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«MANY SIMPLY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO»: ABOUT PEOPLE AND HUMANITARIAN WORK IN THE FRONT-LINE TERRITORIES

Daily shelling, FPV drones, damaged bridges and roads under anti-drone nets — in such conditions, the [ADRA Ukraine](#) team delivers food aid to people who remain in the communities of Donetsk region.

Many of them are older people who say they don't have money, relatives or a place to go. Volodymyr Alymov, coordinator of the food aid project in the Donetsk region, talks about what usually remains behind the scenes of humanitarian work in war conditions: extremely difficult routes, decisions that have to be made during shelling, meetings with people among destroyed villages and his own answer to the question why he continues to return to where it is dangerous.

— Volodymyr, tell us a little about yourself: how long have you been working at ADRA Ukraine, what are you responsible for and how did you even come to humanitarian work?

— I am 44 years old. I come from the city of Kryvyi Rih, from a large family, I have four sisters. Before the full-scale invasion, I lived and worked in Dnipro for nine years. When the war began, my main work stopped. I had a minibus, so literally from the first days I started volunteering. We collected water in bottles, delivered it to humanitarian headquarters, and distributed water and food to people.

So I volunteered for about three months. And then a friend who already worked at ADRA in the evacuation project called me.

He asked how I was doing. I said that I am currently volunteering. Then he said that a food aid project was planned and gave me contacts. I got in touch, I talked to the project manager, and that's how I started working at ADRA Ukraine.

It was May 2022. At first I worked in the Dnipropetrovsk region. It was divided between two coordinators, and I was responsible for the city of Dnipro and the nearest cities — Pavlohrad, Novomoskovsk, Kamianske, Nikopol, and Prydniprovsk.

Of course, it was difficult at first: large volumes of work, a lot of reporting, a lot of new and incomprehensible things.

The project was large, many coordinators worked in different areas. But I was quickly brought up to date, everything was explained, and the tasks became clear.

I probably had a desire to help people since childhood. I remember mom always said, «Don't pass by if you see that a person needs help». I remembered it. I was always drawn to work, where you can be useful and help people with something.

I worked in the Dnipropetrovsk region until January 2023. Then we were informed that the work of the project in the region is being completed. It was unexpected for me, I was very upset. At that time, we already had a large team, many distribution points.

After one of our daily online meetings, the project manager asked me to stay and said: «We don't want to say goodbye to you». I was offered to move to the Mykolaiv region from February 1 and become a coordinator there. I agreed.

So, on February 1, 2023, I came to a completely unfamiliar region, I had never been to Mykolaiv region before. And again it was necessary to adapt. I didn't know the territory, I didn't have my team there. But two people from my team in the Dnipropetrovsk region agreed to go with me. Mykolaiv then had big problems with water — I remember that it was only imported. There were problems with electricity, it was cold. I rented an apartment and started assembling a team: I looked for workers through acquaintances, called, and asked other organizations. At the same time, I traveled around the region, got to know the local authorities, communities, and found out his needs. The amount of work was large, and among the communities with which we started working there were also those that only recently returned to the control of Ukraine.



Volodymyr Alymov



“What I saw there was scary”

One of these trips I particularly remember.

I was going to the Shevchenkove community. We had to get to the villages, talk to the headman, find out how many people were left there and what help they needed. Many houses in the community had been destroyed by then. The roads were terrible, and there were a lot of burned vehicles around. I drive and look carefully at the road. I think that's what saved me then. I noticed land mines ahead. There were seven of them.

It was a road between the fields. No inscription «Danger» was there. Large mines lay in the fields to the left and right, some were clearly visible. And those who were directly on the road looked as if they were covered and trampled.

I stopped in time. I was wearing a bulletproof vest. I carefully went out, looked around and realized that it was impossible to go any further. I immediately called the office and told them about the situation. The information was handed over to the State Emergency Service of Ukraine. It was a very dangerous situation indeed.

— And you had to go back that day?

— I came back but then found another way. And yet I reached Liubomyrivka and Novohrihorivka.

What I saw there was scary. Lots of burned vehicles — armored tanks, and other. Civilian cars shot. Missile casings were lying. In some villages, up to 90% of houses were destroyed. I talked to people, and figured out how many were left there. We have agreed on the supply of food kits.

People were desperate. I saw sadness, I saw tears. But at the same time, I was very impressed by another — sense of unity. Despite the fact that they survived so much that their houses were destroyed, people did not give up.

When we arrived with food kits, they themselves offered us help. They asked: *«How can we be useful?»* They brought tables and chairs. They said: *«If necessary, we can help unload boxes with food»*. Although we had our own loaders.

And I also remember people coming to our distribution points, meeting each other, hugging, talking. It was felt that for them it was not only an opportunity to get food. It was also a meeting with each other.



