

Each year, on the cover of our annual report, we featured portraits of people who became the image of our mission. The year 2022 divided the lives of millions into before and after. The war turned everything into rubble: houses, entire cities, lives, stories, and destinies of generations.

This year, we have placed fragments of various photographs on the cover. These are photos of those we have helped, as well as those that have been captured in the news and photos of our employees, who often carry fragments of their own stories while providing hope to others.

Tetiana Kalinichenko



**CARITAS-SPES
UKRAINE**

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WHO WE ARE

Caritas-Spes, the religious Mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, has more than 300 organizations and more than 50 aid centers. With the full-scale Russian invasion, the Mission expanded its activities through RCC parishes and scaled up its humanitarian work.

IN 2022, THE RAPID RESPONSE PROJECTS COVERED:



15 000
settlements



768 463
beneficiaries



23
regions

Our Mission Cherish merciful love and hope in actions

Our Vision Building a civilization of love, justice, and peace, which will allow to overcome poverty, restore justice and dignity for every person in all regions of Ukraine

Our Values Respect for every human being, solidarity, and subsidiarity



The Albertine Sisters distribute aid to the wards of the Caritas-Spes Lviv social kitchen". The number of their wards has increased significantly on account of IDPs. Photo by Mickael Franci. Lviv, June 2022












Caritas-Spes Ukraine is a member of the Caritas Confederation, which includes more than 160 Catholic charitable organizations operating on every continent. Caritas' uniqueness lies in the effective joint experience gained over decades to respond effectively to emergencies, as well as in advance of and post-emergency situations.

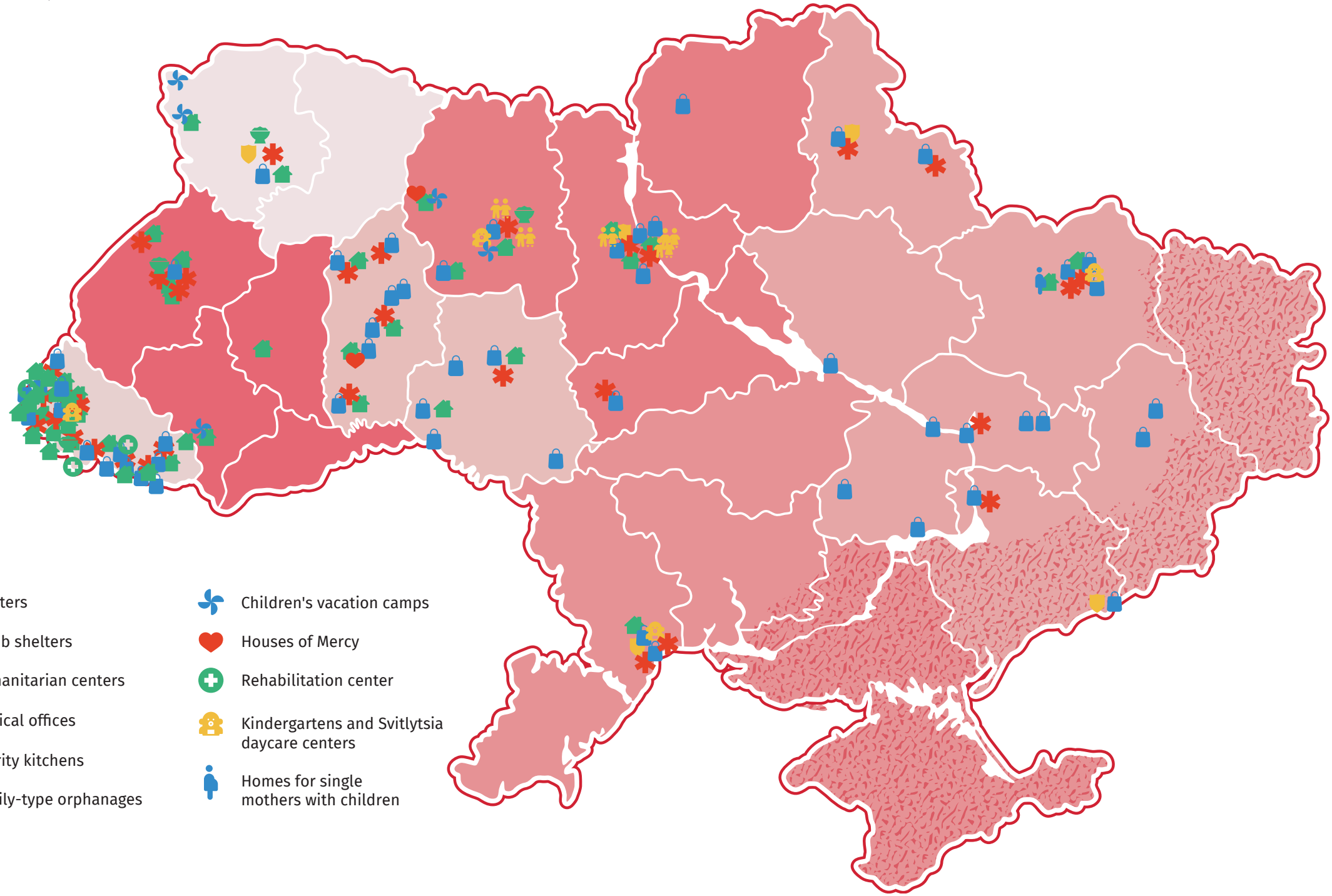
Caritas Confederation continues its commitment to promoting a human rights-based approach so that every person affected by armed conflict and violence feels safe, protected, accepted, and respected. Caritas is working on «Restoring Home, Restoring Hope» for millions of people affected by this war.

