



IMPACT REPORT

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Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to share Nova Ukraine's Impact Report for the first half of 2026 — the beginning of my first full year in this role, and the first stage of our five-year plan to become not just a relief organization, but a long-term partner in Ukraine's reconstruction.

Last year, I told you about the night a Russian missile destroyed our medical warehouse in Lviv. Within hours, our staff was already rerouting supplies and rebuilding. That night has stayed with me, because it captures everything this organization is: Russia destroys. We build.

For the first time, all four of our pillars — HEAL, BUILD, EMPOWER, and ADVOCATE — are fully resourced and staffed. These pages offer a glimpse of what they accomplished from January through June.

HEAL delivered more than \$2.4 million in medical aid to nearly 50 hospitals and medical institutions across Ukraine: thousands of tourniquets, 35 ultrasound machines, and 130 charging stations keeping life-saving equipment running when the grid fails.

BUILD's rapid-reaction Nova Stash team reached more than 14,000 Ukrainians in the immediate aftermath of Russian attacks, arriving while the dust was still settling. In the Mykolaiv region, we installed two solar power stations so light and communication don't have to wait on Russia's next strike.

EMPOWER's Engineering Week reached 195,000 K-12 students and 8,000 teachers in more than 2,000 schools — proof that even at war, Ukraine is investing in the minds who will rebuild it.

And ADVOCATE helped Wisconsin become the first state legislature in the country to pass a resolution condemning Russia for kidnapping Ukrainian children. We also stood alongside 700 activists from all 50 states in Washington, D.C., at the Ukraine Action Summit, making the case in person for a strong U.S.-Ukraine relationship.

As we move into the second half of 2026, we continue the shift from stabilization to the capacity-building work that 2027 and 2028 will demand.

I'm grateful every day to lead a staff this determined — and equally grateful to you for making their work possible. Thank you for standing with Ukraine through the first half of this pivotal year.

With gratitude,
Ambassador Erin E. McKee

VISION

We envision a prosperous, independent Ukraine with a vibrant civil society. Rooted in partnership and innovation, Nova Ukraine empowers Ukrainians to endure, rebuild, and forge their own democratic future.

MISSION

At Nova Ukraine, we are dedicated to supporting Ukraine and her people in building a strong, flourishing nation with an empowered civil society. To foster resilience, hope, and self-sufficiency, we provide essential aid and services. We leverage expertise from across the free world to implement our programs on the ground efficiently. We help secure Ukraine's future as a thriving, resilient European democracy.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATIONS

February 2014 to June 2026

TOTAL AID DELIVERED

\$161.6M+

CURRENT
IMPACT DISTRIBUTION

ADVOCATE

- Events and Partnerships
- American Coalition for Ukraine

EMPOWER

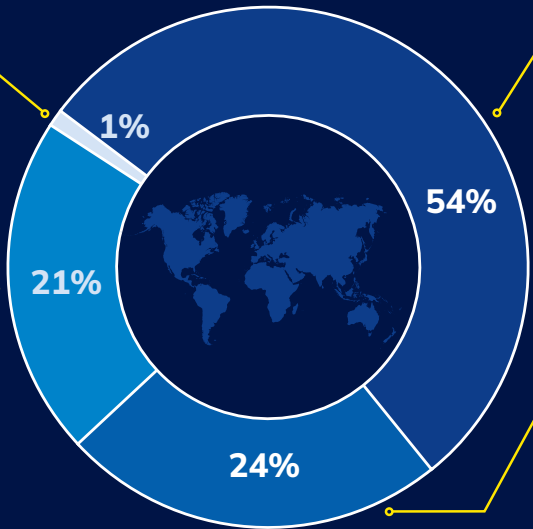
- Veteran & Youth Projects
- Educational Projects
- Culture Projects

HEAL

- Trauma Response & Acute Care
- Hospital Capacity & Critical Care Modernization
- Medical Aid for Vulnerable Populations

BUILD

- Safety and Critical Services
- Resilient Communities
- Medical Teams & Hospital Infrastructure
- Other Critical Needs



As a U.S.-based international charity, Nova Ukraine operates through the collective generosity of countless individual donors, corporate sponsors, and both public and private charitable foundations. Together, their support and partnership help to meet the critical and increasing needs of Ukrainian civilians.

HEAL

Saving Lives and Reclaiming Futures

Nova Ukraine delivers critical medical aid and supplies to those in need and supports hospitals, clinics, and frontline healthcare workers. We provide emergency care and long-term health initiatives to save lives and restore livelihoods.

OUR VISION

We empower Ukrainian medical professionals to save lives and deliver resilient, European-standard care by supporting innovative initiatives that ensure Ukraine has a modernized healthcare system with integrated trauma-informed care and strengthened digital systems.