In dangerous areas, people survive thanks to food aid

— And where was it to buy products? Shops worked?

— No. There were no shops in those villages when I first arrived. I remember a woman came up to me and said, «Thank you so much. I live thanks to your food kits because I have no other help and no relatives». Other people cried and said: «We were born here, we grew up here, we gave birth to our children here. And now direct hit — and there is no house». Modular houses have already been built for some near the destroyed houses.

The situation, of course, was heavy. And this was not the only dangerous area. We also worked in Ochakiv, the Kutsurub community and many other settlements of the Mykolaiv region. Gradually, I gathered a good team of specialists. It was important for me that these are also people with a good heart, those for whom it is not just a job, but a vocation. So I worked in the Mykolaiv region for three years.

— And how did you end up in the Donetsk region?

— I worked in the Mykolaiv region until the end of 2025. In December, I was informed that we have already implemented a large amount of work there and a new direction — Donetsk region has appeared. I was offered to become the project coordinator there also. From January 1, 2026, I started working in the Donetsk region. These are Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and the surrounding settlements — Cherkaske, Novodonetske, Oleksandrivka communities, and Sviatohirsk, Druzhkivka cities.

I had never been to the Donetsk region before, I did not know the territory, so, of course, I was worried. In addition, it was necessary to form a new team very quickly.

But the experience I gained in the Mykolaiv region has already helped. And again I was not alone — several people from my previous team went with me. We arrived, got to know the local authorities and started looking for employees. They made announcements, turned to other organizations, looked for people who already had experience in the humanitarian sphere. It was quite quickly possible to form a team of about 40 people. The warehouse was organized in the city of Izium (the Kharkiv region), and a storekeeper was found.

All this was not easy, but we were not confused and were able to organize the work. I myself now live in the city of Kharkiv, and about four times a week I go to Sloviansk, Kramatorsk and the communities where we work.

The situation there is, of course, completely different. Constant, almost daily shelling of various types of drones and missiles. Explosions are heard every day. Roads are closed in many places with antirone nets.

I remember January and February especially well when we were just starting. There was severe frost, snow and ice. Due to the weather, the nets over the roads began to sag and fall, so it was very difficult to drive. These were difficult months both because of the security situation and because of the weather. But, despite all the difficulties, we set up work and delivered aid to people.

— Are there food kits only? Do you also distribute bread?

— Yes. We distribute food kits and bread. The weight of the one box can vary — approximately 11–13 kilograms (24–28 lbs). It includes sunflower oil, flour, pasta, canned meat, beans, sugar, salt, and oatmeal. Bread is also baked for people every day. It is delivered to our locations where we distribute.

In the beginning, the volumes of work were very large. If I'm not mistaken, it reached about 30–32 thousand food kits per month in the part of the region where we worked. Then the number started to decrease because people were evacuating.

For example, we have planned about 23,000 kits for the next month. Previously, in some communities there was full coverage, and in others, as in Sloviansk, only certain vulnerable categories received assistance. Now we already have full coverage.

The aid — food kits and bread are distributed continuously. But there are fewer people, because they are evacuating.



"It wasn't easy, but we weren't confused and were able to organize the work"

We actually work in such a way that every day becomes an extreme test. We have a joint group with employees where we constantly exchange information: where there were explosions, or what is happening. After the shelling, we must check whether everyone is alive or whether everyone is fine. We are in touch every day.

— What remains behind the scenes of the usual distribution of products from the preparation of the trip to the moment when the aid reaches people?

— First of all is a constant search for safe routes.

FPV drones fly over the roads. We have a special device that we call «Chuika». It has a small screen, picks up relevant signals and can show that there is an FPV drone nearby. During trips, we constantly monitor the situation.

But behind the scenes there is also a huge amount of preparatory work. At the end of each month, we contact the local authorities, clarify the number of people who remain in the settlements in order to understand how many food kits need to be planned.

There are a lot of locations. We have 24 of them in Sloviansk alone. Strikes sometimes hit near the distribution points, and it happened that the locations themselves, which we periodically used, were also bombed. Then we have to change everything and look for a new safer place.

Every day we make a schedule: which of the employees goes where, at which location they work, when the distribution will take place. People are notified in advance of the date and time through local authorities, local channels and groups.

We always take EcoFlow with us because there are problems with electricity. We take water both for our employees and for people who come to receive aid. We take all the necessary markings so that people can see who came and from whom they receive aid.

And logistics are constantly changing. Roads, bridges... To date, almost all bridges there have already been damaged. Therefore, we have to constantly look for new routes and new opportunities to reach people.

— **What does the regularity of food aid mean for the residents themselves? What real meaning does it have for the people who stay there?**

— Mostly older people come to us, and this help is very important for them. We constantly communicate with them.

