



# CHILDREN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH COMMEMORATES  
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*Photo: Mykola Otruba. Alliance Mobile Treatment Point  
in deoccupied village in Kharkiv oblast, Ukraine*

**On International Children's Day Alliance for Public Health calls to prioritize more children affected by war in Ukraine – to provide them access to medical and social services, including HIV, TB and other health services, education, appropriate living conditions and access humanitarian assistance.**

**Children are among the most vulnerable groups suffering from russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine**, making the devastating impact of war on 7.5 million children in Ukraine.

# ALLIANCE RESPONSE

- ✓ Evacuation from war affected regions (literally from the first days of the war).
- ✓ Alliance supported 17 shelters in 10 regions of Ukraine (Zaporizhia, Mykolaiv, Dnipro, Donetsk, Odesa, Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Poltava, Cherkasy, Lviv and Kharkiv regions) including safe spaces for children and adolescents.
- ✓ Providing medical, psychological, educational, humanitarian needs of internally displaced children – 200 small humanitarian projects were supported having families with children and adolescents among the key recipients with over 5 000 children received different kinds of assistance.
- ✓ Humanitarian assistance to medical and social institutions working with children (among over 2 000 tons of humanitarian assistance delivered by Alliance humanitarian convoys the significant share was for children: food, milk formula, medical pediatric supplies, equipment for child rehabilitation, educational materials, toys etc).
- ✓ Targeted humanitarian, social and medical support for children from key populations families, in particular, people who use drugs (PWUD), sex workers (CSW) and other KPs.
- ✓ Support for over 700 children with special needs from orphanages and state institutions both local and evacuated from occupied territories and war affected areas.
- ✓ Support for educational and extra-curricular and tailored group leisure activities for 313 children from Kyiv, Poltava, Kharkiv, Odesa, Cherkasy and Slovyansk.
- ✓ Providing basic humanitarian and medical support to children and families living on de-occupied territories through Alliance's mobile treatment points (MTP), particularly in Kherson and Kharkiv regions, near the frontline where medical, educational and social infrastructure are not functional.
- ✓ Providing medical, social and psychological support through HepINOW, Help24 and other platforms to war refugees - families with children and adolescents.



Photo: evacuation of civilians, Kyiv region, March 2022



Photo: escaped from the war girl in the office of Alliance in Lviv which worked as 24/7 shelter, March 2022

# ALLIANCE RESPONSE



*Photo: Children from Bahmut, which is the place of the longest and bloodiest battle of war in 2023, currently lives in supported by Alliance shelter in Lviv*

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Assistance is provided, in particular, to children of various categories: IDPs, orphans, children with special educational needs, children affected by domestic violence, children vulnerable to HIV, etc.



Since June 1, 2022, **1,686** children aged 0 to 18 from 19 regions of Ukraine have received at least one humanitarian service.



**125** children received special baby hygiene kits.



**290** children were consulted by a pediatrician or family doctor.



A child psychologist worked with **184** children.



**31** community initiatives were supported by mini-grants aimed at providing assistance to **15,284** children from different regions.



