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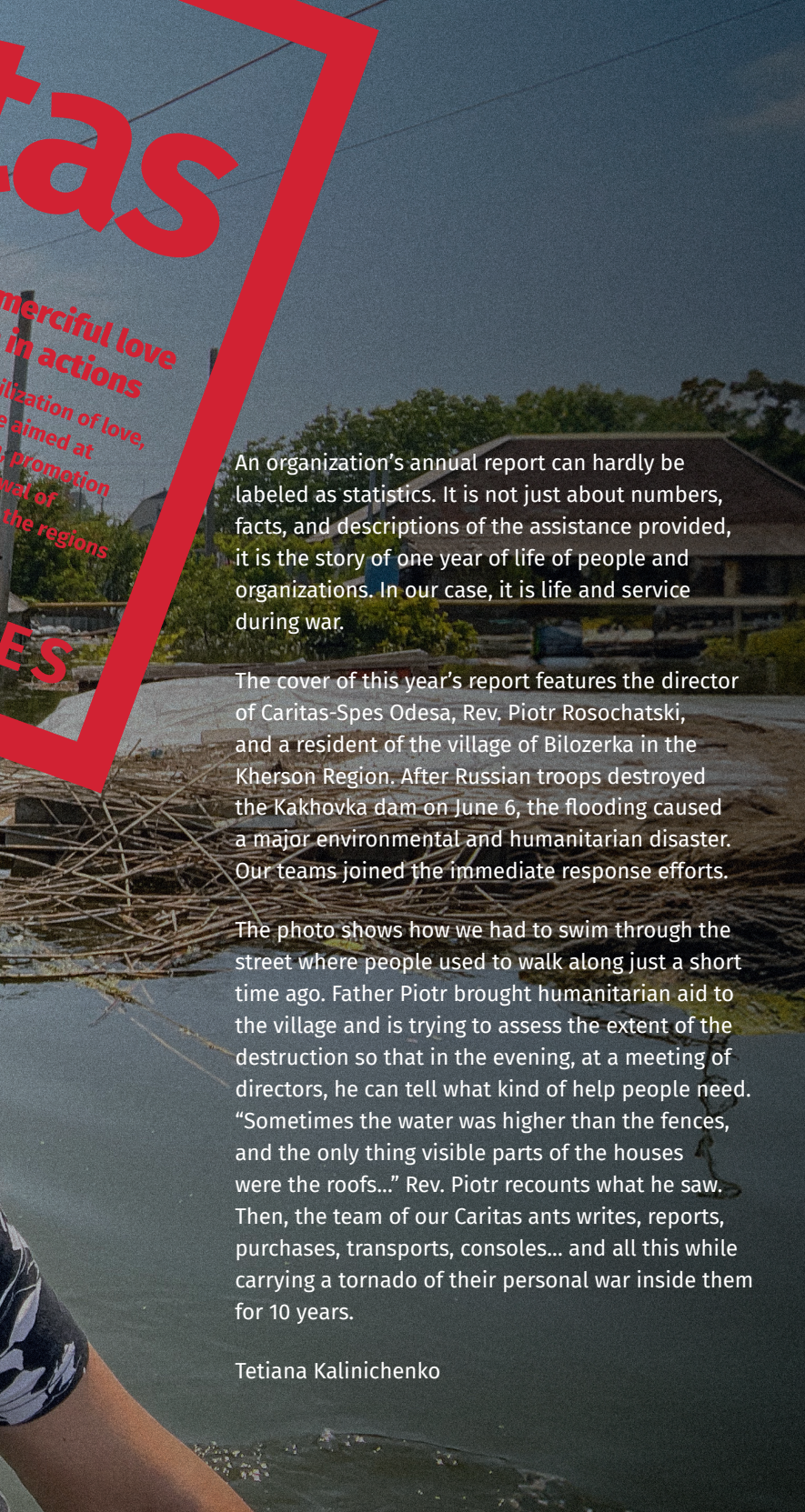
Caritas
**Cherish merciful love
and hope in actions**

Building the civilization of love,
justice and peace aimed at
poverty reduction, promotion
of justice and renewal of
human dignity in all the regions
of Ukraine

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An organization's annual report can hardly be labeled as statistics. It is not just about numbers, facts, and descriptions of the assistance provided, it is the story of one year of life of people and organizations. In our case, it is life and service during war.

The cover of this year's report features the director of Caritas-Spes Odesa, Rev. Piotr Rosochatski, and a resident of the village of Bilozerka in the Kherson Region. After Russian troops destroyed the Kakhovka dam on June 6, the flooding caused a major environmental and humanitarian disaster. Our teams joined the immediate response efforts.

The photo shows how we had to swim through the street where people used to walk along just a short time ago. Father Piotr brought humanitarian aid to the village and is trying to assess the extent of the destruction so that in the evening, at a meeting of directors, he can tell what kind of help people need. "Sometimes the water was higher than the fences, and the only thing visible parts of the houses were the roofs..." Rev. Piotr recounts what he saw. Then, the team of our Caritas ants writes, reports, purchases, transports, consoles... and all this while carrying a tornado of their personal war inside them for 10 years.