Shops are closing. No work. People often just don't have the money to buy groceries and live on.

The food kit is formed in such a way as to provide one person with basic products per month according to its calorie content. People thank us every time. Sometimes, they say with tears: *«Thank you very much. We don't know what to do if it weren't for you...»*

Mostly these are elderly people.



Project employee Denys Sukov during work

— **Can you remember a specific person, family or situation during one of these trips that you especially remember?**

— The most mentioned of the latter is what happened to our employee Denys Sukov, a registrar living in the Donetsk region. The incident itself did not happen during work. As I said, we have a joint group. After another shelling, we asked if everyone was alive. Denys replied that he had shell hit to the neighbors.

He saw that the neighbors had a burning roof, and together with other people he went to help. And then a second drone flew to the same place. Five people died, and Denys was seriously wounded, he was badly cut by debris. He was admitted to the intensive care unit, his heart stopped, his kidneys failed, and he had problems with other organs.

Now he is still in hospital, has undergone several operations, doctors are fighting to save his leg.

I remembered another story from the Mykolaiv region. An elderly woman lived in one of the villages, who came to us every time and thanked us. She was left alone, her house was destroyed. But it was clear that she did not give up.

She said: *«Thank you for not forgetting us. You come, risk your life and help us».*

Such situations remain in memory.

We also always tried to deliver food kits to those who could not physically come to our distribution points. Through the local authorities, we found out how many such people there were, in particular people with disabilities, and brought help directly home.

— **Do you have to make difficult decisions because of danger? How does the team act when the situation suddenly changes?**

— Such decisions have to be made almost every day.

For example, the distribution is going and a massive shelling begins or the threat of FPV drones appears. Then you need to react very quickly. We undergo appropriate trainings, so we know the algorithm of actions: we immediately stop the distribution and transfer people to shelters.

We constantly monitor local groups, maintain contact with the military administration.

If we receive information about the danger, we cancel or postpone the distribution and inform people about it. If the situation stabilizes and it is possible to safely continue, we return to work.

Likewise, I keep following the routes. It happens that we use the same road for a certain time, and then the situation there worsens and I understand: it is already dangerous to continue driving this road. Then we look for another route.



"We see this smoke, we smell war, we see destroyed houses..."

— **You consciously continue to work where it is dangerous. Why is it important for you personally to stay in this job? What helps not to lose strength and why do you return to these communities again?**

— I have always wanted to do work where I can be useful to people. But I had no idea what it would be like during the war. And I thank the ADRA Ukraine organization and the entire project team for the experience I gained. Doing something that benefits others. And now, in this difficult time, it is important for me not to sit aside, but to do everything in my power.

Don't pass by. Do not close your eyes.

We go there, we communicate with people. We see this smoke, we smell the war, we see destroyed houses, we see people hiding in basements.

And we see that many simply have nowhere to go. Especially for the elderly. They say: **«We have no money, no relatives. We have nowhere to go».**

When you see all this with your own eyes, your hands do not fall. On the contrary, — we want to be useful and help.

PS. The city of Sloviansk in Donetsk region has been officially recognized as a zone of active hostilities since August 21, 2026.



Direction of assistance	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of assistance	Region of assistance	Name of the Donor
Food assistance	53 260 beneficiaries	41 039 food kits, 46 999 loaves of bread, cash assistance for food	Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk	UN World Food Programme & ADRA Switzerland
Legal assistance	356 beneficiaries	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Sumy	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
MHPSS	2 626 beneficiaries: individual sessions - 1 469 people, group sessions - 603 people, trainings - 554 people	-	All of Ukraine	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Government of Canada & ADRA Canada, ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)
IDPs protection centers	1 028 beneficiaries	6 protection centers	Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Sumy	Government of Canada & ADRA Canada
Humanitarian transportation	572 beneficiaries	32 trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson regions	Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
Education	30 beneficiaries	Career Guidance Program	Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Kherson, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Khmelnytskyi	ADRA Australia & Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
Education: MHPSS	336 beneficiaries: individual sessions - 116 people, group sessions - 220 people	-	Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv	ADRA Ukraine
Cash assistance	525 beneficiaries	143 119 \$ (6 408 000 ₴)	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Odesa, Poltava, Sumy, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, Chernivtsi	Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), The U.S. Government & Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform
Gifts and events for children (ADRA Kids)	145 beneficiaries	145 gifts	Zhytomyr, Odesa, Kyiv	ADRA Ukraine

