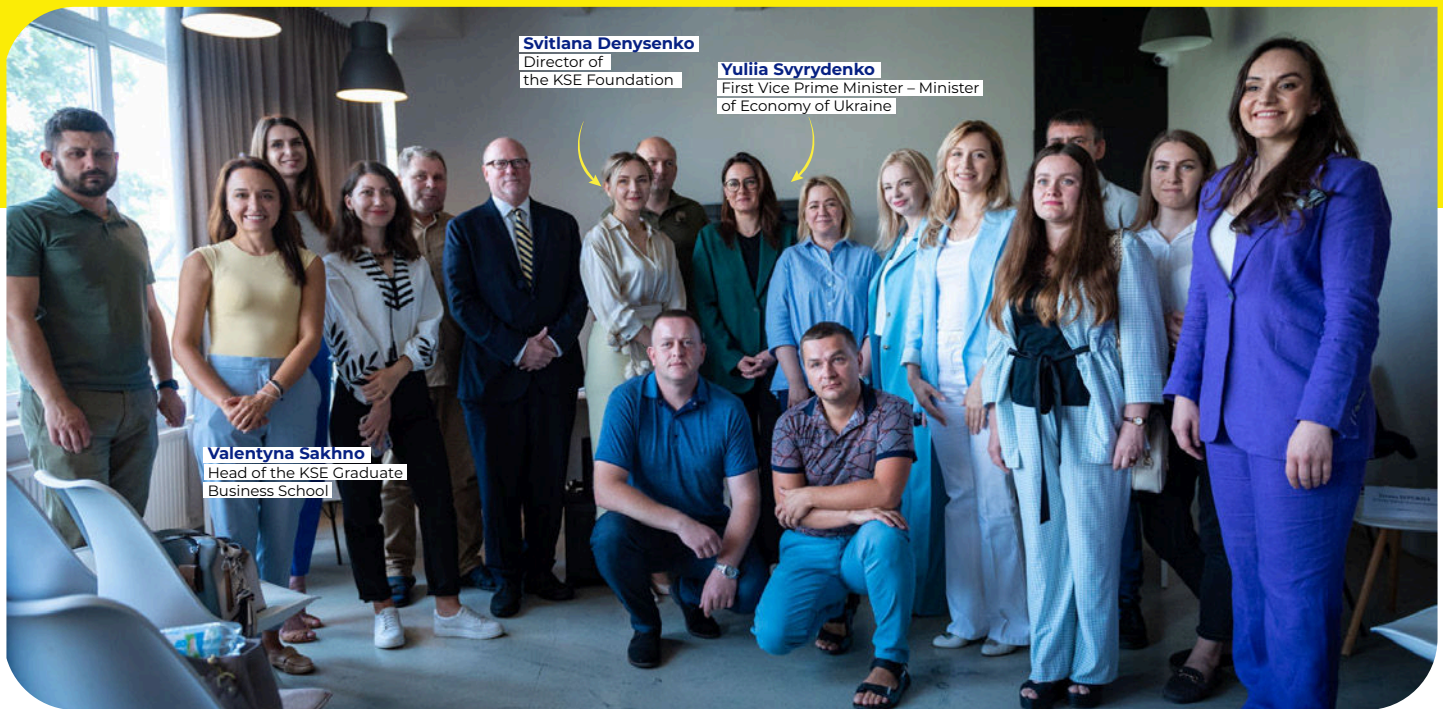
individuals applied for grants

**120**

consultations are planned to be conducted

**1,000,000 UAH**

in state grants was distributed among the program participants



In July 2023, the Kyiv School of Economics and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine initiated a collaborative effort by signing a memorandum of cooperation aimed at encouraging more veterans to launch their businesses and develop startups. This agreement laid the groundwork for the "Veteran Business: From Idea to Funding" project, which is financed by the KSE Foundation and executed by the KSE Graduate Business School.

The program provides combat veterans, individuals with disabilities due to war, and their spouses with consulting services to help them devise effective business plans, enabling them to qualify for state grants.

**The Nikitchin family exemplifies the program's success.**

**With the support provided in formulating a business plan, they secured a state grant of 500,000 UAH, which they used to establish their own enterprise. Their startup offers a SaaS solution that allows companies to effortlessly create AI-enhanced chatbots for automating customer service functions, eliminating the need for specialized IT staff.**



# Startup Ecosystem

The Startup Ecosystem fosters the development of education for talented youth and integrates entrepreneurial skill development with grant support for the most successful participants. These individuals become founders of their own startups while participating in the program. The project was initiated by the KSE Graduate Business School in 2023 and launched with financial support from the KSE Foundation.



## Your Impact by the Numbers:

The Startup Ecosystem project is an accelerator program designed as a series of educational events that include developing a startup idea from scratch and advancing the idea to a MVP.


**3**

open enrollments for participants


**48**

teams have been selected for the Startup Ecosystem


**4**

teams were declared winners of the Startup Hackathon


**\$2,000**

in grant assistance was awarded to each winning team



## Winning Projects from the Startup Hackathon:

**Tysha** offers a solution for urban noise pollution through the use of sound wave interpretation technologies.

**Dolya** promotes the social integration of local residents and internally displaced persons via a mobile application.

**CareerBud**, an EdTech startup, leverages AI to assist students and job seekers in selecting the right career path.

**TalentTracker** provides an EdTech solution for asynchronous learning, powered by AI.



## III.II. Talents for Ukraine Grant Program

We have recognized and provided grant support to 150 talented Ukrainians to empower them to make Ukraine and the world a better place. "Talents for Ukraine" is a grant program initiated by the KSE Foundation. Its goal is to support a new generation of leaders by providing them with development opportunities in Ukraine despite the war.

Your Impact by the Numbers:



**\$1,000,000**

Funded the first phase's budget



**150**

winners of the first phase were selected by the jury



**\$5,000**

was the average individual grant



**3,263**

applications were received for the program

The initiative to nurture talent was realized through the generous support of Emergent Ventures.

Among the winners are scientists, human rights activists, artists, and entrepreneurs — people from various fields, ages, and previous achievements, ranging from those just starting their journey to Nobel and Pulitzer Prize laureates. A new phase of "Talents for Ukraine" is set to launch in 2024.

## Your Impact: Stories Behind the Faces

### Anatolii Skums,

an oncologist and surgical innovator

*I recently returned home from an internship at the globally renowned Humanitas Research Hospital in Italy. This internship was made possible specifically thanks to a grant from the KSE Foundation. I am fortunate to have won this grant and to have the opportunity to apply advanced medical practices I learned there, now in Ukraine.*



### Artur Proidakov,

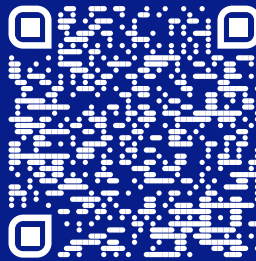
recognized as one of the top 10 teachers in the world in 2023

*It is very important to feel financial support. It allows you to properly gauge your strength and move towards the realization of important projects. The grant from the KSE Foundation provides such support without burdensome conditions — you do not need to submit reports or achieve KPIs; you can just move forward as you see fit.*



Our commitment to advancing education and enhancing our nation's defense capabilities remains steadfast.

How You Can Help:



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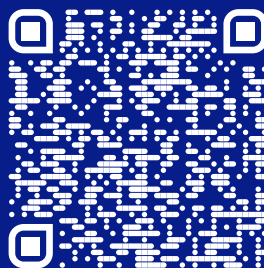
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