Caritas supports people in need, not only in response to wars and disasters but also in everyday life, at the parish level, when their needs remain invisible to many others.

Caritas-Spes Ukraine's activities are aimed at overcoming poverty, establishing justice, and restoring human dignity, regardless of religion, skin color, nationality, or political or ideological beliefs.

MAP OF CARITAS-SPES UKRAINE ACTIVITIES

-  Shelters
-  Bomb shelters
-  Humanitarian centers
-  Medical offices
-  Charity kitchens
-  Family-type orphanages
-  Children's vacation camps
-  Houses of Mercy
-  Rehabilitation center
-  Kindergartens and Svitlytsia daycare centers
-  Homes for single mothers with children



-  1 Lviv Archdiocese
-  2 Kyiv-Zhytomyr Diocese
-  3 Odesa-Simferopol Diocese
-  4 Kharkiv-Zaporizhzhia Diocese
-  5 Kamianets-Podilskyi Diocese
-  6 Mukachevo Diocese
-  7 Lutsk Diocese

OUR DEFENDERS ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE RUSSIAN INVADER, AND OUR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS ARE BRINGING ACTS OF MERCY TO THE PLACES WHERE HUNGER, POVERTY, DESPAIR, AND CHAOS NEED TO BE OVERCOME

For more than a year, our homeland has been valiantly defending itself against a large-scale assault by the Russian aggressor. War brings with it fear, tears, suffering, destruction, and death. Its impact has been felt by everyone to varying degrees. It has already altered many of us, and its ongoing effects will continue to do so. The question of who we will become after the war ends is being decided today. How can we continue to live as Christians in the midst of war and demonstrate to the world the merciful love of Christ? This is a challenge that every baptized person must confront.

As a Religious Mission that has existed since 1996, we have mobilized all our resources to help those who need it most. Our defenders are fighting against the Russian invader, and our employees and volunteers are bringing acts of mercy to the places where hunger, poverty, despair, and chaos need to be overcome.

The quantitative data included in this report represent our humble effort to express gratitude to our benefactors for their generous support, which allowed our organization to deliver vital assistance to those in need. These figures also serve as a testament to our community, demonstrating that people, countries, and above all, God Himself are not indifferent to our suffering.



- **Bishop Oleksandr Yazlovetskyi**
President of the Religious Mission «Caritas-Spes Ukraine»



Ms. Bronislava, a volunteer at the shelter at St. John Paul II Roman Catholic Parish, with her wards. Photo: Volodymyr Herasymon. Lviv, Sokilnyky. February 2023

Ms. Bronislava's story:





A girl in Kharkiv spent 200 days with her parents in the basement of a 16-story building in Northern Saltivka. Photo by Volodymyr Herasymov. Kharkiv, February 2023



The story of the family:

A YEAR OF LOSS, A YEAR OF GREAT SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY

Every New Year, we are used to greeting each other with kind words and wishes of happiness. But nine years ago, the lives of millions of Ukrainians went through painful changes. And every time the calendar flips over, we ask ourselves, «What will this year be like?».

Since the Revolution of Dignity, the political regime of the neighboring country has brought about a series of disturbing events: the annexation and occupation of our territories, constant fighting in the east, and the build-up of its troops near our borders. We were aware that Russia was preparing for an escalation, and we were already working on humanitarian response plans. Still, we could not have expected such a scale of aggression and such terrible consequences.

This year has not been easy. It has been exhausting, extremely challenging, a time of numerous changes. My first thought after realizing that a full-scale war had started was: «God, don't let us be left alone». It was hard to imagine the full scale of the challenges that awaited our organization and us in the near future. After all, the price of war is not only destroyed homes, villages, and cities but also destroyed families, destinies, and traumatized generations.

On the one hand, this is a year of losses that we suffer in our work and personal lives, but on the other hand, it is a year of great support and solidarity. The closeness of the international community gives us hope that we will be able to continue our fruitful ministry for the benefit of those who are losing this hope.

— **Father Vyacheslav Grynevych SAC**
Executive Director



EMERGENCY APPEAL

The war in Ukraine has led to one of the most critical and historic humanitarian situations in Europe since World War II.

The Caritas family, which is the helping hand of the Catholic Church, having well-developed mechanisms for responding to emergencies, supported Ukrainians by announcing an emergency appeal for help. The Confederation, as an organization based on the principles of partnership and fraternal cooperation, expressed solidarity with Caritas member organizations in Ukraine and abroad through an emergency appeal.