STATISTICS ON ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

JULY
2026

Direction of assistance	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of assistance	Region of assistance	Name of the Donor
Food assistance	138 987 beneficiaries	68 179 food kits, 278 206 loaves of bread, cash assistance for food	Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk	UN World Food Programme & ADRA Switzerland
Legal assistance	371 beneficiaries	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Sumy	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
MHPSS	2 648 beneficiaries: individual sessions - 1 527 people, group sessions - 536 people, trainings - 585 people	-	All of Ukraine	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Government of Canada & ADRA Canada, ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
IDPs protection centers	1 003 beneficiaries	6 protection centers	Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Khmelnytskyi	Government of Canada & ADRA Canada, The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency & ADRA Sweden
Humanitarian transportation	1 946 beneficiaries	93 trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson	Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
Education	12 beneficiaries	Career Guidance Program	Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Kherson, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Khmelnytskyi	ADRA Australia & Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
Education: MHPSS	79 beneficiaries	-	Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Khmelnytskyi, Lviv	ADRA Australia
Cash assistance	1 258 beneficiaries	343 618 \$ (15 365 400 ₴)	Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Zaporizhzhia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Sumy, Zakarpattia, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Cherkasy, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv	Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), The U.S. Government & Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform
Gifts and event for children (ADRA Kids)	80 beneficiaries	26 power banks, 47 gifts, 30 000 ₴ cover for summer camp tickets for 7 children	Kyiv, Chernihiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Zakarpattia	ADRA Ukraine

STATISTICS ON ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

**AUGUST
2026**

Direction of assistance	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of assistance	Region of assistance	Name of the Donor
Food assistance	138 367 beneficiaries	78 337 food kits, 229 607 loaves of bread, cash assistance for food	Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk	UN World Food Programme & ADRA Switzerland
Legal assistance	311 beneficiaries	-	Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Sumy	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
MHPSS	2 686 beneficiaries: individual sessions - 1 420 people, group sessions - 689 people, trainings - 577 people	-	All of Ukraine	UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), Government of Canada & ADRA Canada, ADRA Japan & Japan Platform, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
IDPs protection centers	811 beneficiaries	6 protection centers	Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Mykolaiv, Sumy, Khmelnytskyi, Kyiv, Zhytomyr	Government of Canada & ADRA Canada, The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency & ADRA Sweden
Humanitarian transportation	1 665 beneficiaries	74 trips	Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson	Aktion Deutschland Hilft & ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic
Education	37 beneficiaries	Professional training for teachers	Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Kherson, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, and Khmelnytskyi regions	ADRA Australia & Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
Education: MHPSS	153 beneficiaries	Career Guidance Program	Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Kherson, Vinnytsia, Cherkasy, Khmelnytskyi	ADRA Australia & Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
Cash assistance	993 beneficiaries	272 972 \$ (12 213 900 ₴)	All regions of Ukraine except Luhansk and Kherson	Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), UN Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund (UN UHF), The U.S. Government & Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), ADRA Japan & Japan Platform
Gifts and event for children (ADRA Kids)	34 beneficiaries	60 000 ₴ cover for summer camp tickets for 12 children, 48 000 ₴ cover for creative workshops for 22 children	Chernivtsi and Kyiv	ADRA Ukraine
SCLR	10 public organizations	3 963 048 ₴	Mykolaiv	ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic & Aktion Deutschland Hilft
Health	-	100 wheelchairs	Mykolaiv, Chernihiv, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Cherkasy, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
WASH	8 305 beneficiaries covered	3 water purification systems have been installed	Dnipropetrovsk	ADRA Germany & ADRA Czech Republic & Aktion Deutschland Hilft



SUMMER THAT REMAINS IN MEMORIES: HOW ADRA KIDS SUPPORTED KIDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

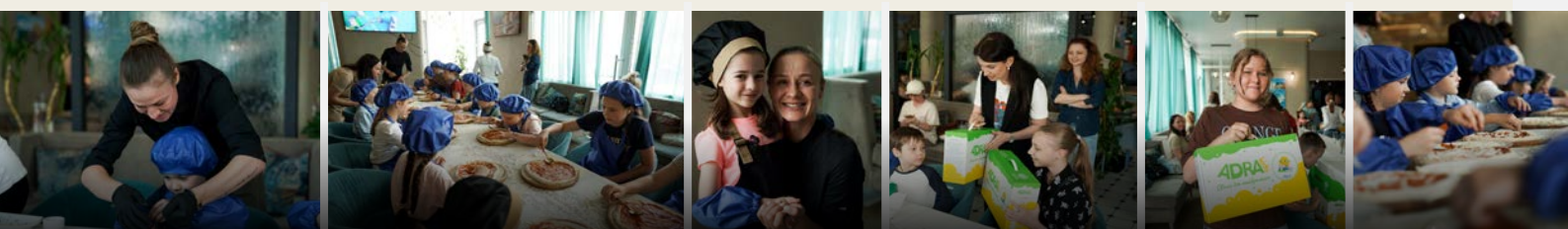
This summer, for the [ADRA Kids](#) team, kilometers between Chornomorsk, Zhytomyr, Hostomel, Dymer, Nizhyn, Zakarpattia, Bucha and Bukovyna were measured not only by distance. For each trip — children's acquaintances, creativity, gifts, new impressions and the opportunity to distract yourself from the reality of war at least for a while.