Pre-Hospital Emergency First Aid

This initiative provides essential medical supplies and training to medics, defenders, and civilians, strengthening their ability to respond to injuries in emergencies during the war in Ukraine. It includes the delivery of Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs), tourniquets, medical backpacks, hemostatic agents, occlusive dressings, and targeted training programs to improve preparedness and survival rates.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 26.3K+ tourniquets
- 23K+ thermal blankets
- 4.4K+ first aid kits
- 80 medical backpacks

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: CODEIT4LIFE FOUNDATION, NGO PATRIOT, LELEKA FOUNDATION, REHABILITATION CENTER 'SHPYTAL MAIDAN', M CORPORATION, CF VDYACHNI, CHERNIHIV OBLENERGO, ZAKARPATTIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTER



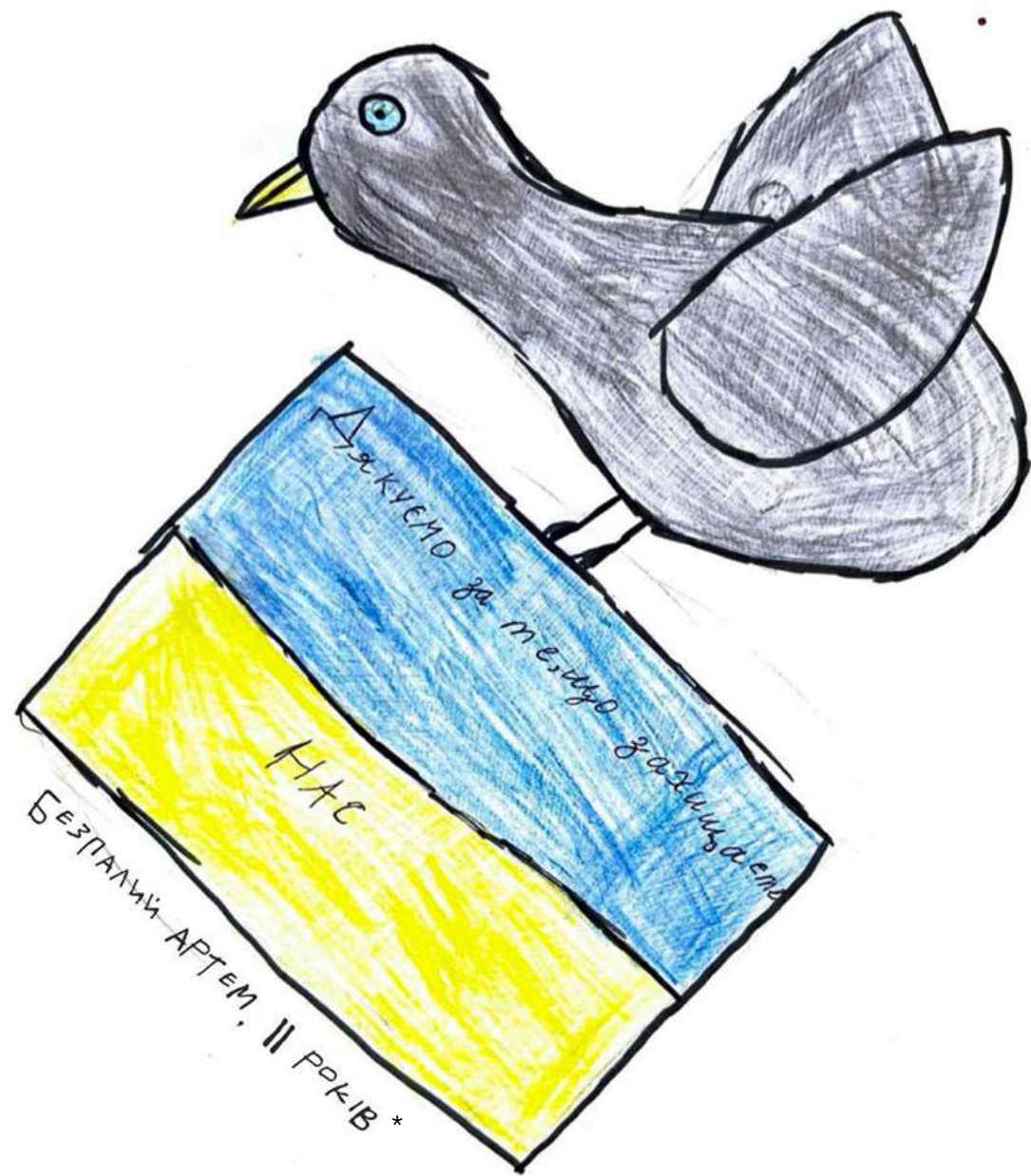
Stabilization Points

Stabilization centers serve as the first level of specialized medical care. Medical experts with modern equipment make critical decisions regarding a patient's treatment. This ensures timely diagnosis and intervention, close monitoring of ongoing conditions, and uninterrupted care until the patient is transferred to the next level of treatment.

Nova Ukraine has procured more than 475 units of medical equipment and more than 950 consumables for 52 stabilization centers and evacuation teams, including:

- 130 charging stations for powering medical equipment during electricity outages
- 71 generators for providing off-grid power to healthcare facilities
- 100 blood and fluid warmers for preventing hypothermia during blood transfusions and rapid fluid infusion
- 15 transport patient monitors for continuously monitoring patients' vital signs during transport within or between healthcare facilities
- 13 blood gas and hematology analyzers for rapidly analyzing blood samples to support diagnosis and critical care
- 13 sterilizers for sterilizing medical instruments and preventing healthcare-associated infections
- 13 electrocardiographs (EKG machines) for recording the heart's electrical activity and diagnosing cardiac conditions
- 10 surgical lights for providing bright, shadow-free illumination during surgical procedures
- 8 capnographs for measuring carbon dioxide levels in exhaled air to monitor patients' respiratory status
- 6 defibrillators for restoring a normal heart rhythm during cardiac arrest or life-threatening arrhythmias
- 4 Hamilton T1 ventilators for mechanically supporting or replacing spontaneous breathing in critically ill patients

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: VLASNORUCH



**Personal Story:
When Warmth Finds You**

Last winter, Nova Ukraine launched the Warmth Project, equipping stabilization points near the frontline with generators, power stations, heating systems, blood warmers, and other essential medical equipment.

