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REPORT

MAY 2024

MAY: HUMAN CAPITAL IN FOCUS – PROTECT AND NURTURE

This month, we continued our ongoing commitment to protecting and developing human capital in Ukraine, despite the challenges of war. In May, your contributions were directed toward providing educational opportunities and conditions for children to acquire advanced knowledge, as well as advancing victory through innovative developments and research.

In May:

- Over 30,000 children were able to partake in the joyous last bell ceremonies in their local schools and kindergartens, thanks to your support for the "ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education" initiative. Many of these youngsters had the chance to bridge the learning gaps incurred during remote education and performed admirably in their final exams for middle and high school. This month, renovation work was completed in the shelters of six educational institutions.

In collaboration with Ukraine's First Lady, Olena Zelenska, and her Foundation team, we proudly inaugurated two shelters in Kremenchuk, Poltava region. Their generous contributions to the "ZAKHYSTOK" project facilitated the refurbishment and outfitting of these shelters, now boasting quality ventilation systems, essential furniture, vibrant lighting, uninterrupted internet access, recreational areas, counseling spaces, medical facilities, and barrier-free accessibility. Consequently, 2,500 students were able to resume in-person learning.



SVITLANA DENYSENKO

Director of the KSE Foundation





area for sessions with a psychologist



barrier-free entrance with a lift



high-quality ventilation system

bright lighting



restrooms with hot water



zoned areas for games and physical activities

books and board games

- Driven by our educational ethos, we persistently invest in fortifying and enhancing the educational landscape. Presently, our team is diligently localizing and translating Khan Academy lessons in the exact sciences for school-goers. Moreover, institutional backing for KSE University enables us to consistently attract top-tier Ukrainian and international educators, enriching our educational ecosystem with global insights and expertise. This strategic groundwork ensures the cultivation of highly skilled professionals who are eagerly sought by leading employers in Ukraine and beyond.
- Over \$243,000 was allocated towards bolstering game-changing technologies pivotal for achieving victory. Additionally, approximately \$100,000 was earmarked for bolstering defense capabilities and supporting Ukraine's Defenders. These funds facilitated the acquisition and deployment of reconnaissance drones, including night vision-equipped variants, along with optical devices, military gear, and information services.

KEY NEWS

Over 200 women applied for "CREATE!"

Since the launch of the "CREATE!" program a month ago, we've received over 200 applications from Ukrainian women entrepreneurs eager to expand their businesses in production and processing. These are determined and forward-thinking women who aren't just dreaming but are taking action to contribute to the country's economic growth. Collaborating with the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and supported financially by the Western NIS Enterprise Fund, we aim to nurture their ambitions and serve as a reliable partner in their journey despite the challenges posed by the ongoing war. In July, we'll announce the inaugural winners of the grant program, each receiving up to \$15,000 to scale their ventures.

15 new winners of "Talents for Ukraine"

Another 15 talented Ukrainians have emerged as winners of the second phase of "Talents for Ukraine." Each recipient has been awarded \$5,000 to fuel their personal development — we're committed to providing financial backing so these achievers can focus on realizing their aspirations. Among the May awardees are biologist Katerina Shavanova, architect Dmitry Gorbatyuk, zoologist Igor Balashov, marine microbiologist Maria Pavlovska, and others.

[🔗 Learn more about the "Talents for Ukraine" winners](#)



11 mentees from KSE GBS have already received grants

This month, the KSE Graduate Business School facilitated 12 additional consultations on business plan development for war veterans and their families. This ongoing effort, funded by the generous support of KSE Foundation donors, assists veterans in securing government grants to scale their businesses and ease their transition into civilian life. In May, following a consultation session, the 11th government grant was awarded, amounting to approximately \$12,300, facilitating the expansion of a business in the cosmetics services sector.

