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ADRA Ukraine took the 12th place in the ranking of "Top 100 charitable organizations of Ukraine in 2023"

The Association of Charities of Ukraine published the Annual Rating "Top 100 + public charitable organizations of Ukraine" (according to the results of activities in 2023). The analyse of charitable organizations activities was conducted together with the developer of the analyse methodology: NGO "Center for Business Partnership" and partner organization LLC "Fintechalliance". ADRA Ukraine (Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Ukraine) got the 12th place.

As noted on the website of the Association of Charities of Ukraine, "the list of organizations from the Rating was formed using exclusively opened information about the amount of funds used by the organizations last year to implement their own charitable programs (projects)." Publicity, transparency, public awareness of charitable organizations activities also were taken into account.

The full rating can be found [by this link](#).

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Interview

"Our drivers, who are evacuating people from dangerous areas, have themselves suffered from the war and are highly motivated to help others."

One of the components of ADRA Ukraine's humanitarian assistance is providing free evacuation and transportation to critical infrastructure. Anastasia Yehorova, an evacuation coordinator, speaks about this today.

— Anastasia, tell us please what ADRA Ukraine does for people who need transport assistance during the war?

— I have been working as an evacuation coordinator since April 2022. Now ADRA Ukraine is evacuating from Kherson, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Sumy regions. Previously, we also evacuated people from the Luhansk region, but now almost the entire region is no longer controlled by Ukraine. We also have an evacuation in Odesa city. We provide transportation for people to the border, where they can then be evacuated abroad by other organizations. We have 19-seater buses for evacuating mobile individuals and an ambulance for people with limited mobility. There are two cases for evacuation. In the first case, local authorities provide us with a list of people they have registered for evacuation. In the second case, people call our call center, and we collect the applications ourselves. We then gather everyone in a safe place and start the evacuation. If there is any person with limited mobility - we transport him/her by ambulance directly from their home or hospital. Of course, in this case, they need support from their relatives or acquaintances. We also have a «Returning Beneficiaries Back Home» component for people who were evacuated after 2022 but want to return home. However, we don't return people to the Donetsk and

Kherson regions, as these are still quite dangerous. We can only return them to areas without hostilities. We are the first organization in Ukraine who are providing this type of assistance.

Now ADRA Ukraine has two evacuation projects in action: the «LEAP» project (Lifesaving Evacuation, Assistance and Protection) providing by [the Government of Canada](#) and [ADRA Canada](#), and the «PEACE Bridging Period» project (Psychosocial Support, Emergency Assistance and Community Support in Eastern Ukraine Bridging Period) supported by [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) (a connection of German aid agencies for humanitarian aid) and [ADRA Germany](#). Both projects have components of evacuation and transportation of people to critical infrastructure.

Within the «LEAP» project, we cover the Limanska, Svyatogirska and Cherkaska communities in the Donetsk region, and within the «PEACE Bridging Period» project, we cover the Novovorontsovska community in the Kherson region, Apostolivska and Zelenodolska communities in the Dnipropetrovsk region and Stepnenska and Mikhaïlo-Lukashivska communities in the Zaporizhzhia region.

— Did you have any other projects?

— There was the project in 2022 that was supported by [ADRA Czech Republic](#). Back then ADRA Ukraine purchased buses and started the evacuation along the entire front line. In May 2022, we also had the project funded by «UHF» - [Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund supported by UNOCHA](#) (the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), that was launched before the full-scale invasion. Until the February 2022 we provided with the transportation to critical infrastructure in Lugansk and Donetsk regions. After beginning of the war, this project was expanded, so we had to stop transportation to the critical infrastructure because of occupation of Lugansk and Donetsk regions, and switched the activity to evacuation. The team started to evacuate people from the entire Donetsk region: Bakhmut, Toretsk, Kurakhovo, Konstantinivka, Severodonetsk, Liman. Also, there was an evacuation from Chernihiv, Zaporizhzhia and Melitopol city, which was the uncontrolled UA territory of Zaporizhzhia region. From May 2022, evacuations began in the Donetsk region (Kurakhivska community), as well as in the Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia regions. Then, as part of the «UHF» project, we were able to purchase more transport, therefore we began to work in Dnipro region too. The «UHF» project was going until the end of September 2022.