24 Caritas partner organizations responded with contributions. This made the EMERGENCY APPEAL project possible.



25.02.2022
the emergency appeal
is announced



24 organizations
responded with their
contributions



7 969 209 euro
the total amount of
donations collected

On February 25, 2022, a joint project was launched, in which Caritas-Spes Ukraine had its share, and on April 1, 2022, the national EMERGENCY APPEAL (EA) project officially started.

Michael Landau, President of Caritas Europe:

“We urgently need the solidarity of the world. We need to help Ukraine.”

1 March 2022

Letter of support from Caritas Internationalis:

“This crisis has upset the entire Caritas family as well as all of humanity. Please be assured of our daily prayers in our Confederacy in this time of pain.”

14 March 2022

Amparo Alonso Escobar, Temporary Administrator of Caritas Internationalis:

“The number of services we provided over the past year is truly impressive. However, what Caritas provides is much more than just aid. We support people before, during, and after the crisis. We want to continue this work. We want to bring that sense of hope and warmth to those suffering in Ukraine.”

21 February 2023



A village near the border with Belarus. Photo: Francyska Tumanovich. April 2022

Read more:



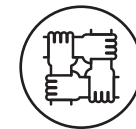
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECTS



44
projects of the
National Office



48
Network-developed
projects



>100
partner
organizations



3 092 606
social services
provided



768 463
beneficiaries
reached



198 463
beneficiaries under
the EA project

LOGISTICS AND HUMANITARIAN CARGO



3

logistics hubs (Lviv, Mukachevo, Kyiv)



7

local warehouses (Kharkiv, Dnipro, Odesa, Kyiv, Mukachevo, Zhytomyr, Vinnytsia)



27

parish warehouses



> 5 317

tons of humanitarian aid imported



> 418

vehicles received with humanitarian aid



635

trucks shipped across Ukraine



11 043

pallets of cargo



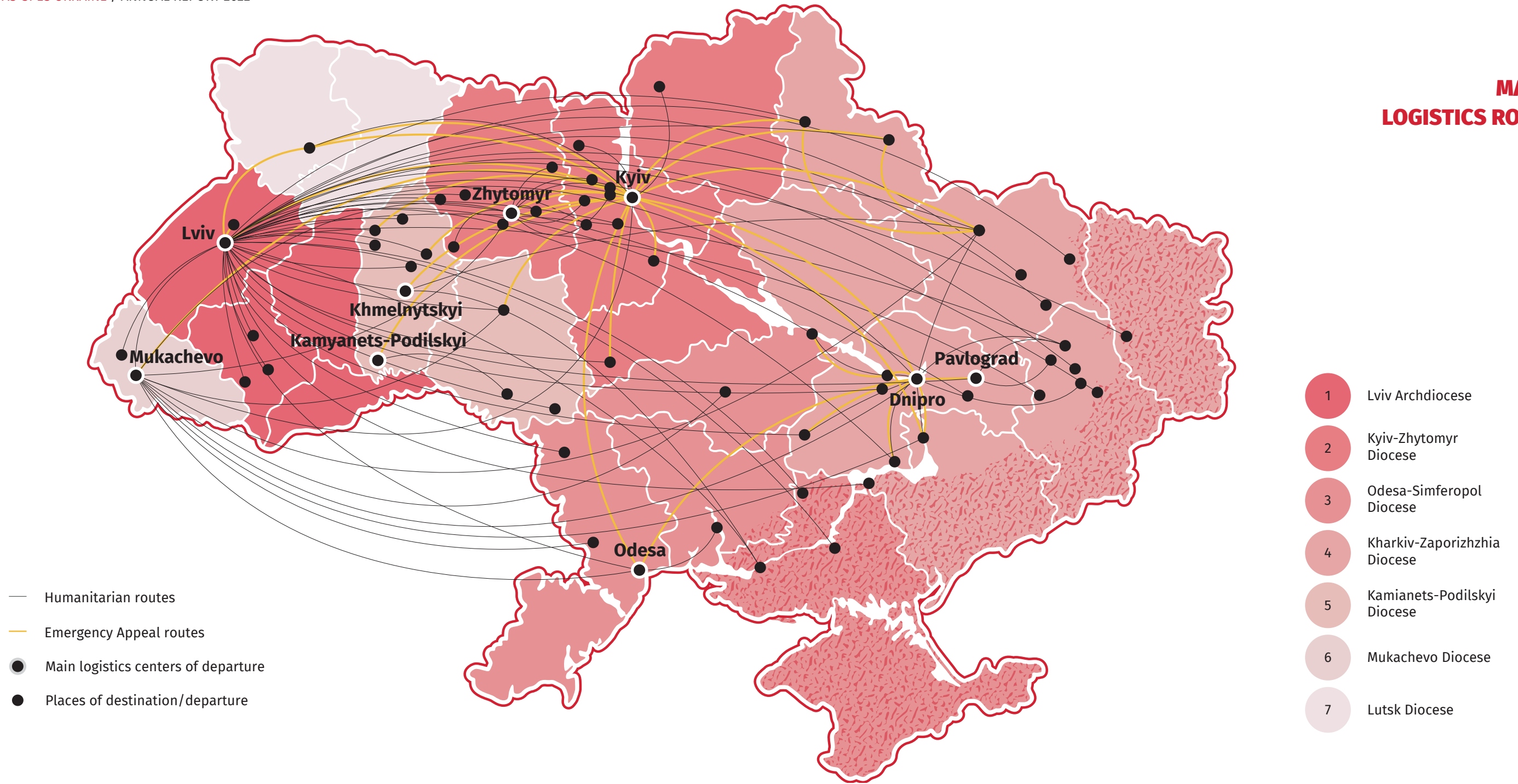
> 307 103 km

covered by humanitarian transports in Ukraine



Workers of a humanitarian warehouse. Photo by Tetiana Kalinichenko. Lviv, June 2022