On one of the coldest days of the season, a wounded Ukrainian defender woke up after surgery and noticed a familiar drawing hanging beside his bed.

It was his son's.
Months earlier, children attending summer camps supported through our EMPOWER pillar made drawings for Ukraine's defenders. By an extraordinary coincidence, his son's picture found its way to the same stabilization point, and to his father at exactly the right moment.

Some connections cannot be planned.

**Thank you for protecting us!*
Artem Bezpalnyi, 11 years old

**Medicine for
Cancer Patients**

This initiative ensures continuity of treatment and supports patients facing financial and supply challenges during wartime. The project's beneficiaries are Ukrainian cancer patients who require high-cost targeted therapies. Nova Ukraine has recently **procured and delivered 154 packages of Tyverb (lapatinib)** to support patients in need.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: NGO ATHENA. WOMEN AGAINST CANCER

**Diagnostic & Critical
Care Equipment**

This initiative provides the Ukrainian healthcare system with portable diagnostic imaging equipment, including ultrasound machines and mobile digital X-ray machines. These lightweight, highly mobile devices enable timely and accurate diagnostics in hospitals, trauma centers, and onsite treatment by medical evacuation teams, helping bridge critical medical gaps in wartime.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 35** ultrasound machines donated
- 6** portable X-rays donated
- 4** sets of X-ray-protective clothing (aprons and thyroid collars) to block harmful ionizing radiation during imaging procedures
- 8** devices for pediatric cardiac surgery (life-sustaining mechanical pumps and catheter-based closure devices specifically scaled for tiny, delicate anatomy)



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: VLASNORUCH, UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S CARDIAC CENTER, KYIV CITY CLINICAL HOSPITAL NO. 12, SI "NATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CENTER NAMED AFTER M.D. STRAZHESKO NAMS OF UKRAINE", MISKA LIKARNIA EKSTRENOI TA SHVYDKOI MEDYCHNOI DOPOMOHY ZAPORIZKOI MISKOI RADY, MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT ENTERPRISE LVIV TERRITORIAL MEDICAL UNION "MULTIDISCIPLINARY CLINICAL HOSPITAL OF EMERGENCY AND INTENSIVE CARE"

In-Kind Donation Program

This initiative supports healthcare institutions across Ukraine by donating medical equipment and supplies, strengthening the resilience of the healthcare system during the war and recovery. In partnership with U.S. donors, we provide hospitals, clinics, and medical centers with surgical instruments, diagnostic and life-saving equipment, and essential consumables.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: MEDICAL BRIDGES, FIGS, PARTNERS FOR WORLD HEALTH, MEDWISH, SOS, FFAID

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

12 containers of aid received

\$2.4M+ total value of in-kind donations sent by donors

424K+ units of equipment, furniture, and supplies received

49 medical institutions supported across Ukraine received aid



Provision of Medical Treatment and Rehabilitation Services for Former Ukrainian Prisoners of War

WITH SUPPORT FROM THE HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION

After defenders return from Russian captivity, they require comprehensive medical treatment, including careful evaluations, medical support, and dental and eye care. Nova Ukraine provides treatment and rehabilitation services.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

179 veterans received rehabilitation services

1,283 services provided

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: YOUkraine



Support for Hospitals, Medical Facilities, and Healthcare Institutions

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Over 18.3K implantable medical devices and trauma surgery tools (including plates, screws, endoprotheses, eye implants, etc.) for 117 hospitals, helping improve surgical outcomes, reduce amputations, and support

patients in regaining mobility and independence.

4,450 adaptive clothing sets to provide wounded patients with easy access to dressings and medical devices while improving comfort and supporting recovery.

BUILD

Strengthening Foundations for Life and Recovery



Reconstruct and improve vital infrastructure such as hospitals, schools, and community centers. Foster resilience through sustainable development and recovery projects. Help communities survive, recover, and thrive after a crisis.

OUR VISION

We envision a Ukraine with modern, resilient infrastructure that exceeds pre-war capacity — powering a surge in industrial production while meeting European standards. Essential services, like renewable energy, water and sanitation systems, healthcare facilities, first responders and educational infrastructure, are hardened against future shocks and run with the transparency, that prevents corruption and builds a stable, trusted investment climate.

Resilient Communities

This program strengthens essential local systems so communities can function and recover despite Russia's ongoing attacks. Efforts include energy, water, connectivity, rapid repairs at priority sites, and well rehabilitation, along with responsible small business development that supports local economic stability and long-term recovery.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Installed 2 solar power stations in the Mykolaiv region, where ongoing power outages can last up to 17 hours a day. These new systems, a 30 kW and a 12 kW hybrid solar plant with battery storage, power two water towers serving over 4,100 residents, plus schools, streetlights, and volunteer operations.

Overhauled an outdated heating system at the Korsun-Shevchenkivskiy Educational and Rehabilitation Center ('Nadiia'), which supports more than 80 children with complex medical, developmental, and educational needs.

Modernized heating infrastructure at the Berezka Preschool Educational Institution in Novoukrainka, Kirovohrad Region. A new 250 kW boiler now delivers stable heat to 250 children and 62 staff members.

Repaired and equipped Points of Invincibility (heating shelters) in the Sakhnovshchyna community of Kharkiv, creating safe, warm, energy-independent spaces for 1,200 families per month, amid ongoing power outages.

