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REPORT

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FEBRUARY: RESILIENCE ON THE FRONTLINES AND ADVANCING EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

This month, we focused on scaling initiatives that strengthen economic resilience and invest in human capital. Supporting Defenders and expanding access to education remain our key priorities. Through strong partnerships with KSE Foundation donors and the private sector, we are building long-term opportunities for Ukraine — even amid war — and helping the country overcome its challenges.

In February:

- On the third anniversary of the full-scale russian invasion, we honor the memory of fallen Ukrainian Defenders and **thank every donor of KSE Foundation for the lives saved through your support.** Over the past three years, hundreds of units of protective gear, reconnaissance drones, medevac helicopters, vehicles, and other essential equipment have been delivered — and continue to support the front lines every day. This February, we provided SUVs and minivans to the soldiers of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine to enhance their logistics capacity. In Pokrovsk, Defenders received "eyes" for night reconnaissance — DJI Mavic 3 Thermal drones. We also procured optical devices, personal protective gear, computer equipment, and training and simulation tools.

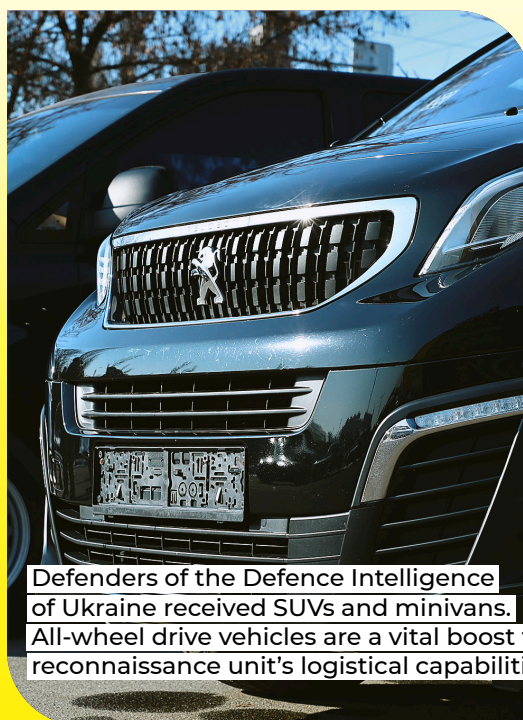


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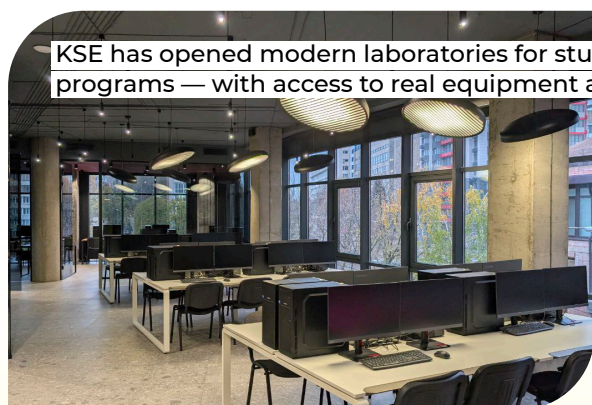


A DJI Mavic 3 Thermal drone for night reconnaissance was delivered to the Defenders of Pokrovsk — the Dovbush's hornets unit of 68th Separate Jäger Brigade

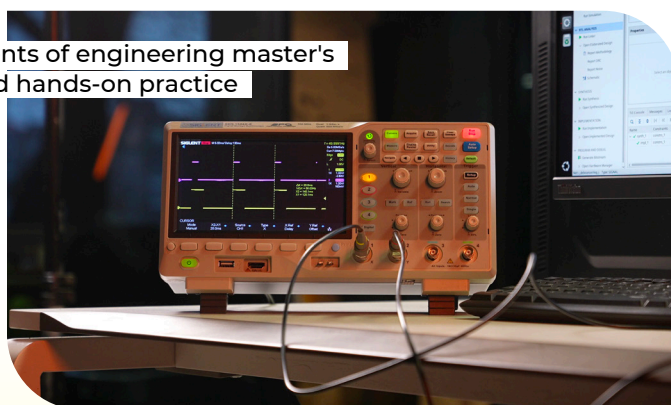


Defenders of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine received SUVs and minivans. All-wheel drive vehicles are a vital boost to the reconnaissance unit's logistical capabilities

- The suspension of USAID funding has put numerous critical projects in Ukraine and around the world at risk. Thanks to your support, we were able to step in and sustain some of these initiatives — particularly those focused on mental health. **KSE Foundation launched a USD 1,000,000 grant program for organizations providing psychosocial support.** Our goal is to help proven providers continue their essential work and ensure uninterrupted support for military personnel, veterans, civilians affected by the war, internally displaced persons, and other vulnerable groups.
- **The Kyiv School of Economics unveiled a state-of-the-art micro- and nanoelectronics laboratory,** made possible through the investment of our partner, Vodafone Ukraine. This new lab provides students with access to cutting-edge technology and expands the capabilities of KSE's School of Engineering, which currently enrolls 100 students in advanced master's programs. Work is also underway to equip two more laboratories that will further strengthen technical education in Ukraine.