MAP OF LOGISTICS ROUTES



IDP SHELTERS AND BOMB SHELTERS

"...We grew up in a city where the sound of airplanes was an everyday occurrence. We became so accustomed to it that we hardly noticed it anymore. However, we soon learned that these familiar sounds could become the most terrifying things we had ever heard. When an airplane enters its second circle, dropping its deadly payload onto the people below, you have only a few minutes to find cover or risk being hit," recalls Iryna. "Recently, we heard the hum of an airplane again. Our rational mind knew that we were not in danger, but our bodies, remembering what we had been through, reacted so strongly that we felt physically ill. It was almost like a panic attack, and we were powerless to do anything about it. The sound of an airplane is something we are unlikely to forget anytime soon. When it all began, we made a snap decision to leave. We packed one backpack and helped the children into the car before setting off, unsure of where we were headed. Along the way, some friends suggested that we might find refuge at Caritas-Spes in Kamianets-Podilskyi. This brought us some measure of relief, as we now knew where we were going and what awaited us there."

The shelter in Kamianets-Podilskyi is supported by the Emergency Appeal project.

Read the full story here:



5 bomb shelters

Donors: Renovabis, Kindermissionswerk Die Sternsinger, Diocese Rottenburg-Stuttgart



40
shelters



284 015
services rendered



2729 people
received assistance

Donors: 24 partners (CI) Emergency Appeal, AMU, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Austria, ADA, Spišská Katolícka Charita, Caritas Czech Republic, IWCK, Hilfswerk Liechtenstein, Caritasverband für das Erzbistum Paderborn, Marijino Delo Gibanje Fokolarov, Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Wilfried und Martha Ensinger Stiftung



A family from Chuhuiv at a shelter in Sokilnyky. Photo by Volodymyr Herasymov. Lviv (Sokilnyky). February 2023

HUMANITARIAN CENTERS

...First, the power was cut off, followed by gas, water, and heating. All communication channels went down as well. When the Mariupol city authorities fled and all modern amenities ceased to function, looting ensued.

Natalia and her family, like all the other residents of the city, had to collect water from puddles and the river. They often stood in queues under shelling to obtain drinking water.

«I can remember how much we rejoiced when it snowed. We could melt the snow and get water,» recalls Natalia. At one point, every tree in the city had been cut down for fuel, as people had to cook and warm themselves over open fires, even while under shelling.

There was no bread. «I cut it into 4 mm slices and gave it to my two grandchildren once a day,» Natalia recalls.

Some residents from the outskirts of the city brought potatoes and carrots, and a local store gave away leftover meat that was about to spoil. These ingredients were combined in a pot and cooked each day, and everyone ate only once a day. “We slept in our clothes under a pile of blankets because it was very cold...”

Read the full story here:



The work of a humanitarian center. Photo by Volodymyr Herasymov. Kharkiv, February 2023



53
humanitarian centers
and charity canteens



1 715 737
total number of services
provided



406 235
food parcels
distributed



279 536
hygiene kits distributed



362 729
hot lunches

Donors: 24 partners (CI) Emergency Appeal, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Austria, ADA, BGA, KFMA, Caritas Slovenia, Franziskaner für Menschen in Not, Caritas Alba Iulia, Caritas Oradea, Caritas Satu Mare, Caritas Spisc, Caritas Hungary, Priesterausbildungs Hilfe e.V., Hrvatski Caritas Zagreb, Caritas Zagrebacke Nadbiskupije, Caritasverband für das Erzbistum Paderborn



Worker of a construction team restoring a damaged building. Photo by Tetiana Kalinichenko. Sloboda village, Chernihiv region. Summer of 2022

RENOVATION OF DESTROYED HOUSING

“Sloboda is a village located in the Chernihiv region, which suffered significant damage during the battles fought to liberate the area from enemy occupation. Similarly, Lukashivka, another village in the region, was occupied by Russian forces for 21 days, during which time they established their headquarters and ammunition depot in the Church of the Ascension. After the village was liberated, the bodies of those executed by the invaders were discovered in the church. Sadly, the 240-year-old Church of the Ascension, which was a notable landmark of Lukashivka, was also destroyed during the occupation,” Dmytro described the villages selected for the pilot launch of the project.