In October 2022, began another project, supported by [German Federal Foreign Office](#) (GFFO) and ADRA Germany. This project had both activities, evacuation and transportation to critical infrastructure, and it was going until the end of 2023, and then it was replaced by the «PEACE Bridging Period» project. The Canadian «LEAP» project is coming to its end in June 2024.

In 2022, after the Lugansk region became uncontrolled, most of our evacuation was directed in Zaporizhzhia city, because there was a humanitarian corridor. People from uncontrolled territories crossed the checkpoints and came to Zaporizhzhia city (controlled by Ukraine). There were a lot of people, so we used all ADRA's transport. Also, in the summer of 2022, thanks to the Ministry of Reintegration, we were able to enter the nearest uncontrolled territories temporarily and to evacuate people out.



Evacuation of children from frontline areas



Transportation to critical infrastructures

We continue to evacuate people who come to our logistics center in Zaporizhzhia city. Volunteers form groups and then we transport them to safer places. When there were a lot of people, our drivers worked seven days a week, almost without a rest. Only in May 2024, ADRA Ukraine evacuated 319 people and transported 2,516 people.

In total, from March 1 of 2022 to May 31 of 2024, ADRA Ukraine evacuated 29,741 people within the «UHF», «LEAP», «GFFO» projects, as well as with the support of ADRA Czech Republic. Also, within the «UHF», «GFFO», «LEAP», «PEACE» projects from May 1 of 2022 to May 31 of 2024, ADRA Ukraine was able to provide 73,870 people with the social transportation.

— Who of the citizens can be evacuated, do you have any selection criteria?

— We don't have any special criteria. We have only a division of territories from which we can provide evacuation. If people call us from safe regions of Ukraine, we do not evacuate from there.

— Now there are no completely safe places in Ukraine, but people anyway want to evacuate to more safer places than their home districts, right?

— Yes. For example, if we evacuate people from Volchansk city of Kharkiv region, where the hostilities have intensified, then we first evacuate them to Kharkiv city, because, at this moment it is more safe there and people are able to get all types of the main assistance. So, if we compare Volchansk and Kharkiv cities, then Kharkiv is a safer territory. If evacuated people want to go further - we help them. We always collect information about safe areas, and then make a final decision. Generally, we bring people to Lviv, Kropyvnytskyi, Uman, Poltava, Kyiv, because at this moment it is much safer there. We also have shelters there, which ADRA Ukraine support financially within the «LEAP» project.

— What about the transportation to critical infrastructure, what is it?

— That type of assistance is useful for people in communities where there is no any transport due to the war and people do not have direct access to basic services, such as hospitals, pharmacies, grocery stores and so on. It is mostly used by elderly people, who belong to the most vulnerable category of the population. These people are unable to pay for a taxi to go to another city for their needs. Within the «LEAP» project, we provide transportation to the critical infrastructure in the Kramatorsk district of Donetsk region, this is Svyatogirska, Limanska and Cherkaska communities. Within the «PEACE» project, we provide transportation in Kherson region - Novovorontsovska community, Dnipropetrovsk region - Zelenodolska and Apostolovska communities and in Zaporizhzhia region - Stepnenska and Mikhail-Lukashevskia communities.

— Please, tell us about your team of drivers.