Baked and delivered over 43.9K loaves of Peremoha ('Victory') bread to communities near the front line, where shelling and logistics breakdowns cause food shortages, offering both nourishment and a symbol of hope.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: 4UA RATEG, CRAFT BAKERY BY DUBOVA, DOVIRA, SPRAVEDLYVIST, VTOBI, SAVE UKRAINIANS

Safety and Critical Services

This program strengthens Ukraine's safety and resilience while ensuring essential services continue through wartime. We equip first responders with protective gear and equipment and provide professional training to support their work. Efforts also include developing the Nova Stash Emergency Response Program, beginning its integration with state services, and delivering rapid-response aid, such as food, water, medical supplies, and shelter, to survivors of Russian attacks in hard-hit areas.

Humanitarian demining and evacuation of vulnerable populations remain key priorities. Together, this work protects lives today while laying the foundation for infrastructure restoration after victory.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Helped over 14K people through the Nova Stash project in the aftermath of Russian strikes. Since 2024, its rapid response teams have deployed directly to impacted areas, supporting local first responders on the ground



Evacuated 103 people with disabilities or limited mobility from dangerous regions, including Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv, Zaporizhia, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Donetsk, and placed each person in a safe location in Ukraine or abroad

Delivered over 15,200 pieces of bed linen (sheets, blankets, pillows, mattresses, towels, sleeping bags, and thermal underwear) to shelters, stabilization points, and evacuation teams

Funded 20 pieces of first aid training equipment, including fake blood for simulations, a limb model, and a CPR mannequin

Ran targeted medical evacuations for seriously ill patients through the 'Medevac' program, in partnership with the Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Center for Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine and Ukraine's Ministry of Health

Delivered 25 humanitarian aid to 19 unique recipients with **nearly 3K pieces of equipment**, including 13 types of personal protective equipment and 23 types of rescue equipment

Distributed aid worth roughly UAH 9.64 million (about \$230,600 USD) from



our Firefighters Aid Ukraine partnership, strengthening Ukrainian rescuers' capacity to respond to emergencies and carry out their duties under martial law

Trained 100 DSNS drivers in extreme and safe driving techniques for fire and rescue vehicles and equipped units with 50 sets of recovery and rigging gear to strengthen rescue operations

Delivered 20 dry-rescue suits to first responder teams in the Kirovohrad Region, improving personnel safety and performance during water rescues in cold conditions

Provided 1,200 pieces of rope access and technical rescue equipment to first responders in the Lviv region for high-angle rescue operations

Supplied 20 portable radios to a first-responder unit, strengthening communication and coordination during emergency response

Delivered 20 MSA MotionSCOUT PASS devices to a first responder unit, enhancing firefighter safety by automatically triggering an alarm if the wearer remains motionless and enabling rapid location and assistance in emergencies



**Personal Story:
When Every Kilometer
Counts**

A 12-year-old on mechanical ventilation who had to be transported seven hours to reach specialized care. An 11-hour transfer for a patient with severe burn injuries. For our partners at Artesans-ResQ Ukraine, a 24/7 critical care transport provider, missions like these are common. And each evacuation is a race against time.

Every day, critically ill and severely injured newborns, children, and adults must be transported hundreds of kilometers across Ukraine to reach hospitals with life-saving treatment. These missions require highly trained medical teams, specialized ambulances, and one often-overlooked resource: fuel.

Nova Ukraine helps keep these evacuation teams on the road by covering fuel costs, enabling partners to transport patients across Ukraine and, through

the international Medevac program, to hospitals abroad.

"Missions like these require more than the expertise and dedication of our teams. They also depend on critical resources, including medical equipment, medications, vehicles, and fuel," says Tetiana Salivonova, Pediatric Anesthesiologist at Artesans-ResQ Ukraine. "We are sincerely grateful to Nova Ukraine for helping keep our teams on the road and enabling us to continue saving lives."



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: FIREFIGHTER AID UKRAINE, UKRAINIAN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION, UKRAINIAN BROTHERHOOD, SION, RADA MIST, HAPPY KIDS, ISKRA DOBRA, I AM SAVED, VLASNORUCH, SVIT TA UKRAYINA, ATMA OLMIIYA, OBEREG YOUR HOPE, ARTESANS-RESQ UKRAINE, BARRIER-FREE FOUNDATION

**Infrastructure Support
of Medical Teams
and Hospitals**

This program strengthens the technical and physical foundation of healthcare in frontline and recovering regions. We provide medical teams with autonomous power, connectivity, and specialized evacuation vehicles, while financing urgent repairs for damaged hospitals. Priorities include piloting the CleanCare hygiene initiative and building a modern network of rehabilitation facilities, ensuring high-quality medical care stays accessible under the most challenging conditions.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: VLASNORUCH, HELP GLOBAL

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Delivered 164 diesel heaters to stabilization points and evacuation teams.

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Provided 30 medical vehicles to medical and evacuation teams, including a dedicated vehicle for the Kyiv Regional Blood Service Center to transport donated blood and blood components.

Installed 12 large 160 kW generators to power critical facilities in the Kyiv region.

Covered transportation costs for two humanitarian aid trucks from Norway and Denmark to the Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, delivering rehabilitation equipment, medical supplies, furniture, antiseptics, windows, and other essential items to hospitals treating patients.

EMPOWER

Supporting People,
Shaping the Future

Investing in young people and community leaders to strengthen local resilience and shape a brighter future. Offering educational programs, vocational training, and psychological support that help individuals and families regain independence and confidence. Protecting and promoting Ukrainian heritage and identity.