The team’s efforts were primarily directed towards assisting low-income and large families, as well as elderly individuals and those with disabilities who required support in repairing their homes. By rebuilding and repairing homes built by human hands, the team instilled hope for the future in these families. We have the power to support people who have lived through the experience of occupation and hear their stories because a building can be easily destroyed, but memories of it cannot.

Learn more
about the
project here:



Read more
about the
family here:



50
renovated houses



167
people reached

Donor: Caritas Luxembourg, Caritasverband für das Erzbistum Paderborn

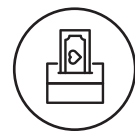
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Ms. Tetyana has been reliving those traumatic experiences in her mind for over a year now, and the pain seems unending. At 63 years old, she spent 40 of those years living in Mariupol.

Her family's home was located just one and a half kilometers away from Azovstal. Something was constantly flying over their house and exploding nearby. The windows and doors in the house were blown out, although the building itself withstood.

«On February 24, we awoke to the sound of nearby explosions,» Mrs. Tetyana recounted. «My son Danik was working the night shift at Azovstal. At dawn, he called me and said, 'Mom, it's war. Get my things ready, I'm going to the enlistment office.' It was a shock for me because my son had never served in the military and was not liable for military service. But he had made his decision, and his father took him to the commissariat at 11 am. Danik went on to serve in the territorial defense force.»

Read the full story here:



2 525
families received financial support



6 658
beneficiaries (family members)

Donors: Caritas Polska, Caritas Switzerland, Caritas Znojmo

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE



The work of the Medical Service program. Photo: Caritas-Spes Kyiv. December 2022



62 637
medical services provided



14 684
first aid kits distributed



1 949
first aid kits distributed as part of the EA project



6 877
families/households that received first aid kits



20 632
people received first aid kits as part of the EA project

Donors: 24 partners (CI) Emergency Appeal, Kindermissionswerk Die Sternsinger, Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Azione Famiglie Nuove, AMU



A group of children from Ukraine on vacation in Italy. Photo: Caritas-Spes Ukraine. August 2022

CHILDREN'S VACATIONS

Children from Odesa were able to spend their vacation in Dubrovnik. Unfortunately, their usual summer holiday by the Black Sea became impossible this year due to the ongoing conflict. The coastline is heavily mined and regularly shelled, and the children, who grew up near the sea, had been waking up to the sound of sirens for six months. With the support of Hrvatski Caritas, a ten-day trip to Dubrovnik was made possible for 42 children from Odesa, once again offering Ukrainian children the chance to experience life in vivid colors and hope for a happy childhood.

Despite living in an old fortress city with stunning views of the mountains and the sea, the children remained afraid of airplanes, as recounted by the accompanying educators. Oksana Ukrainka, an employee of the Caritas-Spes Odesa team, noted that the sound of an airplane reminded the children of the war in Ukraine. They immediately reached for their phones to check for air raid warnings in Odesa, even in the midst of the exotic environment.

Read more about children's vacations here:



1 247 children



11 trips

Donors: Renovabis, Wilfried und Martha Ensinger Stiftung, Caritas Italiana, Kindermissionswerk Die Sternsinger, Franz Pitzal Stiftung Renninger Krippe, Caritas Croatia, Caritas Italiana, Caritas Slovenia

OTHER PROGRAMS

The programs presented in this section, despite their local nature, have significant achievements. Currently, there are 3 child rehabilitation centers in the Zakarpattia region. In the summer of 2023, another one will be opened in the Zhytomyr region.

Rehabilitation center



3
rehabilitation centers



669
beneficiaries



155 637
services provided during the year

The centers are aimed at helping children with various forms of disabilities, including mental disorders and mobility problems.

School bus



4
buses



157
children

School buses run daily, providing children from remote villages of Zakarpattia with access to schools.

Lyceum



67
students

The lyceum has been operating since 2001. Its students are in grades 8 through 11.

CHARITY EVENTS

Caritas-Spes Ukraine holds charity events annually, and last year, despite the hostilities, the events were also held. The “Children’s Vacations in Austria” campaign has been running since 2019, “Phenylketonuria” since 2009, and “Winter Shoes” since 2011.

Winter shoes



488
children



488
pairs of shoes

Donors: Wilfried und Martha Ensinger Stiftung, Caritasverband für das Erzbistum Paderborn, Franz Pitzal Stiftung Renninger Krippe, Bistum Paderborn, DFB-Stiftung Egidius Braun and private sponsors

Children’s vacations in Austria



10
children

Donor: kleine herzen

Phenylketonuria assistance



79
children

Donor: Wilfried und Martha Ensinger Stiftung

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Developing social entrepreneurship during a full-scale war was a challenge for the Mission. There was an outflow of labor and immediate danger to the team due to the missile attacks. Damage to the power grid resulted not only in the loss of production capacity but also in damage to equipment due to power surges and sudden power outages. The primary task before us was to keep people safe.

Apiary



300 000 UAH
allocated to support a family-type orphanage in Pnikut



10 tons
of honey

Candlestick factory



500 candles
donated to charity

Bakery



35 000
loaves of bread donated to charity

Charity fairs and concerts

Funds allocated to help IDPs



TRANSFORMING LONG-TERM PROGRAMS

Social centers and charity kitchens

operating since 1992

Social centers became centers for the distribution of humanitarian aid and, in some places, storage facilities. Social kitchens expanded their services.