Tetiana Kalinichenko



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WHO WE ARE

Caritas-Spes, the religious mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, has more than 30 organizations and more than 50 aid centers. After the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion, the Mission expanded its activities through RCC parishes and scaled up its humanitarian work.

- 63 employees of the National Office
- 678 employees and volunteers of the network

IN 2023, THE RAPID RESPONSE PROJECTS COVERED:



15,000
settlements



481,907
beneficiaries in 2023



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



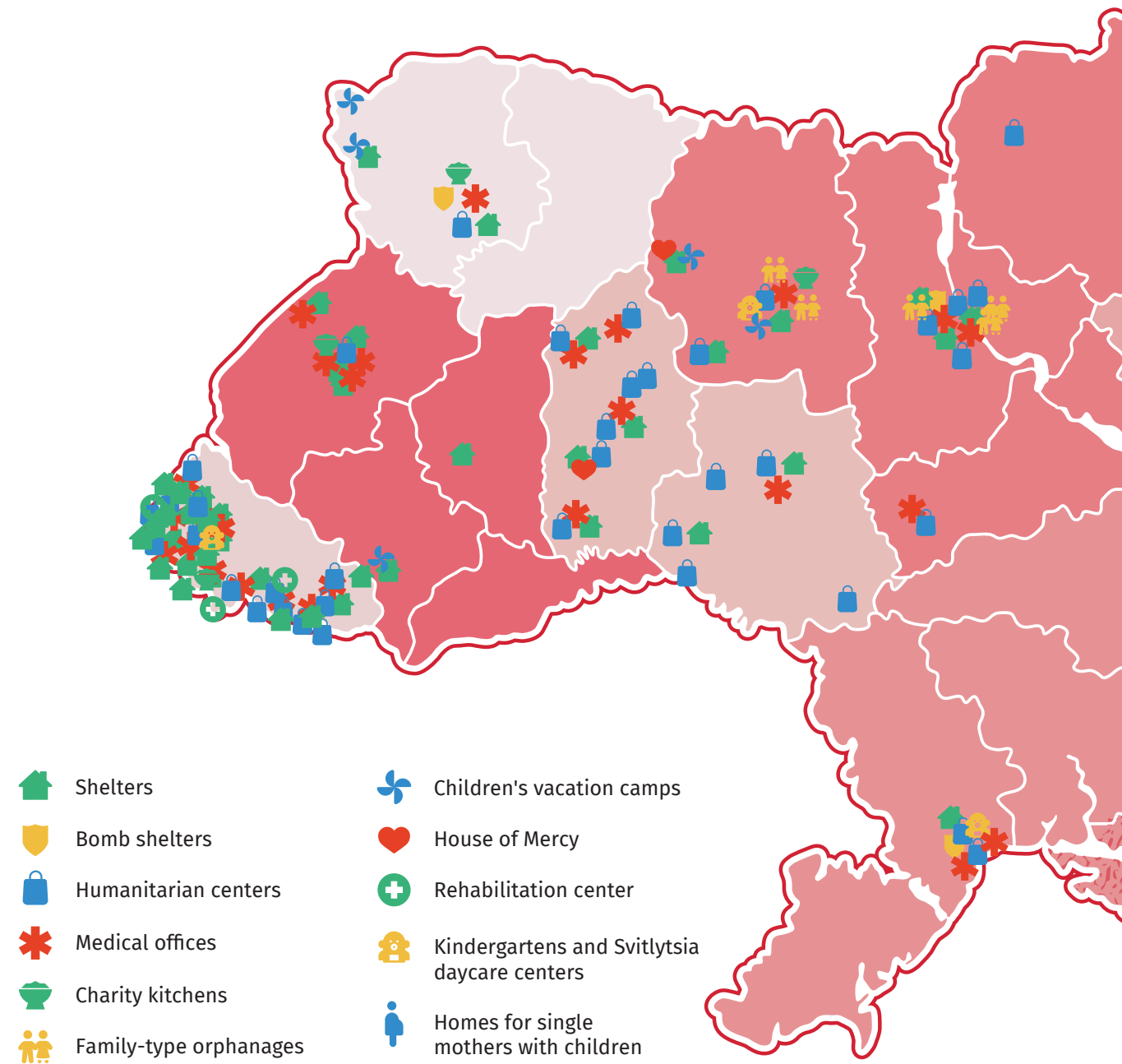
The house of a local resident after the explosion at the Kakhovka HPP. Bilozerk village, Kherson region. June 2023.

