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ADRA Ukraine won the National Contest of Philanthropists as “People’s Philanthropist”

The charitable organization ADRA Ukraine took 1st place in the National Contest “Charitable Ukraine” in the nomination “People’s Philanthropist 2023: Charity in the Defense of Ukraine”. The award ceremony was held on June 24 in Kyiv. This year, 25 nominees competed for the People’s Philanthropist award, and in total, the best in 26 nominations were awarded in the competition organized by [the Association of Charities of Ukraine](#).

The award ceremony was held by Honored Artist of Ukraine and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Contest Angelika Rudnitska and TV presenter, journalist and curator of the Ukrainian House dialogue platform Olexiy Ananov. Having received the award (angel statuette and winner’s diploma), the head of ADRA Ukraine Leonid Rutkovsky wished everyone to continue to do good deeds and do not give up.

“People’s Philanthropist 2023” was the only nomination with online voting and everyone could take part in it.

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Interview

How ADRA and partners operate in Mykolaiv region: “A unique focus on reconstructing social infrastructure”

Maryna Tekuchova joined the ADRA Ukraine team in February 2024, assuming the position of project manager. She is telling about the project currently being implemented with the support of partners from Denmark

— Maryna, could you please tell us about the project are you currently involved in and its objectives?

— The project we are actively working on is called RSIM – Reconstruction of Social Infrastructure in Mykolaiv. It is being implemented jointly with ADRA Denmark in consortium with [DanChurchAid](#) (DCA) and supported by [the Danish International Development Agency \(DANIDA\)](#). The goal of this project is to restore critical social infrastructure in the region, as well as to strengthen the capacity of civil society to facilitate Ukraine's early recovery process. The project mainly focuses on the restoration of educational institutions and bomb shelters. This is especially important now as many people are returning to their communities or seeking safer living conditions in the Mykolaiv region, including children who need access to education. The project also includes the "Support of Community Initiatives" Program, which aims to consolidate efforts, enhance capacities, and support initiatives that seek to address social issues, implement their own projects to overcome crisis consequences, and promote community development and support for the most vulnerable groups.

— What is the significance of the RSIM project among other ADRA Ukraine projects? Does it carry forward the work of other projects, or is it entirely unique?

— This project plays a strategically important role for ADRA Ukraine as it continues the direction of supporting and rebuilding affected regions, which is characteristic of many ADRA initiatives, but it has a unique focus on reconstructing social infrastructure in the Mykolaiv region. The RSIM project is distinctive in its specific focus on restoring schools and bomb shelters, which are critically important for maintaining normal community life. This project also emphasizes strengthening civil society capacities, contributing to more sustainable recovery.

It's worth mentioning that the "Support of Community Initiatives" Program in the Mykolaiv region was also implemented in other projects funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), which have already concluded. For instance, in February 2024, ADRA Ukraine implemented the piloting phase of the "Support of Community Initiatives" Program in Mykolaiv, which provided support to 13 local public and charitable organization. For example, the ["Movement of Mercy" charitable foundation](#) reconstructed a football field at the specialized school No. 3, where children with intellectual disabilities study. The foundation leveled the football field and covered it with a special surface using its own volunteers. The funds obtained through the "Support of Community Initiatives" Program were spent solely on materials. The field's opening took place in April. That same month, the ["Common Language" creative hub](#) was opened at branch No. 15 of the Central City Library named after M. L. Kropyvnytskyi. This hub was created by the META Charitable Foundation "From common vision to joint actions" in collaboration with the library. The hub's work will facilitate joint leisure activities for families, psychological relief, and the development of creative abilities for children and teenagers, their parents, and library users. All of this was made possible thanks to financial assistance from DANIDA. However, as I mentioned, the current project is RSIM, supported by the same donor.

— What communities does this project cover now? What specific activities are taking place there?

— In the Mykolaiv region, most of the educational institutions we are restoring are located in the Snihurivka community of the Bashtanka district. We plan to restore a total of 7 educational institutions and 4 bomb shelters.