5
social centers

13
charity canteens

298 492
meals distributed

100 974
food packages distributed

Family-type orphanages (FTOs)

operating since 1996

Due to their proximity to the hostilities, three FTOs had to be relocated. 1 of them still remains abroad.

12
FTOs

156
children

Children's recreation centers

operating since 1996

On the first day of the full-scale invasion, they became shelters for IDPs.

5
centers

3 000
places

Houses of Mercy

operating since 1997

Centers for lonely elderly people in need of constant care.

2
House of Mercy

63
wards



Student dormitories and scholarship programs

operating since 1998

The war had a significant impact on the educational process. Accordingly, the student support program was reduced, but the support for talented young people did not stop.

6
dormitories

142
students

58
scholarship holders

Kindergartens and daycare centers

operating since 2003

Due to active hostilities, the program was partially suspended.

15
kindergartens

4
Svitlytsia daycare centers

1 145
children reached

Homes for single mothers

operating since 2011

On the first day of the full-scale invasion, the Homes for Single Mothers found themselves in the combat zone. The program was relocated to western Ukraine but has already returned to the Kharkiv region.

2
houses

12
mothers

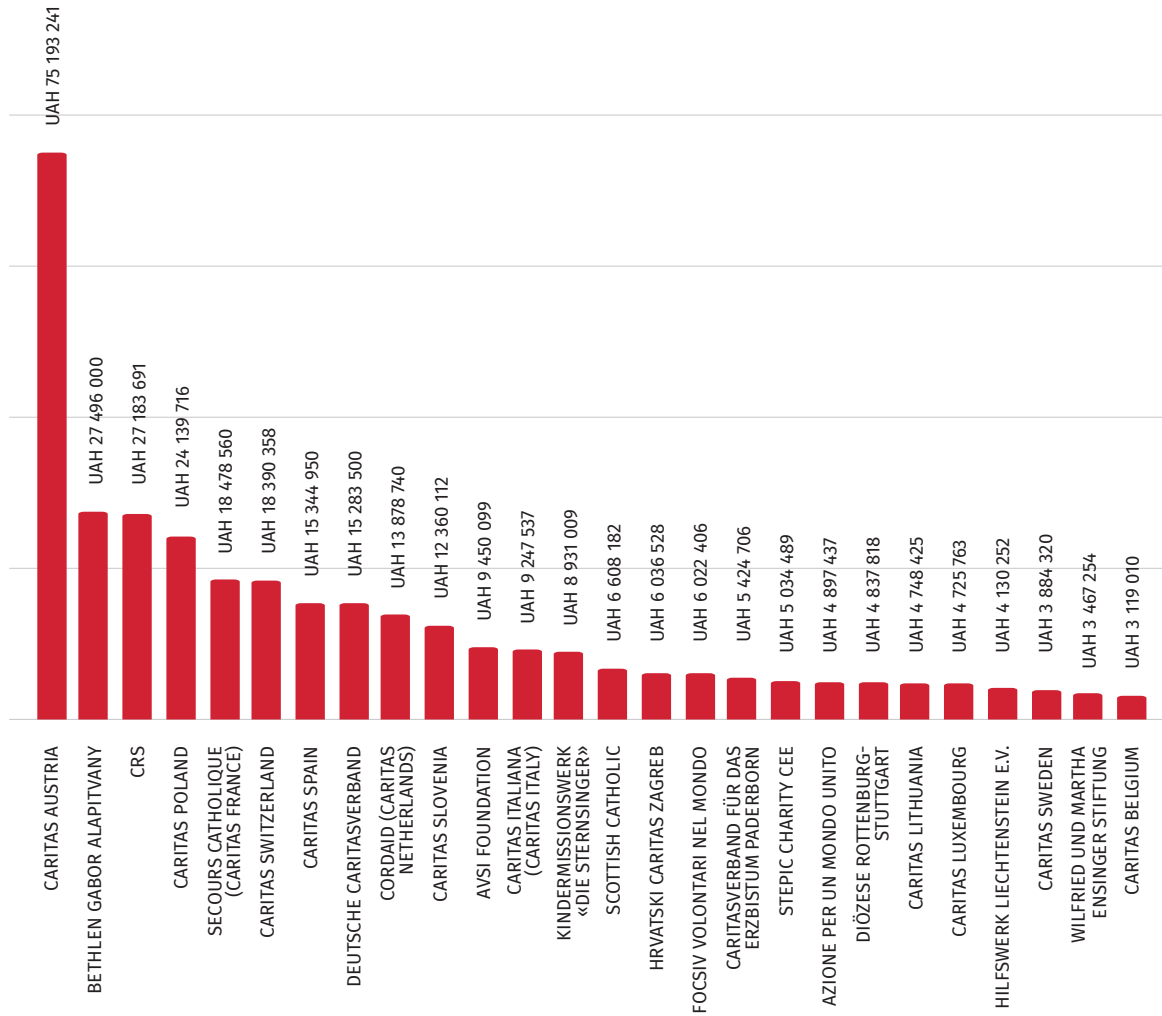
15
children



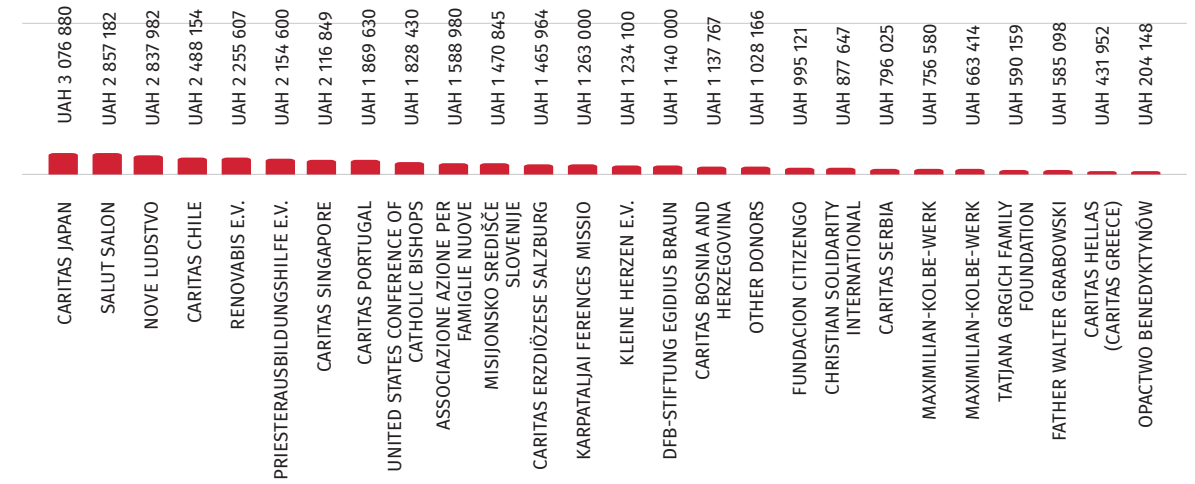
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CARITAS-SPES UKRAINE

SOURCES

UAH **375 271 803** PER YEAR



During the year of the full-scale invasion, Caritas-Spes Ukraine received support from more than 120 donor organizations. This chart includes only the largest contributions.