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

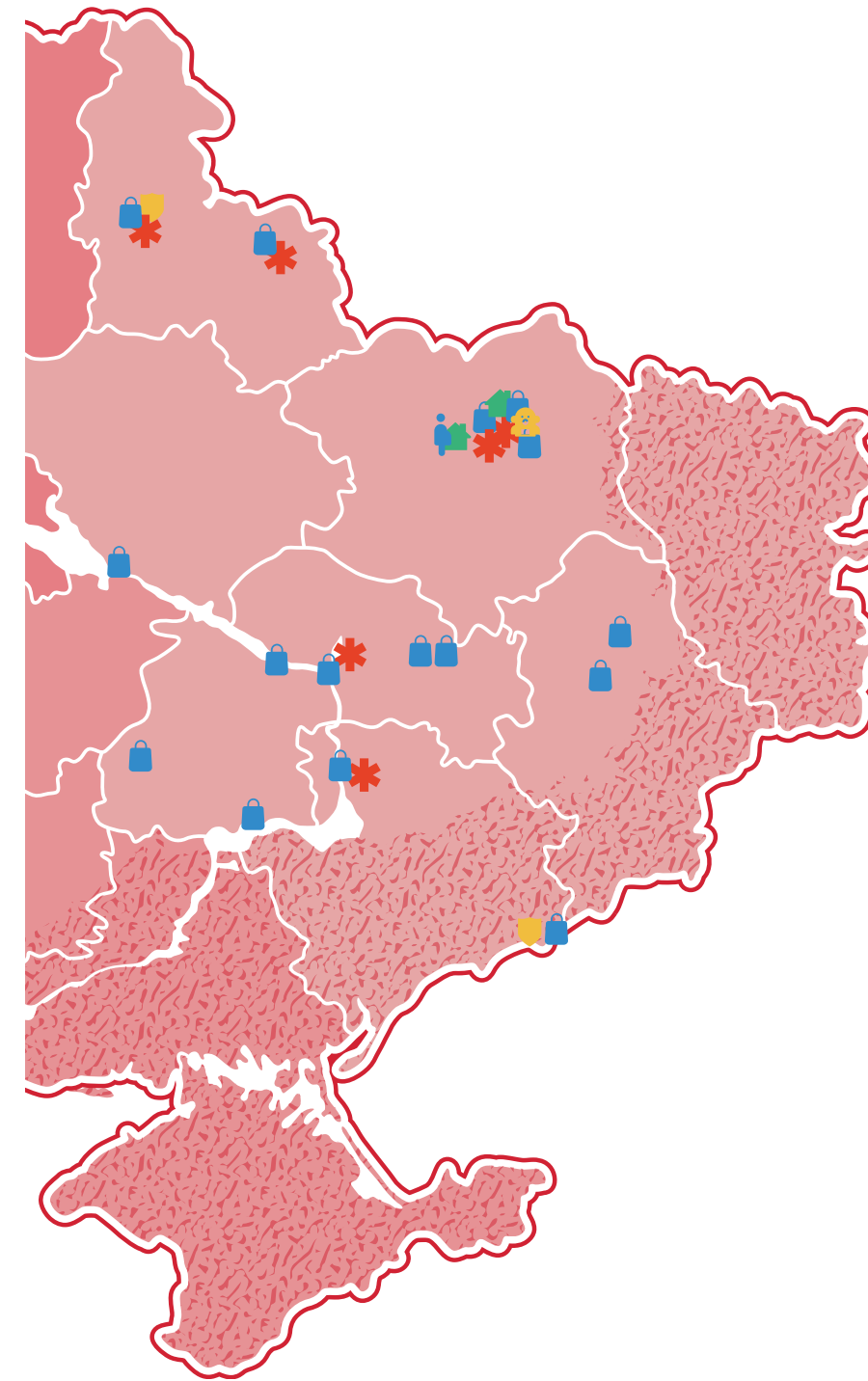
Caritas Confederation continues its commitment to promoting a human rights-based approach so that every person affected by armed conflict and violence feels safe, protected, accepted, and respected. Caritas is working on «Restoring Home, Restoring Hope» for millions of people affected by this war.

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



- 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

Two years have passed since Russia invaded our country. We, Ukrainians, have become accustomed to perceiving this war as part of our daily lives. The shock we experienced from the aggressor's invasion is gradually becoming a habit. However, we cannot simply accept this phenomenon because the scale of destruction in our country is overwhelming. The number of dead, both military and civilians, including many children, is staggering. The number of widowed women or men and orphaned children is staggering. The scale of the destruction of our cities and villages and the people who, deprived of their homes, were forced to seek refuge both in Ukraine and abroad are staggering.

It is very important for us Ukrainians to realize that the civilized world has not forgotten about us and our tragedy. The proof of this is the extensive assistance from individual countries, organizations, and even individuals. For us, people of faith in Ukraine, it is important to realize that other brothers in faith around the world support us, both with prayer and humanitarian aid. Proof of this is the long-standing activity in our country of the religious mission Caritas-Spes, where we have the honor to serve. Our organization implements numerous projects thanks to funds raised primarily from believers around the world who want us, despite all our troubles, not to forget the face of a merciful God who sees everything and cares for everyone. We thank God, who inspires all of them to be with us. We thank Him for the opportunity to serve Him in our poor and disadvantaged brothers.