A creative hub for children and parents has been launched in Mykolaiv with the support of our Danish partners

— Tell us more about the project team.

— I am really fortunate with the team because these people are true professionals in their field. The team involved in the restoration of social infrastructure includes engineers with many years of experience in this area. There is also a team of facilitators who stay in touch with the participants of the "Support of Community Initiatives" Program. They ensure effective interaction and coordination among all project participants, promoting the implementation of initiatives on the ground and strengthening community capacities.

— What can you say about the results of the RSIM project to date in both areas: community initiative support and infrastructure restoration?

— Regarding community initiative support, we are currently in the process of selecting initiatives that we can support. The active dissemination of information and facilitation sessions with civil society representatives in the Mykolaiv region have allowed us to receive over 100 project applications from initiative groups and non-profit organizations. The selection committee is now carefully analyzing these proposals. Within our project, we can support only 10 initiatives. To ensure transparency, we organized a series of meetings where each organization can present its project and answer additional questions. We will announce the selection results by July 15. As for the reconstruction of social infrastructure, the restoration and repair works are still ongoing, and we plan to complete the active phase before the start of the school year.



Gratitude for people that help children



Children joyfully spend time in the creative hub



ADRA Ukraine and «DANIDA» helped a local foundation in Mykolaiv to reconstruct a football field for children

Assistance activity statistics for May 2024

Component	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of assistance	Region of assistance	Donor Name
Food Security	257 720 people (130 447 received food boxes) (127 273 received bread)	130 447 food kits 509 088 loaves of bread	Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions	The UN World Food Programme and ADRA Switzerland
Protection: PSS	1 749 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	61 people	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Ternopil, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Protection: Protection centers for IDPs	305 people	4 protection centers for IDPs	Zhytomyr, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Protection: Evacuation	1 017 people	68 evacuation trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Donetsk, Kherson regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada
Protection: Transportation	1 518 people	64 trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson regions	ADRA Germany, Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Shelter: Shelters for IDPs	893 people	4 shelters for IDPs	Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Chernivtsi regions	The Government of Canada, ADRA Canada
MPCA (CASH)	415 people	Total amount \$110 717 (4 482 000 UAH)	Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson regions	Japan Platform, ADRA Japan



HIGHLIGHT

In Zhytomyr, participants of psychological training from ADRA Ukraine restored their mind and body balance

In Zhytomyr on June 5 in the ADRA Ukraine IDPs center of protection and support was a training named “Emotions and what to do with them” (psychological skills of self-regulation with bodydynamic exercises) under the guidance of psychologist Julia Zalutska. The training was attended by four people whom has his own traumatic experience associated with the war in Ukraine. The event was possible thanks to the support of [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) and [ADRA Germany](#) within the “PEACE Bridging Period” project.

Participants of the training were: a displaced woman from the war-affected Luhansk region, a young actor, world champion in kickboxing “Piranha”, and Svitlana, who brings up a teenager alone, because dad died in the war.

The participants got a knowledge for the better understanding of their emotional condition and the condition of other people, considered the principles of emotions, got acquainted with the Bodyknot communication model, performed bodydynamic exercises. Thanks to this meeting, the participants harmonized their mind and body balance.

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HIGHLIGHT

ADRA Ukraine volunteers distributed 600 food kits from the UN World Food Programme in Kupyansk city of Kharkiv region

The distribution took place on June 21 in the sugar factory area – Zaoskilya district, the part of Kupyansk city, located behind the Oskil River. Food kits were provided by [the UN WFP](#) with the support of [ADRA Switzerland](#) to all residents of the district, among them a large percentage of elderly people. Kits include food for a month for one person.

Zaoskilya district is currently under heavy shelling. There is no crossing of the river, so volunteers who want to help local residents to survive have to overcome the path through Izyum city.