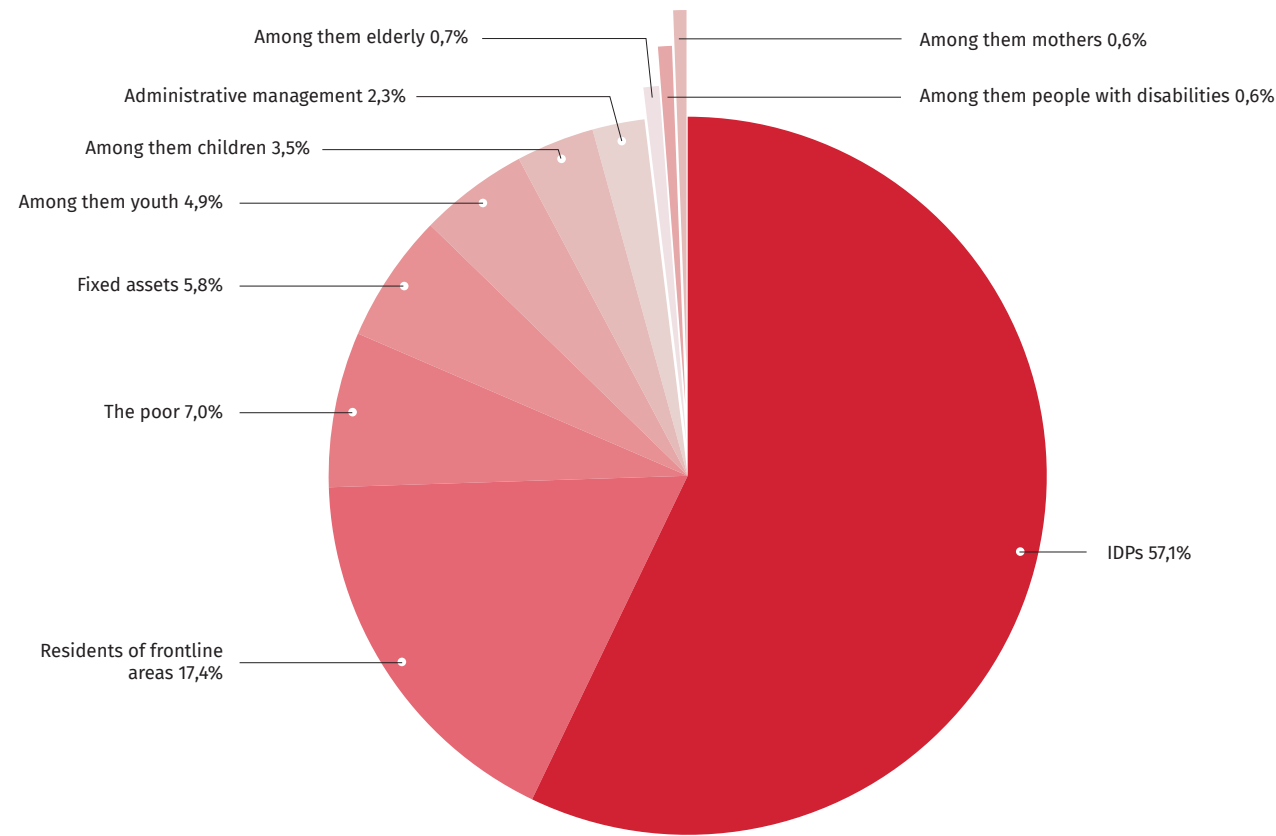


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EXPENSES

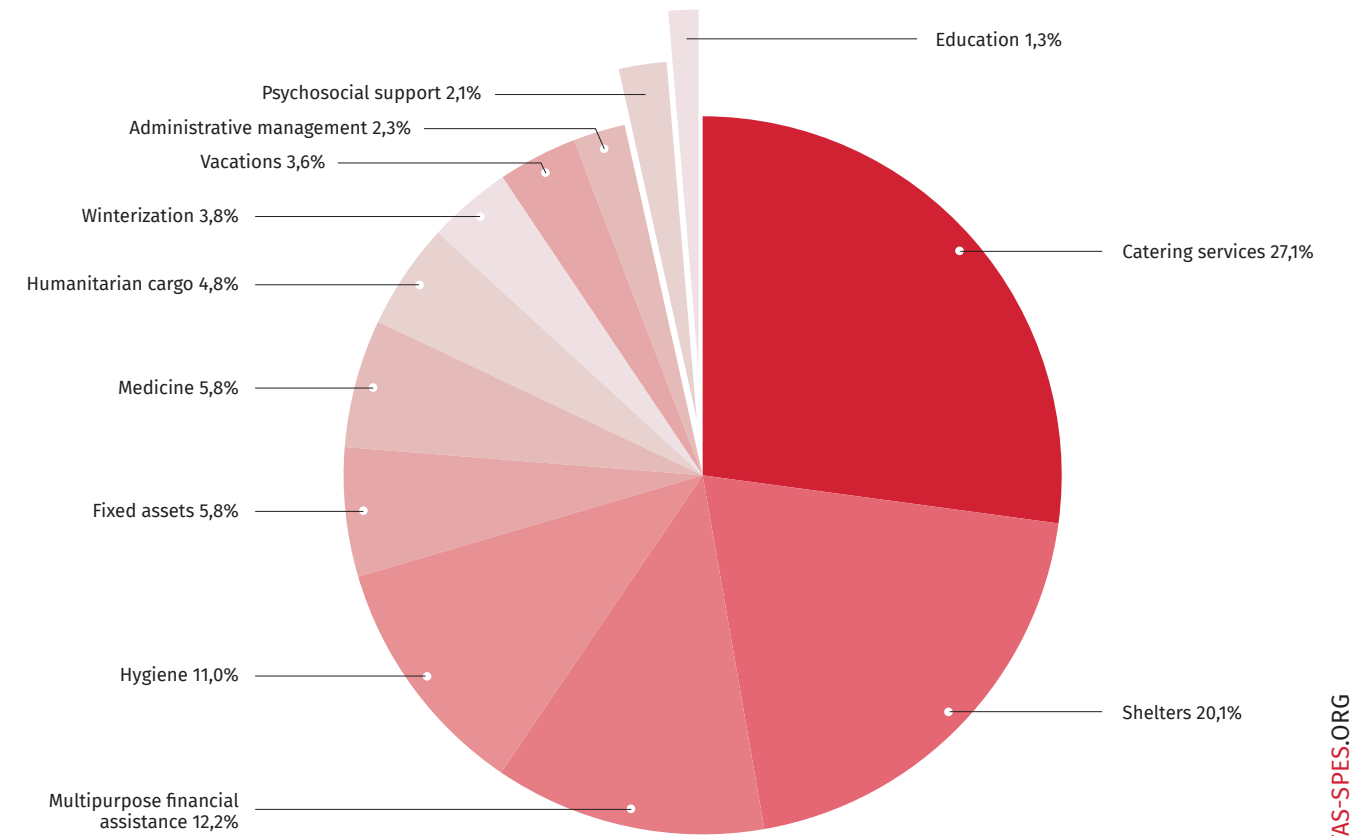
UAH 305 454 830 PER YEAR

AREAS OF EXPENDITURE



Balance as of 01 January 2022 — UAH 12,571,927
 Balance as of 30 December 2022 — UAH 82,388,900
 Balance sheet value of fixed assets as of 31 December 2022 — residual UAH 97,233,800

AREAS OF EXPENDITURE BY CLUSTER



OUR PARTNERS



The Caritas-Spes Religious Mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine would like to express its sincere gratitude to our partners, donors, private patrons, domestic and foreign foundations, and charitable organizations who have supported us in addressing the challenges of the ongoing conflict across all of the areas where we work. We welcome opportunities for collaboration on both existing and new projects.