— **Bishop Oleksandr Yazlovetskyi**
President of Caritas-Spes Ukraine



This photo shows children from Roma IDP families taking school classes at a shelter near Lviv.

«War is a total evil that destroys everything: the environment, the usual way of life, relationships, and the most valuable thing of all — the human being. I am reminded of a short poem by Viktoriya Amelina:

*«Air raid alert across the country
As if everyone is being led to be shot every time
And they aim only at one
Mostly the one on the sidelines
Not you today, alarm over».*

She wrote this poem on April 5, 2022, and on July 1, 2023, she was killed in a missile attack on Kramatorsk. She is survived by her ten-year-old son. No numbers or statistics can convey the pain that Ukrainians continue to experience. Almost 300 thousand kilometers of land have been mined in the occupied territories. Water bodies and soils have been poisoned, and ecosystems have been destroyed. The country, once called the breadbasket of Europe, is suffering in the furnace of war. Experts gloomily predict that it will take more than 700 years to demine the territory alone. More than 3.3 million people in need of assistance live in frontline communities in the east and south of the country. In these parts of Ukraine, including the areas under the temporary Russian control, millions of people are struggling to gain adequate access to water, food, healthcare, shelter, protection, and other essential services and goods. Thanks to the unwavering support of the international community, Caritas-Spes Ukraine has been able to rapidly implement rapid response programs that have helped avert a humanitarian catastrophe, at least in the areas controlled by the Ukrainian government, which took tremendous effort. The flow of aid remains uninterrupted, a testament to the solidarity of our partners — Caritas organizations from different countries, as well as diplomatic missions, governments, and numerous humanitarian organizations that continue to stand by our side.

This unity is embodied in countless humanitarian projects and programs aimed at restoring, providing and supporting both bodies and souls. During the two years of full-scale war, Caritas-Spes Ukraine, together with its partners, has reached more than 15,000 settlements, including in frontline areas. Today, more than 100 partners support the activities of Caritas-Spes Ukraine. Thanks to this support, more than 1.1 million beneficiaries have received assistance since February 24, 2022.

According to numerous military and political experts, the war could drag on for decades. We must be prepared to provide long-term assistance to overcome the significant humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine, which will ultimately affect the global community. For two years now, we have been carrying the cross of service despite the missiles, explosions, air raid sirens, and the deaths of our loved ones. Through supplicating prayers for peace. Over the years, we have successfully paved the way for helping and supporting people with various needs; but, unfortunately, there are still many human lives and hearts destroyed by war ahead. We thank our partners for helping us to carry the cross of service in times of war.

— Rev. Viacheslav Hrynevych SAC,
Executive Director of Caritas-Spes Ukraine





Assistance to residents of the Kherson Region affected by the floods caused by the destruction of the Kakhovka HPP's dam.
June 2023.



The Caritas-Spes team of the Diocese of Kyiv and Zhytomyr is visiting the RCC parishes to collect donations for the people affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka HPP.

KEY EVENTS

2023

January

On January 28, a delegation from Caritas Europe, led by its President Michael Landau and the future Director of International Cooperation and Humanitarian Director Jean-Yves Terlinden, visited Irpin, Bucha, and surrounding villages.

February

On the anniversary of the outbreak of full-scale war in Ukraine, the team of the Caritas-Spes Ukraine National Office held a joint prayer of the Way of the Cross called «366th Station» live on the Caritas Internationalis YouTube channel. This prayer was written by the staff of the national office of Caritas-Spes Ukraine, expressing their personal experiences and stories. The prayer became a symbol of unity in grief and solidarity with Ukrainians around the world.

March

Launch of training on the implementation of project management programs, which significantly affected the organizational capacity of the Mission. Presentation of the Mission's activities at the Conference of Bishops of the RCC in Ukraine. Start of preparations for a project that opened a new area of assistance - livelihood.

April

On April 12-13, 2023, Caritas-Spes Ukraine held a meeting of partners entitled «Synergy of Good — Synergy of God». More than two dozen representatives of partner organizations gathered to discuss plans and summarize the results of projects already implemented.

May

Caritas International General Assembly, a European conference and a meeting with Pope Francis.

June

The destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant caused a technogenic and environmental disaster. Caritas-Spes Ukraine initiated a nationwide relief campaign that was conducted in all parishes of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine. During the week, Roman Catholic parishes collected almost one million hryvnias and more than 21 tons of humanitarian aid to help the residents of Kherson Region. Caritas-Spes Ukraine received a major award at the Charitable Ukraine 2022 national competition and the Charity Compass, which demonstrates the trust in the mission and its recognition in the NGO sector.

July

A pilot project in the village of Zarichany, Zhytomyr Region, to rehabilitate children and youth with disabilities.