Summer activities were very different. In **Chornomorsk**, children from families of IDPs, ex-combatants and families who lost relatives due to the war met at a creative event. In Zhytomyr, a large-scale event organized jointly with partners brought together more than 100 children, including — children with disabilities, IDPs, as well as children from low-income and large families.



Chornomorsk. Creative event for war-affected children

In **Irpin**, children learned to cook pizza at a charity master class together with [Olha Martynovska](#), a judge of the culinary project «MasterChef», invited as a guest. Children who are interested in cooking were very interested in getting to know the star of a well-known Ukrainian TV project and learning the secrets of cooking a delicious dish.



Master class. Delicious secrets from Olha Martynovska from «MasterChef»

The **ADRA Kids team** held art therapy meetings in Hostomel and Dymer. Here, the usual seemingly gift — a powerbank, provided with the support of [the Sweden charitable organization "RadioAid"](#) and [ADRA International](#), — was of particular importance to children. Some were already experiencing situations in which the phone was running low and with it the contact with the parents was disappearing. Therefore, being able to stay in touch has also become a small sense of security.

«In a small settlement, children very rarely receive such help and gifts. Their reaction showed how happy and appreciated this support they received,» ADRA Kids project manager Maryna Piddubna talks about the meeting in Dymer.



Program for children and parents in Nizhyn. Joy received despite the war

In Nizhyn, the team once again saw how much childhood in Ukraine today is forced to adapt to the war. It's just that an air alert rang out in the middle of the program. The children, parents and team moved to shelter and the event continued there. After the end of the alert, the program was completed in the open air.

«No one let fear ruin this day. It is at such moments that you understand how important it is to give children joy even despite the war», Maryna recalls.



Program for children and parents in Nizhyn. During the alarm, the event continued in a shelter

Camps became a separate part of the summer.

In July, ADRA Ukraine, together with [the International Charitable Foundation «Help Step»](#), implemented an on-site program for children and adults from families affected by the war. Here, psychological support and art therapy were combined with creative and physical activities and joint activities of children with parents and guardians. This gave families the opportunity to spend more time together, relax and gain new experiences together.

One of the families after the camp said: *«You gave us much more than just a vacation — you gave us memories that will stay with us for a long time».*



In **Zakarpattia region**, ADRA Kids supported seven children of ex-combatants who were resting in "the Pathfinder" camp. After the art therapy class, one of the boys came to the psychologist for another three days to thank him for the meeting. The doll created by himself remained to him in memory of this experience.

In August, seven more children from Bucha and Hostomel spent six days in the day camp of [the charity fund «My vdoma» \(EN: We are at home\)](#). For many children, this is already a place with which they wait a whole year: here they see friends again, get to know each other, create and just spend time among their peers. ADRA Ukraine's psychologist also joined the program, and held a separate meeting with teenagers.

And there were five suitcases packed more for the road this summer. Thanks to ADRA Kids, five children who are brought up in a family-type orphanage and are in difficult life circumstances were able to go to a summer camp in Bukovyna. There are five different children's stories, new adventures and memories, that could not have happened without the support of caring people.



Summer camps is a space where children find friends, support and simply remain children

All of these events are different in scale and format, but they have one thing in common: [ADRA Kids](#) aims to create for war-affected children a space where they can feel safe, be heard, make friends, receive support and simply remain children.

Sometimes it is a big event for more than a hundred participants. Sometimes — a few days in camp. And sometimes is one child who returns to the psychologist three days later to say again: «**Thank you**». It is from such moments that the real result of the work consists.



WITHIN [THE ADRA KIDS PROJECT](#)
DURING THE SUMMER OF 2026

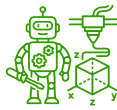
▼ 259 CHILDREN
▼ HAVE RECEIVED
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218 children
received **gifts**
or **powerbanks**



for 19 children
the rest in
a summer camp
was **paid**



22 children
for one month
studied robotics
and / or 3D-modeling
for **free**



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HIGHLIGHT

ADRA UKRAINE HAS COMPLETED A PROJECT TO DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 78,000 VOUCHERS FOR ATB STORES

The project was completed, within the framework of which the charitable organization ADRA Ukraine provided assistance in the form of vouchers for ATB stores with a denomination of 500 hryvnias. The donor of the project was [the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#).

The project lasted 13 months. During this time, 78,200 vouchers were distributed throughout Ukraine. Representatives of vulnerable categories of the population and internally displaced persons received assistance.