— Most of our drivers working in ADRA Ukraine projects are internally displaced persons. They understand beneficiaries' situation very well, because they had experienced everything themselves. Some of them once lost their homes due to the hostilities in 2022, and some of them have lost their homes even twice - first time in 2014 (in Eastern Ukraine) and then again in 2022. Our drivers are highly motivated to help others. Sometimes they are supporting people like psychologists, they calm



People take with them the most valuable - little fluffy friends

passengers and tell some stories to make evacuation more comfortable for everyone. Now ADRA Ukraine has 10 drivers - 6 drivers in the «LEAP» project and 4 in the «PEACE» project.

— Please, tell us also about the challenges that ADRA Ukraine volunteers are facing with while providing evacuation.

— One of the important needs is a shelter for immobile people. This issue has not been resolved by the Ukraine Government yet. We talk about free shelters for elderly people, people with limited mobility and people with disabilities. Yes, they can ask for help at government shelters, but if they have relatives, shelters will not let them to stay there. Unfortunately, government shelters ignore the fact that the relatives of a person with limited mobility are either in the occupied territories, or went abroad and cannot help them. In this case only private shelters can take care of such people. Thus, many people with limited mobility do not want to leave their homes, they think that nobody wants to take care of them. After all, even if we temporarily bring them to a transit center for a week or two, where should they go later? Especially if they need special living conditions. This is a real problem not only for ADRA Ukraine, but for the whole country - there is no suitable place for these people at the moment.

Even if we talk about mobile people, many of them return back home to dangerous areas due to the fact that they cannot stay in shelters on a permanent basis. They can stay in shelters up to three month, and then they are forced to move out and look for a new housing, that is often financially impossible, especially for a large family.

At the Lviv Transit Center, organized by the «Borys Voznytskyi Foundation» which ADRA Ukraine is also supporting, there is an HR specialist who helps IDPs to find a job and housing. But not every transit center has such specialists and most of the people who are staying in these centers are elderly. We definitely need to create more long-term residence shelters for IDPs.



Still many people, whose lives are in danger due to constant shelling, need evacuation and shelter



Evacuation is saving life from danger



It is difficult for people to leave their homes

Assistance activity statistics for May 2024

Component	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of assistance	Region of assistance	Donor Name
Food Security	281 792 people (153 962 received food boxes) (127 830 received bread)	152 642 food kits 511 320 loaves of bread	Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions	The UN World Food Programme and ADRA Switzerland
Protection: PSS	1 441 people	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Lviv, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Odesa, Ternopil, Sumy, Rivne, Poltava, Mykolaiv, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia, Zhytomyr, Volyn regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada, ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Japan Platform, ADRA Japan, ADRA Australia
Protection: Legal Assistance	81 people	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zakarpattia, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Kharkiv, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Protection: Protection centers for IDPs	430 people	4 protection centers for IDPs	Zhytomyr, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Protection: Evacuation	1 035 people	73 evacuation trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, Kherson regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada
Protection: Transportation	1 800 people	91 trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Shelter: Shelters for IDPs	818 people	3 shelters for IDPs	Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Chernivsti regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada
Shelter: Light & medium repairs + NFIs	258 people received light & medium repairs	Light & medium repairs by contractor (installation of windows and doors) for 114 households	Kherson, Zaporizhzhia regions	ADRA Network
Education	378 people	30 children project covers 80% of tuition fees 10 Individual PSS sessions 1 Event for External beneficiaries 3 extracurricular educational activities	Lviv region	ADRA Germany, Marienhöhe Schulzentrum
MPCA (CASH)	62 people	Total amount 16 332 USD (669 600 UAH)	Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolaiv, Odesa regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada



HIGHLIGHT

Anzhelika Rudnytska and Anatoliy Matviychuk supported a shelter for IDPs by taking part in a charity concert in Kyiv

A charity concert dedicated to Mother's Day, organised by ADRA Ukraine (Adventist Relief and Development Agency in Ukraine), took place in Kyiv on 11 May. The audience of more than 400 people gathered at the Left Bank Church in Kyiv and featured special guests, including Honoured Artist of Ukraine, TV presenter and singer Anzhelika Rudnytska and People's Artist of Ukraine Anatoliy Matviychuk, as well as other soloists and a brass band. The event raised UAH 51,739 to support the Harmony shelter in the Dnipro region, which is home to about 80 IDPs, mostly retired people who lost their homes due to shelling or fled the occupation. Donations from caring people continue to come in.