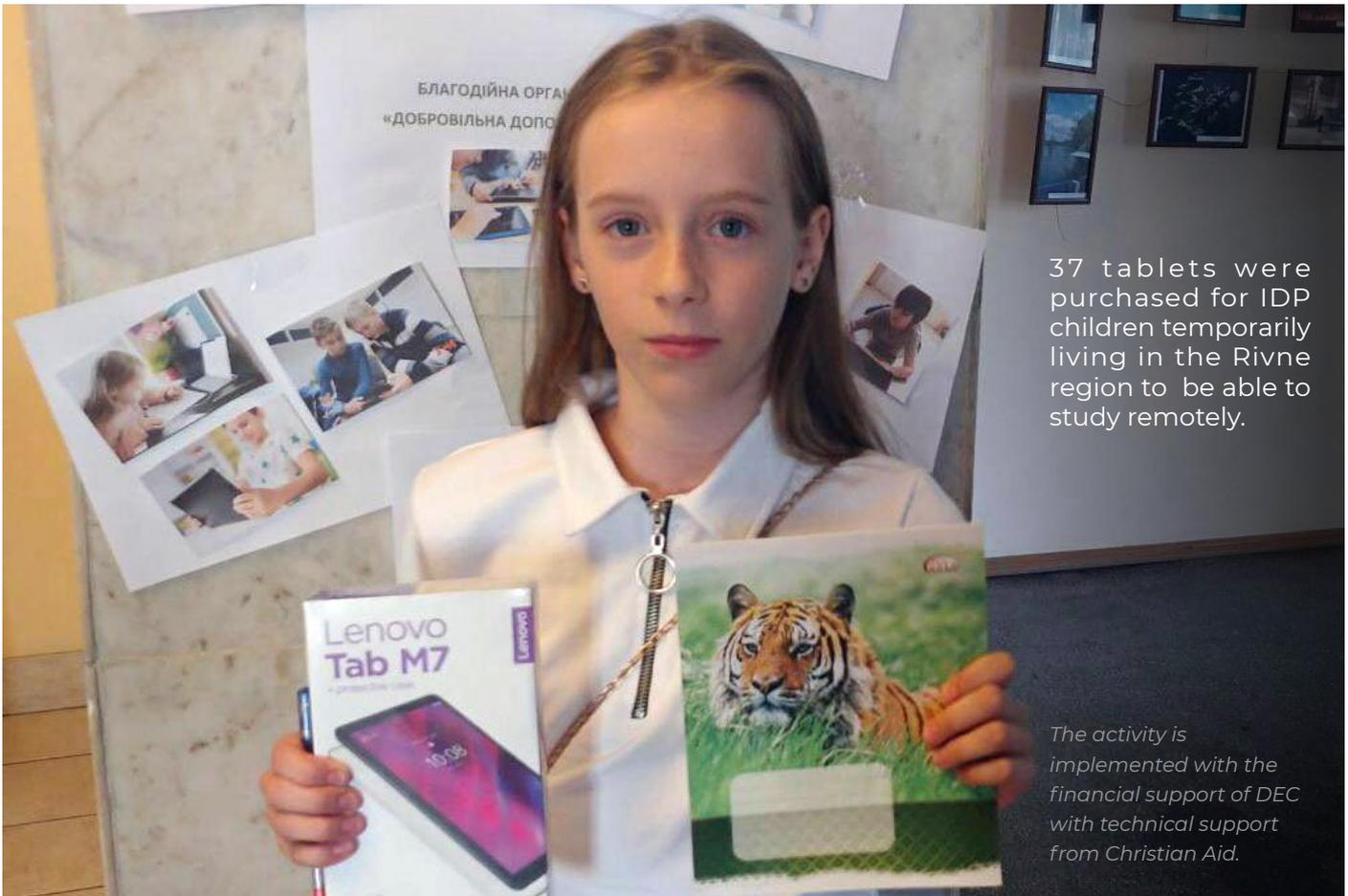
Photo: Psychologists of the State Emergency Service regularly Conduct classes in the Alliance supported shelter in Lviv



Photo: children receive humanitarian assistance in de-occupied territory of Kherson region

The activity is implemented with the financial support of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) (United Kingdom) and the coordinating and technical support of the charity organization Christian Aid (United Kingdom).

## ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



37 tablets were purchased for IDP children temporarily living in the Rivne region to be able to study remotely.

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## SHELTER

Alliance supports **17** shelters in Ukraine in which **40** children lived. **23** children found accommodation in **Safe Space** shelter in Lviv. Psychological and medical consultations were organized there for children to restore a normal psycho-emotional and physical condition, learning new knowledge and skills, as well as interesting meetings, for example, with psychologists of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine etc.

*Polina and Karina arrived to Lviv a year ago from occupied Melitopol. The girls remember only one word about leaving the occupied territories - fear. Now they feel protected in Lviv, because it is quiet and safe here. In the Safe Space shelter, girls love to read, to draw, to walk in the park. They really like animals, so the sisters have already visited the local aquarium and circus. Now the girls, together with their mother, are participating in the rehabilitation and reintegration program for IDPs.*

## PROVISION OF MEANINGFUL ORGANISED EDUCATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

for children and adolescents staying in shelters and being clients of NGOs (Kyiv, Poltava, Cherkasy, Kharkiv, and Sloviansk):

- ✓ Support of work of teacher/social worker of the shelter (accompaniment of clients to social assistance centers, providing nanny services to free up parents to receive medical, social and psychological services in shelters/NGOs/relevant government agencies)
- ✓ Support of work of the child psychologist to provide psycho-emotional relief and work with children's traumas related to the war and loss of loved ones.

**313** children received services, **341** were consulted by a child psychologist, **53** activities and workshops conducted.

*The activity is implemented with the financial support of Payoneer*



## IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING STANDARD AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

Provision of financial assistance in the form of direct purchases to 14 state and municipal institutions for children with severe disabilities (cerebral palsy, children with limited mobility, etc.) living in temporary and long-term shelters based on state and municipal

institutions. The component will benefit over 700 children with disabilities.