During the implementation of the project, ADRA Ukraine actively cooperated with the communities of [the Seventh-day Adventist Church](#) in all regions of Ukraine. Church volunteers participated in the distribution of vouchers, and the distribution itself was often carried out in the premises of local communities.

In addition, the project partnered with the organization [Save Ukraine](#), at whose transit hubs people evacuated from combat zones received certificates, as well as the Kharkiv and Donetsk Regional Military Administrations, which facilitated the project's implementation. In particular, aid was distributed through the humanitarian hubs of Pokrovsk and Kramatorsk cities.

Thanks to a wide partner network, the project made it possible to provide timely support to thousands of Ukrainians who most needed help in wartime conditions.



HIGHLIGHT

MORE THAN 11,000 FOOD KITS WERE RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS OF SLOVIANSK FROM THE UN WFP

In Sloviansk, Donetsk region, the ADRA Ukraine team distributed 11,350 food kits from [the UN World Food Programme](#) from 8 to 23 June, with the support of [ADRA Switzerland](#).

Assistance was distributed at more than 20 locations in the city. Food kits were received by people from vulnerable categories of the population who need humanitarian support.

Thanks to the cooperation of ADRA Ukraine and the UN World Food Programme, residents of front-line Sloviansk continue to receive the necessary food aid.

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HIGHLIGHT

688 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM DONETSK REGION

Since April of this year, 688 people who suffered as a result of the war have received financial assistance within the framework of the project implemented by ADRA Ukraine with funding from the Japan Platform and support from ADRA Japan. Most of the recipients, 582 people, were evacuated from Donetsk region.

Each participant of the program receives 12,300 hryvnias — a one-time payment designed to cover priority needs for three months. Support is provided under the UCT direction.

In order for aid to be able to arrive to newly evacuated people in a timely manner, ADRA Ukraine cooperates with transit centers. Recently, the project team visited centers in Voloske village and Pavlohrad city, Dnipropetrovsk region, where people from the front-line territories arrive every day.

During the visit, the team familiarized themselves with the current needs of the centers, the scope of evacuation and discussed the possibilities of further cooperation. In particular, transit centers help to transfer information about evacuated people for their further registration to receive financial support.

Assistance is provided within the framework of “the Emergency Livelihood Support Project for Vulnerable War-Affected People in Ukraine”, which is implemented by ADRA Ukraine with funding from [Japan Platform](#) and support from [ADRA Japan](#).

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HIGHLIGHT

MORE THAN 500 FAMILIES ARE PREPARING FOR WINTER WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOLID FUEL AID PROGRAM

More than 500 households in Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv regions are already registered to receive cash assistance for preparation for the 2026–2027 heating season.

Vulnerable families who heat their homes with solid fuel will receive 19,400 hryvnias per household for its purchase. For residents of front-line communities, such support makes it possible to take care of the warmth in their homes in advance and better prepare for the cold season.

So far, registration has been carried out in the communities of Dnipropetrovsk and Kharkiv regions.

In the near future, the ADRA Ukraine team also plans to register households in the Savyntsi community of the Kharkiv region, expanding support on the eve of winter.

The work takes place in coordination with Shelter Cluster, local governments and other humanitarian partners. This helps to align support and direct it to the communities where it is most needed.

For residents of the front-line territories, the opportunity to purchase fuel in advance — is primarily an opportunity to prepare the house for the cold and take care of the heat in winter.

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The story of Nataliia, Mykolaiv city

«This became my strong shoulder and push to choose myself»

For 17 years, Nataliia Martynova worked in the field of public catering, she went from a waitress to a chef. She single-handedly raised her daughter, supported her parents with serious illnesses and lived in her native village of Vesele in the Kherson region. The war changed everything: due to constant shelling, the family had to leave, and their house was completely destroyed.

«Our house is completely destroyed, it's just ashes... Due to shelling, I had to leave. Over the past year, I underwent several difficult operations and could not immediately go to my usual job. But it became an impetus to realize my old dream — to realize what I always thought about and become a masseuse», says Nataliia.

After moving, the woman had to not only start life in a new place, but also look for another professional path. During this period, she turned to ADRA Ukraine specialists for support.

Nataliia began attending group psychological events and working with social work specialist Kateryna. Here she received not only psychological support, but also practical help for a new start: consultations on further training, basic equipment for work and preparation for participation in grant programs for the development of her own business.

«At first I doubted it was for me. But the trainings gave me strength to open up and finally choose myself, not someone else. We were given the confidence to move on. Specialists are extremely sensitive and qualified people. They became the strong shoulder in my life that gave an important impetus to action», — shares Nataliia.