August

On August 29-31, Caritas Spes Ukraine held a congress of regional Caritas Spes Unio teams. Representatives of all diocesan teams came together for the first national meeting of this scale. 140 participants from different parts of Ukraine, from dozens of cities and towns. Both from the frontline regions and those that, despite their relatively safe locations, have become humanitarian shelters for the whole country.

September

On the night of September 19, 2023, Russian missiles attacked an industrial enterprise in Lviv, which housed a Caritas-Spes Ukraine humanitarian aid warehouse. The mission's employees were not injured, but the warehouse and about 300 tons of humanitarian aid were destroyed.

October

Cooperation agreements with The International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) were signed.

November

Presentation of the achievements of Caritas-Spes Ukraine at the 59th plenary session of the Conference of Bishops of the RCC in Ukraine. This opportunity served as a confirmation of unity with the Church and a sign of attention to the ministry of Caritas-Spes Ukraine. Charity dinner for the poor and homeless on the occasion of the VII World Day of the Poor. The volunteer of the event was Ms. Mateja Prevolšek, a Slovenian diplomat, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Slovenia to Ukraine.

December

On December 8, an inclusive center for people with disabilities was opened in the village of Zarichany, Zhytomyr Region. The main concept of the center is to provide barrier-free accessibility for people who use wheelchairs and those with other forms of disabilities.



Michael Landau. Moshchun. Kyiv Region, 2023. A Caritas Europe delegation led by its President Michael Landau arrives to visit Irpin, Bucha, and surrounding villages. The photo was taken in what used to be the children's room of Moshchun residents.

RAPID RESPONSE PROJECTS

Over 40 projects in 2023

HOUSING AND SHELTERS



21,650
unique beneficiaries

Donors: CI, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Luxembourg, Caritas Paderborn, CRS.

Assistance areas: safe shelter; minor, medium, and major housing repairs; modular houses; firewood and funds for the purchase of fuel; blankets; warm bedding; stoves, heaters, and other winterization supplies.



148,595
services of accommodation in safe shelters (short-term and long-term) for **1,287 beneficiaries**.



593
families received minor and medium housing repairs.



613
beneficiaries received funds for minor and medium repairs.



50
modular buildings were transferred for use.



736
people received firewood for winter.



828
beneficiaries received funds to purchase fuel.



103
people received repairs to compact housing.



16,407
people received blankets, warm bedding, stoves, heaters and other winterization supplies.



153,368
kilograms of humanitarian aid in the form of essential manufactured goods provided.



125,370
kilograms of humanitarian aid in the form of clothing and footwear provided.

FOOD AND NFIS



185,328
unique beneficiaries

Donors: CI, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Polska, Martha und Wilfried Ensinger Stiftung.

Assistance areas: hot meals, food packages and vouchers for food kits, baby food.



1,763
unique beneficiaries who received hot meals (a total of 229,075 meals).



167,817
people received food kits.



15,748
people received vouchers for food kits.



406,738
kilograms of humanitarian food aid were distributed to beneficiaries.



5,256
kilograms of baby food.

PROTECTION



34,695
unique beneficiaries

Donors: CI, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Luxembourg, Martha und Wilfried Ensinger Stiftung, CRS.

Assistance areas: psychosocial services (PSS), protection and counseling and information, school and preschool kits, child-friendly spaces (CFS), children’s summer recreation camps.



2,530
people received psychosocial services (PSS), protection and counseling.



23,221
people received advice and information through the hotline.



2,450
children were provided with school and preschool kits.



3,131
children used the services of the Child Friendly Space (CFS).



3,363
children, youth, and adults participated in the camps.

HYGIENE



94,408
unique beneficiaries

Donors: CI, Neighbor in Need.

Assistance areas: hygiene kits for adults and children, hygiene vouchers, social laundry, clean water and drinks.



78,598
people received hygiene kits.



15,152
people received vouchers for hygiene products.



658
people used the services of a social laundry.



151,900
liters of humanitarian aid in the form of clean water and drinks were distributed to beneficiaries.



30,000
liters of clean water were provided to the people affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam.



49,741
kilograms of humanitarian aid provided in the form of hygiene products. 4,200 kilograms for children.

HEALTH CARE



18,029
unique beneficiaries

Donors: CI, AICS.

Assistance areas: medical and diagnostic assistance, vouchers for medicines, humanitarian aid in the form of medicines, medical equipment and medical supplies.



11,389
people received medical assistance.



6,640
people received vouchers for medicines.



3,250
kilograms of humanitarian aid provided in the form of medicines.



42,755
kilograms of humanitarian aid provided in the form of medical equipment and supplies.

MULTIPURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE



8,035
unique beneficiaries

Donors: Pallottiner Missio, CI, Neighbor in Need, Caritas Polska.

Assistance areas: multipurpose cash assistance.



8,035
people received multi-purpose cash assistance.

HUMANITARIAN DELIVERIES AND LOGISTICS



111
humanitarian cargoes received by road.