The concert featured songs dedicated to motherhood, the image of a mother in Ukrainian culture, and spiritual songs. In addition to special guests, they were performed by soloists Nikita Isakov, Lesya Lupulyshena, Vitaly Pryimuk and others. The highlight of the evening was the performance of the Kyiv Brass Band of the Seventh-day Adventist Church under the direction of Volodymyr Chipchar.

During the event, Leonid Rutkovsky, head of ADRA Ukraine, spoke about the charity's activities, and Pastor Volodymyr Borovyi prayed for Ukrainian mothers. Visitors to the Left Bank Church heard from the concert's hosts, Serhii Stepaniuk and Mariia Bokova, about the orphanage for which the fundraiser is being held and a report on the results of the previous charity event.

[The video of the "Mother's Prayer" charity concert on 11 May 2024.](#)

[You can join the fundraising to support the shelter for IDPs by following this link.](#)

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HIGHLIGHT

Residents of the Novoaleksandrivska community in Zaporizhzhia receive housing restoration assistance and building materials from ADRA Network

ADRA Ukraine by contractors replaces windows and doors damaged as a result of hostilities in 45 households of the Novoaleksandrivska community of Zaporizhzhia district of Zaporizhzhia region. Assistance was provided as part of the [ADRA Network](#) EM23-077 project in Veselyanka, Grigorivka, Yulyivka, Zaporozhets villages. Also, residents of these settlements previously have received construction materials from ADRA Ukraine to repair damaged roofs.

Novoaleksandrivska community is located not far from the frontline, so it regularly suffers from shelling, many windows and doors in the houses are broken. In some rooms, old windows can't protect from cold weather and also need to be replaced. This humanitarian aid is aimed at overcoming the consequences of shelling and preparing for winter period, especially for elderly people.

In addition, recently, as part of the ADRA Network project, windows and doors were replaced for 79 households in the Kherson region.

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HIGHLIGHT

In Lviv, at a family event of the psychosocial direction, children with their parents learned the Ukrainian language and created a fairy tale about their dream

In Lviv city, in the Lyceum “Zhyve Slovo” on May 28, teachers of the educational institution and the psychologist ADRA Ukraine jointly held the event “Children’s Dreams,” which was designed to restore the psychosocial state of children and their parents from among the most vulnerable categories. The event was attended by 24 families (about 60 people in total), most of whom are displaced persons who were forced to leave their homes due to hostilities. The program “Children’s Dreams” was held within the project “Recovery with Love” with the support of [ADRA Germany](#), [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) and [Marienhöhe Schulzentrum](#), as well as a project funded by [ADRA Australia](#).

During the event, parents and their children spent quality time visiting three locations. On the first of them there were sports games, relay races, competitions, on the second participants were engaged in needlework – they made origami products, on the third location there was a master class on the modern Ukrainian language with elements of fairytale therapy. Leading at all locations were teachers of the Lyceum “Zhyve Slovo”. They were joined by ADRA Ukraine psychologist Kateryna Zinchak, who skillfully intertwined elements of psychotherapy into language classes. The presenters helped the participants of the master class not only in learning the Ukrainian language, but also in creating fairytales about their dreams, which had a therapeutic effect. At the event there was an atmosphere of acceptance, love, joy.

The project “Recovery with Love” with the support of German partners came to an end in May, and the project, funded by ADRA Australia, began its work. Thus, both projects joined the Children’s Dreams event at the Zhyve Slovo Lyceum.