Today, her old dream is already turning into a new profession. Nataliia won a prize at the All-Ukrainian massage championship in the city of Vinnytsia and plans to continue her studies and develop in the direction of rehabilitation. In the future, she wants to use her skills to help people.

Thus, after losing her home, forced relocation and health problems, a new stage of life began for Nataliia. The profession she once only dreamed of gradually becomes a matter in which she sees her own future and the opportunity to be useful to others.

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**The story of Ihor,
Lviv city**

From a sketch to a ready-made detail: how practical skills of schoolchildren are developed at a lyceum in the city of Lviv

Seeing the turner's work on the video is one thing, and hand-cleaning the first part — is quite another. This is the opportunity that students of Lyceum «Zhyve Slovo» (EN: the Living Word) in the city of Lviv will get thanks to the new lathe that appeared in the school workshop. Ihor Kolodiy teaches labor training and technology at the lyceum. He says that the new equipment will primarily be used by high school students.

«First of all, we will use a machine for high school students who will be able to turn products with their own hands in practice. Not only to watch how it is done on video or read in books, but to try to do something with our own hands», — tells Ihor.

Now the workshop is being prepared for work with new equipment: a special table, additional lighting and grounding are being installed. After completing the training, schoolchildren will be able to move from theory to practical classes.

But they plan not to limit work with the new machine only to lessons. The lyceum wants to organize extracurricular classes and groups where students of all ages can join joint projects. Younger — come up with future products and create sketches, older — help implement these ideas in the material. *«It will be difficult for younger children, but we can involve them in the sense that they can make sketches, come up with some of their products, and already high school students — can implement it. In this way, we will combine their work», — explains the teacher.*

In the future, schoolchildren will be able to go all the way to creating a product: from conception and 3D modeling to working with the material and the finished part. Thus, the technology lesson turns into an opportunity not only to gain knowledge, but also to try one's own strength in technical matters.

For someone, such an experience can be the first acquaintance with a future profession. *«Children will be able not only to learn about professions from theory, but also to try with their own eyes and with their own hands who a turner is and what he does. And maybe someone will be interested and in the future decide to combine their life with such a profession, " says Ihor.* The lathe for the lyceum was purchased as part of the "Restore with Love IV" project, which is implemented with the participation of [ADRA Germany, Schulzentrum Marienhöhe](#) and ADRA Ukraine.

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The story of Mariia, Mykolaiv city

«I don't know what I would do without this support»

Eighteen-year-old Mariia from the city of Mykolaiv is engaged in theater, saber fencing and vocals. But after the start of the full-scale war, the usual rhythm of life was changed. The family remained in Mykolaiv, and constant shelling, anxiety and fear gradually became part of everyday life.

«We didn't even leave Mykolaiv. I remember how I went out to walk dogs with my mother at night, because it was very scary to spend the night in the corridor... I was in some strange state then and did not go to school», — recalls Mariia.

Over time, the experienced stress began to manifest itself in panic attacks. The mother noticed her daughter's condition and offered to seek psychological help. That's how Mariia met Oksana, a psychologist at ADRA Ukraine.

At first, the girl doubted whether she needed such support. But gradually consultations became a place where she could talk about her experiences, better understand her own condition and learn to cope with anxiety. In particular, the psychologist taught Mariia breathing techniques that can be used in difficult moments.

«I didn't think I would ever need a psychologist. But when I came here, it really became much easier for me. With each consultation, I understood something new for myself and learned to overcome anxiety. I don't know what I would have done if a psychologist hadn't appeared in my life at that moment, » — tells the girl.

Mariia's younger sister — Sofiia also received psychological support. After the start of the full-scale invasion, the girl became more withdrawn. She began attending group and individual classes, and Mariia gradually noticed changes in her mood and behavior.

One simple detail says the best thing about how important these meetings have become for Sofiia: she wanted to spend her birthday in a group class together with other children.

«She was leaving the house closed and returning inspired and full of emotions. On her birthday, Sofiia wanted only one — to come to the children's group class and share this holiday with them. Seeing how a loved one changes and how it helps him, — unbelievably, » — says Mariia.

For the two sisters, psychological classes became a different, but equally important experience. Mariia learned to better understand and cope with her own anxiety, and for Sofiia, group meetings became a place where she wanted to return — even on her birthday.

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The story of Nadiia, Kharkiv region



«Most of all I just want to hug my children»

Nadiia Makarenko has been living in the Kharkiv region for thirty years. Once together with her husband, they moved here from the city of Kharkiv, bought a house, built a yard and started a large farm. Now they have to keep all this on their shoulders themselves.

— Before the war, everything was okay. And now only the chickens remain. I am a widow for the fifth year. The garden is big, you have to mow... To take care of all this, you need to hire people, which work costs money, — says the woman.