2,500
tons of humanitarian cargoes



The photo shows the morning meeting of the Kharkiv team before they left for their assignments. Kharkiv, February 2023.



Photos of the humanitarian warehouse of Caritas-Spes Ukraine destroyed by Russian troops. Lviv, September 19, 2023.

TRANSFORMING LONG-

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.

3
social centers

7,564
beneficiaries of social centers

17
charity canteens

449,260
meals served

1,818
beneficiaries

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.

19
FTOs

138
children

TERM PROGRAMS

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

2,500
children and youth vacationed in our camps, 700 of whom participated in youth days

Houses of Mercy

Operating since 1997

Centers for lonely elderly people in need of constant care.

3
House of Mercy

79
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.

5 dormitories

123 students

7 scholarship holders

Kindergartens and daycare centers

Operating since 2003

Due to active hostilities, the program was partially suspended.

15 kindergartens

672 children

8 Svitlytsia daycare centers

2,896 children reached

Homes for single mothers

Operating since 2011

The program was relocated, but did not cease operations.

2 houses

16 mothers

20 children

Warehouses of humanitarian aid

21 warehouses

2,500 tons of humanitarian aid



Inspecting a destroyed house. Kharkiv Region, summer 2023.



A meeting of team members from different parts of Ukraine. It was the first joint meeting of colleagues after the start of the full-scale war. Zarichany, September 2023.

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP & OTHER PROGRAMS

OTHER PROGRAMS



Rehabilitation center

4 rehabilitation centers
226 beneficiaries



School bus

4 buses
58 children



Lyceum

40 students

CHARITY EVENTS



Winter shoes

2,402 children received winter
shoes and thermal clothing

Donors: Wilfried und Martha Ensinger-
Stiftung, Pallottiner K.d.oe.R, DFB Stiftung
Egidius Braun, Varitasverband für das
Erzbistum Paderborn e.V., and private
sponsors