OUR VISION

Ukraine stands rooted in history and cultural heritage, carefully preserved and confidently projected at home and abroad. Its education system and innovation ecosystem are world-class, fueling long-term resilience and growth. Veterans are fully integrated into civic and economic life, and a vibrant civil society anchors democratic strength and national renewal.

Educational Projects

Nova Ukraine supports a wide range of initiatives that expand educational opportunities and help people across Ukraine reach their full potential.

Engineering Week

A hands-on project for K-12 students that sparks interest in science and develops engineering and problem-solving skills.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2K+ schools took part in the Engineering Week project

More than 195K students participated, including 4,597 students with special educational needs

8,302 teachers successfully organized and conducted Engineering Week activities

Developed a comprehensive **toolkit to support schools** in organizing Engineering Week and #eFEST, including age-appropriate engineering challenges, lesson plans, inclusive education recommendations, and other materials



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: PRO.PRO.LAB

Personal Story: When Students Inspire Students

Oksana Blahodarska-Petrenchuk,
Bratslav Lyceum No. 1

During Engineering Week at Bratslav Lyceum No. 1, students explored engineering through hands-on activities that encouraged creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving. One of the highlights was a peer-led lesson.

"One of the most memorable moments was the lesson, 'Who Is an Engineer?', led by one of our 11th-grade students for the third graders. She not only shared her knowledge but also helped the younger children build their very first robots. When theory is reinforced by excited eyes and working models, that's what real education looks like."



UCU Robotics Bachelor's Program

Nova Ukraine is a strategic partner of the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU), providing grant support for the development of the Bachelor of Robotics Program. The program trains engineers to work with robotic systems, automation, electronics, and artificial intelligence, combining engineering, programming, and hands-on learning throughout the course of study.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

Scientific and Technical Festival Open Lab 2026

A festival designed to demystify and popularize science among young researchers, innovators, educators, school pupils, and university students. The event combined inspiring lectures by internationally recognized scientists with hands-on activities, including an Innovation Expo and interactive workshops, creating opportunities for learning, networking, and showcasing Ukrainian scientific achievements.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1,300+ participants attended the festival

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: YOUTH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION "LVIV - THE EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL"

3 keynote lectures by renowned experts: Nicholas St. Braithwaite, British physicist; Henry Marsh, British neurosurgeon; and Svante Pääbo, Nobel Prize laureate in Physiology or Medicine

Innovation Expo featuring startups, universities, and other organizations that showcased cutting-edge technologies and innovative projects

2 thematic exhibitions: **Freedom in the Equation** (Where Are the Ukrainian Nobel Laureates?) highlighting Ukrainian scientists persecuted under Soviet and Russian regimes, and **Ukraine in Antarctica: Research and Resilience**, featuring photographs of 30 years of independent Ukraine's presence in Antarctica

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

A team of UCU students competed in RoboSumo 2026 in Kyiv — the largest autonomous robotics tournament in Ukraine — where teams design, program, and assemble their own robots

Opened a fully-equipped **Robotics Maker Space**, providing students with hands-on engineering facilities

Created the UCU Space Robotics team and secured participation in the European Rover Challenge 2026

1,534 prospective **Robotics Bachelor's** students reached through outreach events across Ukraine

Expanded experiential learning through robotics competitions, engineering summer schools, and physics laboratories that complement classroom education.



School Decentralization Project: "Pro.tools for Directors"

The project supports Ukraine's education reform by strengthening school leadership and equipping principals with practical tools for decision-making in autonomous schools. As responsibility shifts to the local level, this project helps educators build the skills, confidence, and professional networks needed to lead effectively within their communities.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

4 online courses developed, covering topics such as team management, modern leadership approaches, financial management, and digital documentation; plans call for **600–800** school principals and education managers from across Ukraine to participate in the training

200 participants from **15** communities took part in the pilot project

Principals received the **"Principal's Diary,"** an annual planner with checklists, recommendations, and management tips

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE EDUCATION «PRO.SVIT»



Engin4edu. Program For Educators pairs Ukrainian English teachers with their counterparts in the US for weekly one-on-one sessions.

144 students will receive certificates.

Blue Ocean Lab 2.0: Beyond Phone Screens ran a program teaching practical skills and career guidance for young Ukrainians, creating a space for creative development and offline engagement despite front-line challenges. Participants honed their digital skills, built their initial portfolios, and explored career pathways.

Other Educational Projects

Online Programming Education

A six-month online programming education program for **40** children aged **10–16** from families of fallen, missing, and captured Ukrainian defenders. It equips children with digital skills, supporting their educational development and future career opportunities.

Online Safety Lessons to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse

The initiative focuses on developing digital safety and mental health educational tools, training educators and juvenile police officers, and empowering children with the skills to navigate online risks safely. The campaign achieved a **total reach of 259,636** people.