Despite fatigue and loneliness, she plants a garden every spring. He says he wants to provide himself with vegetables, and if it is possible to pass something on to the children. But every year it becomes more and more difficult to do this. Nadiia has been regularly receiving food kits for almost three years. He says this help became an important support for her.

— As I started receiving for the first time, I get until now. Cereals, canned goods... I use everything. I like everything. This is ready-made food. I had to work in the garden to the sound of war.

— What flies, — is already not so... A lot flies. They flew all day yesterday. I was in the garden, and it thundered there. And today at five in the morning what happened...

But it's not even that hurts the most. The war separated Nadiia from her family. The youngest daughter and her grandson left for Poland after the destruction of the apartment. They haven't seen each other for four years. The eldest daughter lives in the city of Kharkiv, but due to problems with transport, she has almost no opportunity to come to her mother.

— Most of all I just want to see my children. And hug them.

For Nadiia, the food kit is not only food. This is an opportunity to worry a little less about daily needs and focus on what is really important: to protect the home, wait to meet the family and live on, despite the war.

It is to support people who remain in front-line communities and overcome the consequences of war every day that [the UN World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#) together with ADRA Ukraine, with the support of [ADRA Switzerland](#), provides regular food aid.

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The story of Olena, Kharkiv region



«At first we ran away alone. Now we evacuated our parents»

A few days ago, Olena Chernova met her relatives again. But not at a family holiday, but after evacuation. Her parents were taken out of the Kupiansk district (Kharkiv region), where it became more and more dangerous to stay due to constant shelling.

— *Today we evacuated our parents from the Kupiansk district, from the village of Velikiy Burluk. We receive humanitarian aid, everything is given to us. We are very grateful because there is a big problem with food in our country.*

Olena knows well what it means to lose her home.

— *We are from Vovchansk, which as a city no longer exists.*

Since the beginning of the full-scale war, her family has repeatedly started life anew. At first, Olena and her children were evacuated from the city of Kharkiv to the city of Khmelnytskyi, where they were accepted and helped to settle down. Now it's time to support parents who were also forced to leave their homes. But the war took even more from the family.

— *I am the mother of the Hero of Ukraine, who died three years ago. He gave his life...*

Today, parents will live with their children.

— *This assistance, of course, helps to save a little money. Parents are retired, live only on retirement. But they have us, children who were raised by decent people. We have already settled in a new place, so now our parents will live with us.*

Despite everything she experienced, Olena is talking not only about her own family.

— *What other countries, humanitarian organizations help us, — is a very big support. We appreciate it very much. And it's good that people don't stay alone — the state provides dormitories, and various organizations help.*

After the loss of the house, forced moves and the death of the son, life will never be the same again. But the closest relatives remained nearby. And this is what gives Olena the strength to move on today.

It is to support people who have been forced to evacuate due to the fighting that [the UN World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#), together with ADRA Ukraine, with the support of [ADRA Switzerland](#), provides regular food aid.



The story of Mykhailo, Lviv region

«Islands of Hope»: How «Barvinok» center supports people who have lost their homes

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the health center «Barvinok» in the Lviv region has become a shelter for people who were forced to leave their homes. During this time, more than a hundred people found a temporary home here. Some later moved on and settled in a new place, and 14 people still live in the center today.

These are mostly elderly people from Donetsk, Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk regions. The head of «Barvinok» center Mykhailo Oleksyshyn recalls that in 2022, when the first evacuees began to arrive, it was first necessary to create the right conditions for them.

«In 2022, many IDPs came to us. In order to be able to accommodate them, the center primarily needed reinforcement and material development. And when the basic conditions were created, we began to systematically receive both fuel briquettes and food products, everything necessary to ensure everyday life,» says Mykhailo.

For people who currently live in the center, regular food support is quite practical. Most of them live on small pensions, and thanks to the products that the center receives, they can prepare a full meal here every day. People can leave their own funds for medicines and other personal needs. But Mykhailo also talks about the other side of such support — feeling that after what they have experienced, a person was not left alone.

«There is a lot of evil around now, and such moments enhance life. It is like islands of hope, where a person can selflessly get help and feel that not everything is lost in this world. Having received such support, people themselves then show selfless love,» he shares.

How important this shelter has become for people will be learned in «Barvinok» even after years. Some of the former residents who have already settled life in other cities continue to call the center, talk about themselves and remember their time here.

«There are people who call at least once every six months. They tell how they settled down and thank us that our center helped them survive this difficult period. It's nice to hear that at that moment we were able to become support for them,» says Mykhailo.

For some, «Barvinok» has become a temporary stop on the way to a new life, for some it remains home today. And the phone calls of people who left here a long time ago remind us: the support received at the most difficult moment can remain in the memory for a long time.

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