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Bakery

9,600 loaves of bread
donated to charity



Candlestick factory

550 candles donated
to charity



Charity fairs and concerts

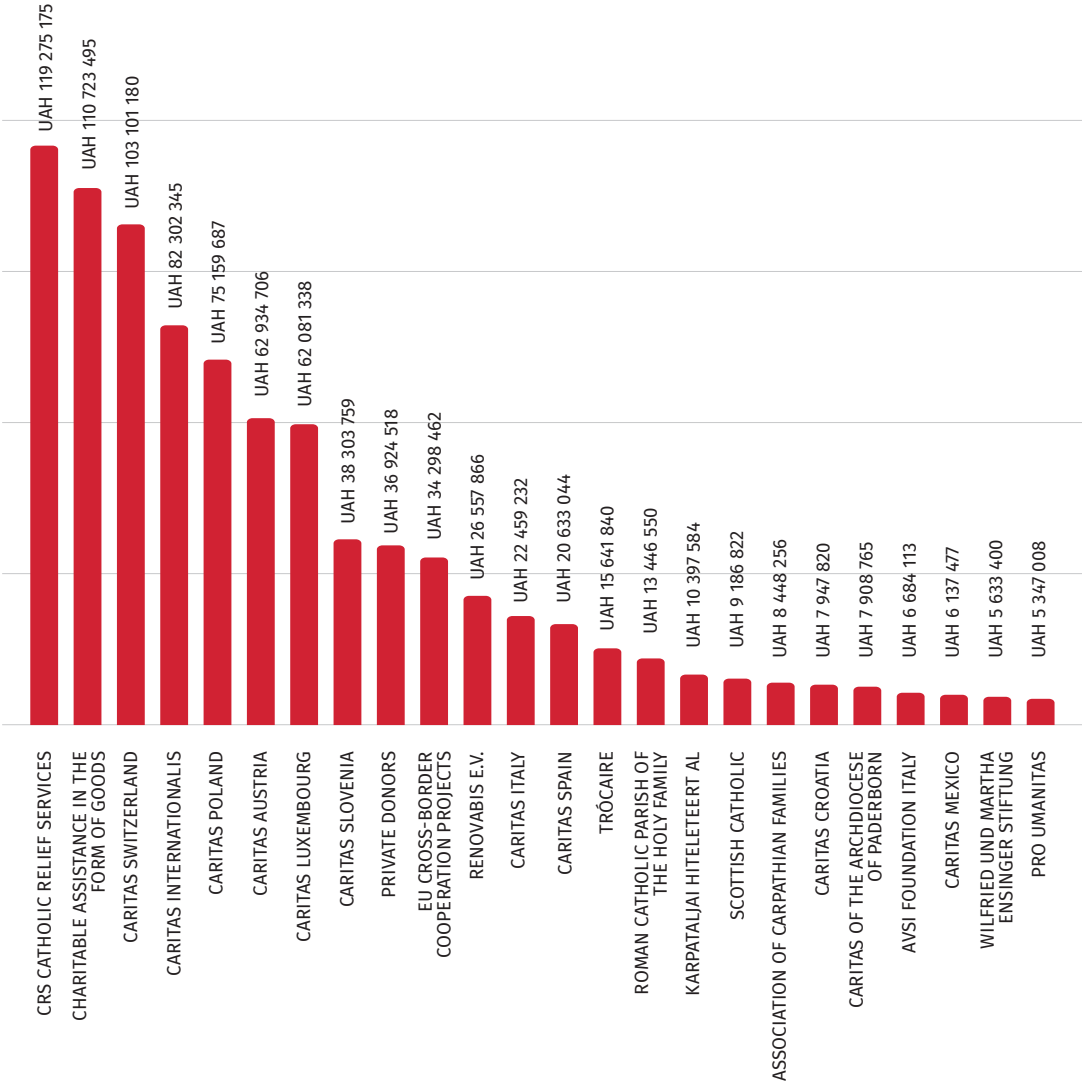
Funds allocated to help IDPs



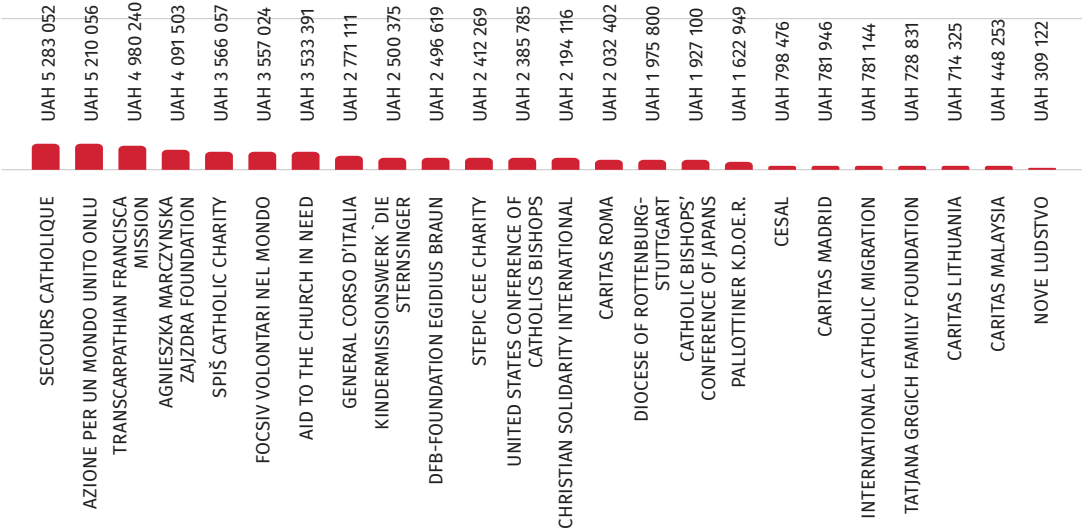
Children at the opening of the inclusive center.
Zarichany, December 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CARITAS-SPES UKRAINE

REVENUE
UAH 948,636,388 PER YEAR



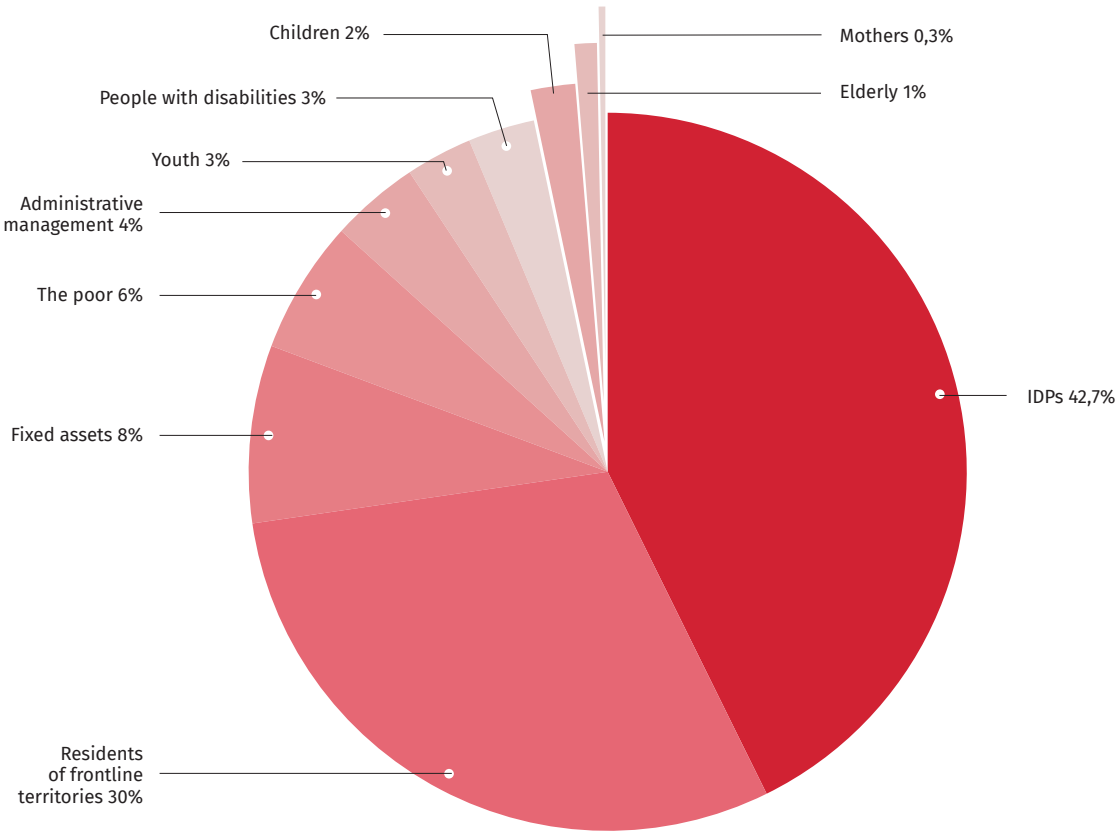
During the year of the full-scale invasion, Caritas-Spes Ukraine received support from more than 120 donor organizations. This chart includes only the largest contributions.