Shelterscape: Student Competition for Architectural Solutions in Civil Protection in Ukraine

26 university teams from across Ukraine competed to develop innovative, resource-efficient civil protection shelter concepts.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: ENGIN, DIGNITYONLINE.UA, LOGIKA PROGRAMMING SCHOOL, ME AND MY SCHOOL



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

90 participants aged **12–22** in **Kharkiv** engaged in a 3-month educational program across 3 tracks: Programming, Graphic Design, and Communications

144 hours of specialized training were delivered, supplemented by soft skills workshops and cultural heritage masterclasses

3 career orientation trips were organized



Veteran & Youth Projects

POWER OF TWO

is a rehabilitation program for Ukrainian veterans and their spouses. The goal is to ease the acute phase of a crisis and keep families together. It provides participants with tools to maintain relationship quality, prevent crises, and strengthen families.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH PROTECTION «MARLOG-CADUCEI»

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2 new regions (Ternopil and Vinnytsia oblasts) appeared in the project

120 participants (a veteran and their spouse) went through a month-long program that includes an 8-day retreat and sessions with psychotherapists, plus 3 weeks of post-support

12 local psychologists completed educational training in the program methodology and certification process, under the guidance of our psychotherapists

Personal Story:
More Than Surviving Together

Dmytro and Viktoriia met during the war. He was serving on the front line, while she was living in Ternopil. Their relationship began online and, after Dmytro was injured, they finally met in person. Less than three months later, they were married. Over the next three years, like many military couples, they faced the challenges of war reaching into family life: stress, misunderstandings, and the difficulty of reconnecting after deployments. Hoping to better understand each other and strengthen their relationship, they joined the «Power of Two» retreat.

"It was exactly this breath of air,

this small push to truly understand each other — just to connect, to see what's happening inside, why we don't understand one another, why we enter certain emotional states and fail to hear each other. That's the most important thing this retreat gave us. And I think it's very important because now we understand what we share — our common ideas, our wishes for life, our thoughts about the future. We now have a shared vision of what lies ahead," says Viktoriia.

"When people talk about PTSD in soldiers, they often forget about the trauma experienced by their wives — because waiting in uncertainty is incredibly hard. Here, we were both able to say what hurts and truly hear each other. I got to know myself again, and my wife as well. And I love her even more," Dmytro adds.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH PROTECTION «MARLOG-CADUCEI»

VECTOR OF RESILIENCE

Professional development for Veteran Support Specialists. Specialists working with veterans should have access to their own psychological recovery system guided by experienced psychologists and trauma therapists.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

A cooperation memorandum was signed with Marlog-Caducei and the Volyn local government

60 specialists completed the training sessions and received certificates confirming successful completion, which also count toward the professional development requirements for civil servants



REHABILITATION OF VETERANS THROUGH SPORTS (PETANQUE AND BRAZILIAN JIU-JITSU)

Adaptive sports initiatives supporting veterans' physical rehabilitation and social reintegration.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2-day Winter and Spring Championship of the All-Ukrainian Veterans Petanque League, bringing together **192 participants (64 teams)**

4 petanque workshops for veterans engaging **137 new participants**

225 media and social media publications, demonstrating strong relevance to the veteran community and significant public interest

470 training sessions of jiu-jitsu involving **1,203 participants**

11 centers across Ukraine support the program

The team won **28 medals** at the TMS Prime Cup 2026 Competition



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: UKRAINIAN ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH PROTECTION "MARLOG-CADUCEI", THE MINISTRY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE, THE UKRAINIAN PETANQUE FEDERATION, TMS HUB



Outdoor Leadership Camps

Year-round camps supporting war-affected children through psychosocial recovery, resilience-building, and socialization. This year, our focus has been on providing scholarships that enable children to participate in educational and leadership camps.

The program plans to award at least 600 scholarships during the year to motivated children, with priority given to children from the most vulnerable categories of military families.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

40 war-affected teenagers joined the five-day **Soft Skills and Critical Thinking Winter Camp**, which focused on the empowerment of participants and training in a variety of social skills such as self-awareness, teamwork and listening

180 children aged 2-18 years took part in **32 Plast summer camps**, a unique immersion into nature where kids learn practical outdoor skills such as pitching tents, cooking over campfires, navigating wilderness trails, and leading their own squads

135 children from vulnerable groups spent time at **summer camps** run by partners (Goïpa and Motley Racoons camps), where they participated in workshops, rafting trips, hikes, and other activities to help them gain crucial soft skills, build social connections, and just be kids



59 children visited **Spring Multidisciplinary School**, where students studied mathematics, programming, robotics, and history under the guidance of honored Ukrainian teachers, scientists, and other outstanding educators

Nova Ukraine became a co-creator of the **Professional Development Course for Youth Workers in Children's and Youth Camps** to foster knowledge-sharing among teams working with children and to strengthen their professional skills



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: TOLERSPACE, GOÏRA CAMP, CAMP MOTLEY RACCOONS, PLAST LVIV, BOIKO AUTHOR SCHOOL

Levchyk Centrum Hub

The center provides educational, correctional, and adaptation support for children with autism, tailored to wartime realities.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

2 hubs – Lviv and Mykolaiv – have funding for operational activities

97 children with autism regularly attend the centers

Specialists at the center have conducted **more than 5K sessions** in sensory integration, behavioral therapy, and art and music therapy

The therapeutic garden started operating in Mykolaiv

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER:
FUTURE FOR UKRAINE



Culture Projects

UKRAINIAN SPRING FILM MARATHON

(San Francisco, USA, March-May, 2026)

Ukrainian Spring Film Marathon was a six-part film series bringing Ukrainian cinema to local audiences. It engaged 118 attendees across 6 screenings, fostering greater awareness of Ukrainian culture and storytelling.



DOCUMENTING THE IMPACT OF RUSSIA'S WAR ON THE ENVIRONMENT

(Kyiv, Ukraine, March, 2026)

The documentary photography exhibition was part of the Living the War photo exhibition. Six photographers explored topics such as landmines spreading across farmland, the environmental impact of the deliberate destruction of the Kakhovka dam by Russia, forest fires in the Sumy region linked to faster climate change, how sonar affects dolphins in the Black Sea, and the decline of bee populations caused by pesticides and fewer wild plants.