Startup Ecosystem results summarized

In May, the final event of the Startup Ecosystem Program, Demo Day, took place. At this event, participants pitched their ideas and prototypes developed and improved during numerous lectures, workshops, and trainings before the jury members. The winner was the Wild.Codes team, and now they will present their project at the Stage Two event in Berlin in October of this year. The Startup Ecosystem acceleration program was initiated by the KSE Graduate Business School in 2023 and started with the support of the KSE Foundation donor community.

KEY NEWS

Winners of the Humanitarian Demining Innovations Project have been announced

The inaugural phase of the "Robotic Harvesters" hackathon unfolded with nine Ukrainian teams showcasing innovative demining solutions. This event, part of a broader initiative to foster innovation in humanitarian demining supported by the KSE Foundation and DefDev, witnessed contributions ranging from autonomous harvesters capable of clearing vast areas to sophisticated systems ensuring maximum safety for demining personnel.

Teams Semiotics-lab, eFarm, Dropla, Sapper Bukovina, and Zmii emerged victorious at the Business School hackathon.



25 leading companies attended KSE Career Day

May saw the successful hosting of KSE Career Day, drawing participation from Ukraine's leading corporations and international companies. Representatives from the Kernel, Raiffeisen Bank, Roland Berger, FinPoint, Genesis, Universe Group, umgi, Civitta, Deloitte, Ciklum, National Bank of Ukraine, and others engaged with graduating students. The event saw participation from 200 attendees. We're gratified by the overwhelming support from the robust business community and extend our gratitude for their faith in our youth.



CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1,075,574

\$1,037,062



From businesses and charities

\$38,511



From individuals

\$360,000



The largest single contribution from a business/charity



Schwab Charitable Fund

\$10,000

The largest contribution from an individual



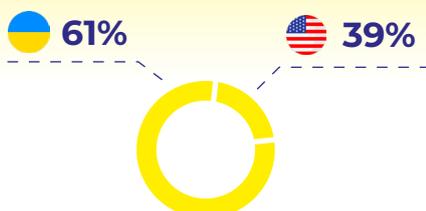
Betty Wang

\$37,038 

Average contribution from a business

\$182 

Average contribution from an individual



\$656,407



To the Ukrainian account

\$419,167



To the American account

RECEIPTS BY DIRECTIONS

Defense



\$1,013,776

Institutional



\$59,476

Humanitarian



\$2,321

EXPENDITURES

INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT AND TRAININGS FOR DEFENDERS

Innovation support



\$243,105

DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS MEANS

Information technology



\$33,337

Drone provision



\$27,416

Communication tools



\$6,130

Equipment for Defenders



\$5,192

Sleeping bags and accessories



\$3,141

Optical devices and night vision equipment



\$1,331

EXPENDITURES

EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education



\$150,747

Talents for Ukraine



\$122,875

CREATE!

Grants for Ukrainian Women to Develop Production



\$6,325

TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Vehicles for Defenders and services



\$8,023

CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE AND RELATED EXPENDITURES

Other



\$297,607

Assistance for defense tasks and social support

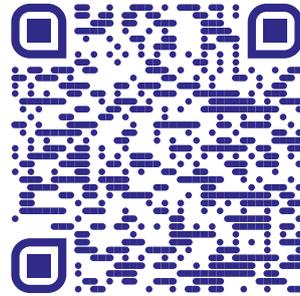


\$197,342

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

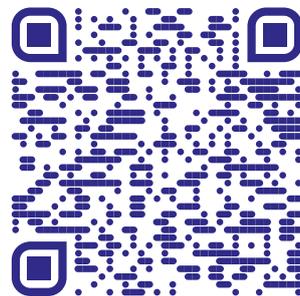
A project focused on equipping shelters in educational institutions across Ukraine. Our goal is to return as many Ukrainian children to offline lessons as possible



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Donate to Educate

The project aims to fund scholarships for 400 new students: youth who have lost their homes due to war, veterans, and children of fallen Defenders



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Support for Defenders

This project is dedicated to providing targeted support to Ukrainian Defenders with everything they need – from winter footwear to reconnaissance drones for units



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