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## HIV-RELATED SERVICES

During the war, as part of the Healthlink project, the medical staff of partner medical institutions actively conducted HIV testing of children under 14 (with the consent of parents or guardians):



**957** children were tested, among them 12 received HIV+ status, 11 were placed on dispensary, **10** children are receiving ART.



**301** children (aged 11 – 18) with the support of specialists took self-test with an oral HIV test (**2** positive results, these children received counseling and social support).

## SUPPORT OF PEOPLE, LIVING WITH HIV

With the support of EJAF, initiative groups of HIV-positive women with children from 6 regions of Ukraine (Volyn, Donetsk, Lviv, Zaporizhzhya, Poltava and Zhytomyr regions) received special mini-grants. Thanks to them, **68 HIV-positive women**, including 19 pregnant women (9 women in the 3rd trimester), and **80 babies** aged 0 to 18 months, born to HIV-positive mothers, received:

- ✓ targeted delivery of humanitarian aid (oil heaters, thermal clothes and power banks),
- ✓ milk mixtures for for each child,
- ✓ diapers,
- ✓ psycho-emotional support in the form of mutual support groups for women.



## TB-RELATED SERVICES

Within the framework of the project on early detection of TB/LTI, which is implementing in 6 regions of the country:

- ✓ **3071** children were covered by screening
- ✓ Diagnostics for LTI/TB for **2 911** children was provided
- ✓ **240** children with LTI were detected/
- ✓ **6** cases of TB were identified.
- ✓ **100% of children started TB/LTI treatment.**
- ✓ All children with LTI are provided with social support.



# ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN FROM UKRAINE ABROAD

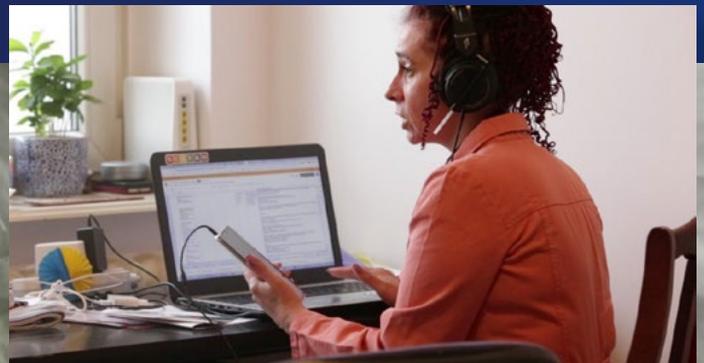


**#HelpNOW** service started to function from 1st of March 2022 providing medical, social and psychological support to war refugees, especially those with HIV, tuberculosis, representatives of key populations. Up to date the **#HelpNOW** addressed over 26 000 requests!

## Story of Kateryna received support from #HelpNowPL Hub run by Alliance

Katerina and her two children arrived in Poland at the beginning of the war and experienced a tragedy in family. Katerina and one of her sons have HIV-positive status and require constant antiretroviral therapy. Initially, they registered themselves and received the necessary therapy, but difficulties arose when they needed to change their place of residence. #HelpNowPL helped Katerina and her son by scheduling appointments with doctors and accompanies them at every stage. Unfortunately, the necessary medications were not available. The previous treatment regimen with 11 tablets a day for a ten-year-old boy with HIV-positive status, which

was not disclosed to him needed to be changed. He even had to stay at hospital for a while. To address this, a social worker from the Polish Hub established by Alliance was appointed to act as a temporary representative of the child, visit the boy, and convey important treatment information to the mother. All necessary examinations were conducted, and a treatment regimen consisting of one tablet per day was established. Emotional support from loved ones and professional assistance from experts such as psychologists, consultants, and doctors can be helpful in addressing this matter.



Anna Ariabinska, HIV+ mother of four in March 2022 evacuating her children and nephews to Poland as war refugees. Upon arrival she received assistance to her and her children from HelpNOW service.



Photo: Anna Ariabinska

# TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!

Alliance for Public Health expresses admiration and appreciation of the incredible work of all our partners, Network 100% Life, Public Health Center, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, all implementing partners, community and civil society networks, NGO staff and social workers, doctors and nurses! You are amazing!

All the great things we have achieved, we have achieved together! Big appreciation to governmental institutions, UN agencies and other international organizations.

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**GREAT THANKS to Ukrainian Army defending not only Ukraine but also all fundamental principles of peace, freedom, sovereignty and dignity!**

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