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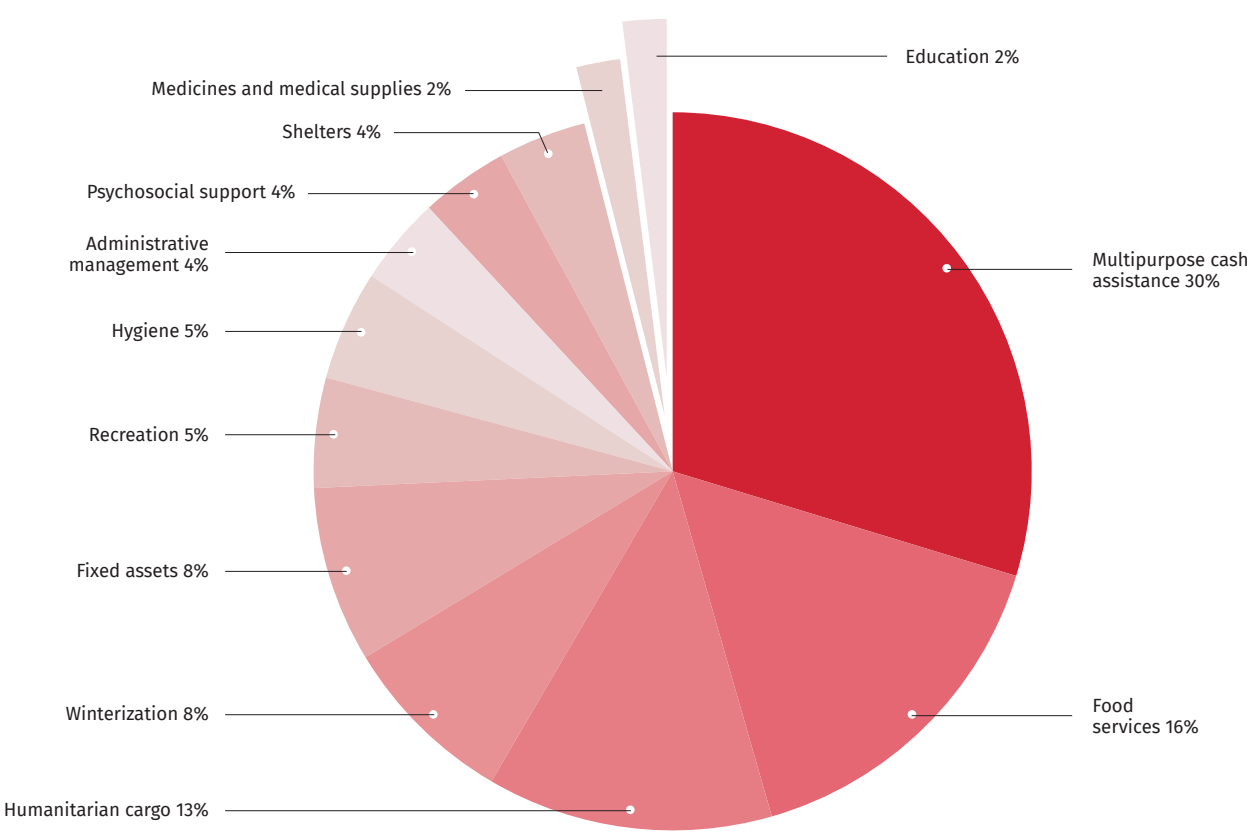
EXPENDITURES
UAH 850,731,288 PER YEAR

EXPENDITURE AREAS BY BENEFICIARIES



Balance as of January 01, 2023 — 82,388,900 UAH
Balance as of December 31, 2023 — 180,294,000 UAH
Book value of fixed assets as of December 31, 2023 — residual amount 131,191,800 UAH

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.