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HIGHLIGHT

ADRA Ukraine presented educational projects at the Teachers Congress in Bucha

Congress for teachers of Adventist educational institutions of Ukraine “Education for Mission. To Save Children for Eternity” was held from June 17 to 20 at the Ukrainian Humanitarian Institute (Bucha, Kyiv region). The event was attended by an educational specialist of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Ukraine (ADRA Ukraine) Yana Reznikova. She highlighted those areas of educational activity that especially require public attention, and also spoke about educational projects that have already been implemented or are being implemented with the support of ADRA Ukraine and partners. In total, the congress gathered representatives of 24 educational institutions – schools, lyceums, and gymnasiums, as well as the institute, a total of 240 participants.

During the daily meetings, participants of the congress focused on the main challenges that Ukrainian education faces today. The presence of ADRA Ukraine at this congress was significant, because education is one of the main priorities in the activities of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency around the world. In many countries, this charity is actively working on the availability of quality education for everyone.

Based on the data from the Ukrainian educational cluster, ADRA Ukraine educational specialist Yana Reznikova highlighted the areas of educational activity that especially require public attention. This is the support of IDPs children and other vulnerable categories of the population. This is the psychosocial recovery of teachers who today work in extremely difficult conditions. Also the creation of educational products that will help restore and strengthen the children of Ukraine – the future of Ukraine.

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Story

Lyudmila from Yulievka village of Zaporizhzhia region

Due to the war in Ukraine, Zaporizhzhia region is under a constant shelling. Once upon a time, some bomb was dropped near Lyudmila's house, and the blast wave blew out the windows and doors. Fortunately no one was injured, but the family did not have any funds to repair the house.

It was difficult to live without windows because when it rains, the water gets inside and spoils the furniture, when weather is hot, the house becomes stuffy, as well as various insects and animals can easily come in.

"Thanks to ADRA Ukraine, windows and doors were successfully replaced" says Lyudmila.

Now Lyudmila's house has been completely restored. She and her family thanks ADRA Ukraine and [ADRA Network](#) for this necessary assistance.



Story

Vira Makresova from Zhytomyr city

Vira was born in Zhytomyr city. She already knew about the charitable organization ADRA Ukraine - she had previously received free medical examination. Thus when she learned about free psychological sessions provided within the «PEACE Bridging Period» project with the support of [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) and [ADRA Germany](#), she immediately signed up.

"Today I visited psychological training. It was very useful for me, there were interesting exercises, I will definitely continue practice them at home! ", says Vira.

Now it is very difficult to live in Ukraine, because of the constant danger that affects psychological health. It is difficult to remain calm after the constant air-raid alarm and explosions.

Thanks to such training, people can get free advice from qualified psychologists, as well as learn about overcoming constant anxiety, mental tension and other problems.

"A lot of people need such training, because there is a real war in the country. I am very grateful that there is such an organization as ADRA Ukraine, and thanks to the partners from Germany, I heard that they help us", says the woman.



Story

Lyudmila from Kherson city

Even amidst the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, with constant shelling and explosions, Lyudmila continues to live in her homeland, the city of Kherson, due to her disability.

Lyudmila frequently needs to purchase medicines to maintain her health, but the high costs leave her with almost no money for food. Thus, the bread provided by [the UN World Food Programme](#), delivered by ADRA Ukraine volunteers to those in need, is a crucial form of assistance.

The bread is always fresh and tasty. To make the process more comfortable and safe, volunteers strive to bring the bread directly to people's homes.

"I thank you for your support; it is extremely needed. The bread is important, and the fact that it is delivered to my home is also important. Without volunteers, I feel helpless because I cannot go anywhere myself." says Lyudmila.

She is deeply grateful for the assistance and for the volunteer's consideration of everyone's situation.



More news

Thirty children in Kryvyi Rih have received gifts thanks to funds from ADRA Ukraine
04/06/2024

Residents of one of the districts in the Kharkiv region received food kits from the UN World Food Programme and ADRA Switzerland
10/06/2024

ADRA Ukraine took part in the financial assistance conference, organized with the support of the USAID program "RADA: The Next Generation"
21/06/2024

Residents of four communities of Mykolaiv region receive food assistance from the UN World Food Programme with the support of ADRA Switzerland
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Spouses from Kherson were evacuated to Odesa with the support of Canadian partners
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