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Story

Kateryna from Novovorontsovka village of Kherson region now she in Kryvyi Rih city of Dnipro region

Kateryna and her family come from the Kherson region, which still suffers from constant shelling. Of course, it was impossible to stay there anymore, because she also has children who were under constant stress. Therefore, they decided to move to Kryvyi Rih.

Kateryna's job still remained in her home village, so she has to go there every day to earn money, the one-way journey takes more than an hour. Also, due to the danger in the Kherson region, buses go there with interruptions or can be canceled anytime.

"Our Novovorontsovka military administration closely cooperates with ADRA Ukraine and informs us about new projects" she says.

When she got the information about free transportations from ADRA Ukraine, she immediately signed up for it. It's very important for her to be at work every day, because her family needs money now more than ever.

"In addition, the charitable organization helps us a lot in transporting children to excursions and various activities," she adds.

Thanks to ADRA Ukraine, [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) and [ADRA Germany](#) assistance, people are able not only to go to work, but also to give children a little joy, which they need so much, especially in recent years of constant stress.



Story

Lubov Panasivna from Bakhmut city of Donetsk region now she in Kyiv

Lubov Panasivna is already a pensioner who was born, grew up, worked as a teacher in an educational institution and lived in Bakhmut. However, everything changed in just one day in 2022.

"My housing, my apartment I had, is destroyed. We had left the city, - the woman recalls that day when they had to look for shelter. "It is just unbelievable, at my age of 67 I have lost everything."

Of course, due to these terrible events, Lubov Panasivna have got a difficult psychological condition. She was reflecting on her past life and realized that it could never be regained.

"Through the Internet, I found an information about free psychological assistance trainings from ADRA Ukraine. Thank you very much," the woman adds.

Now Lyubov Panasivna is working with ADRA psychologists and trying to restore her psychological health. She attends trainings, exercises and follows recommendations. She feels way better already. Also, the woman started to help other people with the advices she learned at the trainings.

Lubov Panasivna is very grateful for the great assistance provided with the support of the 'LEAP' project by [the Government of Canada](#) and [ADRA Canada](#). After all, psychological health is very important, and these psychological training sessions give real hope for a happy life.



Story

Maria from Mykolaiv

Maria and her daughter currently live in Mykolaiv. Before the war, there always was a place for children to spend time: many different sections, entertainments and events. However, now everything has changed. Due to the constant danger, many educational institutions closed, others don't continue their activities due to lack of funds.

"We came to the library to get books, and the director told us that some interesting event will start soon, which will last for two weeks. It is very useful for our child, because there is a lack of such activities in our area, where we can go, where the child can spend time with benefit." - says Maria recalls their visit to the recently opened library.

She is very pleased thanks to the Community Initiative Support program funded by [the Danish International Development Agency \(DANIDA\)](#), that there is a place where children want to return, and where they can learn something new for themselves while playing.

"We come here two or three times a week, spend time, meet new friends. I really like it, and I'm very happy about it" she adds.



More news

Residents of a village in the Kharkiv region, located near the front line, received food kits from the UN World Food Programme with the support of ADRA Switzerland

09/05/2024

The head of the Kherson region presented a gratitude for assistance to the volunteers of ADRA Ukraine

15/05/2024

More than twenty people were evacuated by ADRA Ukraine from the village of Bily Kolodyaz in Kharkiv region

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Eleven settlements in the Kherson region are covered by free social transportation from ADRA Ukraine

16/05/2024

ADRA Ukraine volunteers distributed 1,134 food kits provided by the UN World Food Programme with the support of ADRA Switzerland in Kherson region's Bilozersk community

17/05/2024

Residents of the Pokrovsk community in Donetsk region received free legal advices from an ADRA Ukraine lawyer

20/05/2024

Guests from Canada talked with Ukrainians affected by the war, who have received help from ADRA Ukraine in Kyiv, Chernivtsi and Lviv

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Kupyansk city administration and ADRA Ukraine signed a Memorandum of cooperation in providing humanitarian assistance to citizens

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