KSE has opened modern laboratories for students of engineering master's programs — with access to real equipment and hands-on practice



- This academic year, KSE has also expanded its general learning facilities. Over the past few years, student enrollment has tripled — and **thanks to the support of our donors, students now benefit from new classrooms and on-campus shelters.** Nearly 100 students are currently studying Law and Psychology. As KSE continues to grow, these facilities are a critical part of our academic infrastructure.



KSE has opened new classrooms and a shelter for students of law and psychology



We are deeply grateful to everyone who supports the KSE Foundation — for investing in knowledge, uplifting others, and helping us build the future of Ukraine.

KEY NEWS

Winners of the "CREATE!" Program Scale Their Businesses — Each Received Grants of up to USD 15,000

Daria Tolstykh, founder of the Moon&Rune cosmetics brand, used her grant to purchase new equipment, enabling a tenfold increase in production, process automation, and overall manufacturing capacity. **Olena Khatmullina**, owner of the freeze-dried food company "Pozhyva", used the grant to purchase new equipment including a freeze dryer, convection oven, and conveyor. These upgrades helped the company optimize production and increase revenue by 30%. **Oleksandra Vakarova**, founder of Bark&Go, which produces functional dog apparel, used her "CREATE!" grant to acquire new equipment to improve product quality and to undergo training in international sales. As a result, her client base in Ukraine has grown — and she's now in negotiations to enter markets in China, Hong Kong, and South Korea.



The "CREATE!" grant program was initiated by the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine with financial support from UMAEF. It is implemented by KSE Foundation with compliance support from JSC Oschadbank and expert evaluation from the KSE Graduate Business School.

Six New Talents for Ukraine Grantees Announced

Another six talented and creative Ukrainians have been selected as winners of the second round of the Talents for Ukraine program, each receiving grants to support their professional growth. Among them are: Yurii Plevachuk, an expert in the field of metal physics and materials science; Nadiia Hrachova, a creator of innovative Edutainment-format projects; and Ivan Karbovnyk, a leading researcher in electronics and IT.



CONTRIBUTIONS

USD 14,270,246

USD 14,227,100



From businesses and charities

USD 43,146



From individuals

USD 10,000,000



The largest single contribution from a business/charity



VANGUARD CHARITABLE

USD 5,796

The largest contribution from an individual




KAYA HOFF

USD 948,473,33

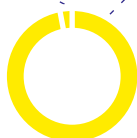
Average contribution from a business

USD 151

Average contribution from an individual

 0.3%

 99.7%



USD 653,944



To the Ukrainian account

USD 13,616,302



To the American account

RECEIPTS BY DIRECTIONS

Institutional



USD 12,593,467

Defense



USD 1,337,061

Humanitarian



USD 339,718

EXPENDITURES

EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

ZAKHYSTOK:
Safe Education



USD 77,527

Talents for Ukraine



USD 26,209

Create Ukraine



USD 23,928

Khan Academy



USD 19,953

DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

Personal body armor equipment



USD 64,681

Optical devices



USD 16,260

DRONES AND COMPONENTS



USD 6,221

EXPENDITURES

INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT



USD 43,797

CHARITABLE AID AND RELATED EXPENSES



USD 39,350

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND SIMULATION DEVICES



USD 5,207

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

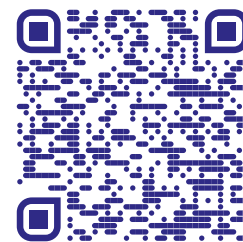


USD 1,425

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

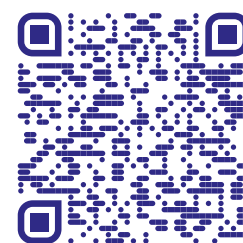
A project focused on equipping shelters in educational institutions across Ukraine. Our goal is to return as many Ukrainian children to offline lessons as



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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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Khan Academy for Ukraine

Our mission is to make STEM education accessible in Ukraine, creating a sustainable economic future. Support us by making a donation to help translate Khan Academy into Ukrainian and make it available to every student, teacher, and parent across the country.



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