DOCUMENTARY PROJECT: "FLOWERS BEYOND THE DARK" (USA, 2026)

Nova Ukraine supported the U.S. promotion, festival screenings, and cultural diplomacy events for the documentary Flowers Beyond the Dark, expanding awareness of Ukraine and engaging new audiences and donors.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER:
NGO RECOVERY.RESILIENCE.PROGRESS

THE INAUGURAL SYMPOSIUM FOR HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND RECOVERY CENTER

(Kyiv, Ukraine, May, 2026)

The international symposium was held to open a new research center aimed at preserving and protecting Ukraine's cultural heritage. The center, which will be called the NaUKMA Research Center for Heritage Preservation and Recovery, will serve as an academic hub for research, education, and advocacy in the field of cultural heritage preservation.

The two-day program brought together Ukrainian and international academics, policymakers, and cultural organizations to discuss the challenges of protecting heritage in times of crisis and reconstruction.

The project will be developed with the support of Cornell University Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell Institute of Archaeology and Material Studies, and Roblee Historic Preservation.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER:
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY (NAUKMA)





PROJECTS WITH SUPPORT FROM THE HOWARD G. BUFFETT FOUNDATION

"Zmistovno" Children's Centers

The Educational Centers project was launched to provide children with safe, offline access to quality learning, social interaction, and psychological support. The network consists of 55 centers, many in near-frontline and underserved communities. Beyond core education, the centers offer advanced STEAM, robotics, and exam preparation programs.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: 27 partners; the most active are: CHERKASY YOUTH COUNCIL, THE STABILITY OF UKRAINE, INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE FUND «SAVED», UKRAINIAN ORGANIZATION TOGETHER, MY SYLA

A-Sho Educational Space in Kharkiv

The project combines extracurricular education, creative and STEM activities, sports and cultural events, psychological support, and a safe place to interact, helping kids recover and build the skills they need for the future.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2,121 children visited space from January to June 2026
- 120 activities for children take place each month

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: A-SHO KHARKIV



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Over 360K children attended the Educational Centers for the first half of 2026
- Since the project started (in May 2023), more than 2 million children have used the centers
- An average of 8K classes per month are held for children across the 55 centers
- STEAM classes have launched across all 55 Zmistovno centers



Chess Learning Infrastructure: Chess Classes and Chess Media Platform

The project builds a sustainable chess ecosystem in Ukraine by providing children with free access to chess education through school clubs while creating a dedicated media platform that promotes chess and encourages lifelong engagement with the game.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 41 chess classes opened across 13 Ukrainian regions
- 1,400+ pieces of equipment for classes distributed
- 8,985 children attended since February, 2026
- Launched e2e4, a dedicated chess media platform that published 442 news articles and dozens of videos

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: THE UKRAINIAN CHESS FEDERATION

Iron Squad Youth Leadership Short-Term Training Camps

A program for youth aged 13-17 that combines leadership training, emotional resilience, and civics education. Its goal is to prepare a conscious generation of Ukrainians ready to rebuild the country after the war.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2,500+ children joined camps of various formats
- 627 children participated in the HomeComing project, which gives Ukrainian children living abroad due to the war the opportunity to see their native country again, feel its atmosphere, meet friends, and spend time among their peers
- 17 project camps were held (Long, Short, and HomeComing Camps and Alumni Club Events)

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS: IRON SQUAD, UKRZALIZNYTSIA (UKRAINIAN RAILWAY)

Personal Story: When My Heart Remained in Ukraine

Veronika is 18 years old and comes from Vasylykivka in Ukraine's Dni-propetrovsk region. After Russia's full-scale invasion, she was forced to leave Ukraine and has been living in the Czech Republic for the past several years.

Participating in the international HomeComing camp, a subproject of Zalizna Zmina (Iron Squad), gave her the opportunity not only to return to Ukraine, reconnect with her homeland, and make new friends, but also to experience one of the most emotional moments of her life.

After years of separation, Veronika was finally reunited with her brother, Vitalii, who joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine in 2024 and is currently serving on the front lines, defending his country.

"It was here that I realized Ukraine is not only my roots. It is my future. It is incredibly important for young Ukrainians who were forced to leave because of the war to have the opportunity to see today's Ukraine, to experience it, and to understand that it is always waiting for them," she says.





Iron Youth (Programs: Children’s Railcars and STEM Centers)

The project enhances human-friendly railway services by equipping children’s train cars with essential furniture, safety equipment, bedding, and activity materials, while also training railway staff in technical, digital, and customer service skills.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1.5K children attended the official opening of the Children’s Railway cars in Rivne, where Nova Ukraine helped with the modernization

8,422 children used the services of Children’s Railways

51 defibrillators were purchased and installed at railway stations across Ukraine

4 Centers for Personnel Professional Development and Retraining equipped for training

3,562 students attended these Centers

2,847 children trained with FC Lokomotyv



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: UKRZALIZNYTSIA (UKRAINIAN RAILWAY)

Points of Invincibility

A network of warming centers that provide safe, warm spaces for people fleeing shelling or navigating disruptions, offering heating, internet, charging stations, children’s areas, and psychological support, as well as guidance on aid.



IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER: UKRZALIZNYTSIA (UKRAINIAN RAILWAY)

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

More than **1.1** million people were supported in the first half of 2026

56 locations were kept operational, including 50 railway stations and 6 support centers in cities near the front line

106 locations were equipped with critical response equipment

777+ people received psychological support

106 staff members supported the project across the country

30.1K+ bottles of drinking water were provided

251 square meters of artificial turf were procured for children’s areas

ADVOCATE

A Global Voice
for Ukraine

Raise awareness about Ukraine's ongoing needs and challenges. Inform elected officials and decision-makers of efficient ways to help Ukraine and ensure justice. Engage with partners to champion Ukraine's cause in the US and on the world stage.

OUR VISION

Ukraine is a vital partner in global democracy and an engine of human opportunity, grounded in accountability and resilience. Ukraine has made a national commitment to justice and shared global values.



Wisconsin Assembly Vote (January, 13-14) Against the Kidnapping of Ukrainian Children by Russia

On January 13, 2026, the Wisconsin State Assembly unanimously passed **Joint Resolution 103 (AJR 110) condemning Russia's illegal abduction and forced transfer of Ukrainian children.** The State Senate had already approved the resolution unanimously on November 18, 2025.

With approval from both chambers, Wisconsin became the first U.S. state to pass this kind of resolution through its full legislature. Although a similar measure exists at the federal level, this marks the first state-level legislative action on the issue.

"The world must be aware of these abductions and condemn them to protect the future of our world. We are grateful to the Wisconsin Legislature for setting a precedent as we look to other states across America to do the same", said Aleksandr Krapivkin, Director of Advocacy & Engagement at Nova Ukraine.

The resolution was brought before lawmakers through a partnership between **Nova Ukraine**, a leading US-based nonprofit, and **Wisconsin Ukrainians Inc.**, with support from **Friends of Ukraine – Madison**. Together, these organizations worked with bipartisan lawmakers to ensure the issue received formal recognition at the state level.



**Commemorative Rally
Marking Four Years
of Russia's Genocidal
Full-Scale War
(Washington
D.C., February, 21)**

Thousands of people came to Washington to show their support in these critical times, and Nova Ukraine was a partner organization for this event. We also sponsored a bus from Raleigh, North Carolina, so communities from far away could participate.



**Children in the Fire (U.S.
Capitol, February, 10-11)**

Ukrainian children affected by the war sat in a room on Capitol Hill and watched their lives reflected on screen. They're the main characters in Oscar-nominated director Evgeny Afineevsky's documentary, "Children in the Fire," showcasing the brutal impact of

Russia's invasion on Ukrainian kids. At the event attended by lawmakers, the children told their stories of air raids, displacement, imprisonment, torture, and lost childhoods. It was hosted by **Nova Ukraine**, the **Embassy of Ukraine** in the USA, **Rep. Michael McCaul (TX-10)**, and **Bring Kids Back UA**.

**UA-US Business
Voices Panel
(Capitol Hill, April, 16)**

Nova Ukraine CEO Ambassador Erin E. McKee joined the UA-US Business Voices Panel at the UA2USA Capitol Hill Business Dialogue.

The discussion brought together Ukrainian-American business leaders who are building connections between the U.S. and Ukraine.

The conversation focused on the role the community plays across both countries and how those connections translate into real economic opportunities.

"The biggest missed opportunity is not using this trusted network in a strategic way, sharing the data to connect policymakers and businesses to concrete economic opportunities at scale." Ambassador Erin E. McKee.

At Nova Ukraine, this work continues through our partnership with ISE (Innovation Startup Entrepreneurship), which recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with our team.



**8th Ukraine Action
Summit (Washington,
D.C., April, 19-23)**

The **Ukraine Action Summit Spring 2026** brought together more than 700 participants from all 50 U.S. states with a shared goal of strengthening long-term support for Ukraine through advocacy, partnerships, and direct engagement with American policymakers. The Summit combined expert panel discussions, practical advocacy training, member organization presentations, and two days of coordinated meetings on Capitol Hill. The Summit program focused on equipping participants to advocate for stronger sanctions against Russia, the return of abducted Ukrainian children, and deeper defense and economic cooperation between the U.S. and Ukraine. Sessions also explored Ukraine's economic potential, international partnerships, support for Ukrainian refugees, cultural diplomacy, and educational initiatives as essential tools for bilateral relations. The Summit placed strong emphasis on developing grassroots leaders and volunteer networks that maintain year-round engagement with elected officials across the U.S.

"The values that Ukraine and America share are an enduring belief in freedom, prosperity, sovereignty, and self-determination, what this country was founded on, what we fought for 250 years ago. That's why this Summit, your voices, your presence matters today more than ever," said Ambassador Erin E. McKee, CEO, Nova Ukraine.



The program was included in more than **445 congressional meetings**, providing advocates with the opportunity to advance key legislative priorities directly with members of Congress and their staff.

Within one month of the Summit, these efforts contributed to **more than 60 new congressional co-sponsorships** for priority legislation supporting Ukraine. Another major highlight was the **Bring Kids Back** campaign, which drew national attention to Russia's abduction of Ukrainian children and reinforced the urgency of international action.



Amb. Erin E. McKee
Spring Visit to Ukraine
(Ukraine, April)



In April 2026, Nova Ukraine CEO Erin E. McKee visited grant recipients implementing humanitarian projects in three cities across Ukraine: Lviv, Kyiv, and Kharkiv.

Erin led more than 23 meetings on projects related to the three key pillars of our work: Heal, Build, and Empower. During the visit, we met with government officials, institutions near the frontline, and the foundation's regional teams. We got acquainted with projects in humanitarian aid and services, healthcare, education, veteran rehabilitation, emergency response, cultural heritage preservation, and community development.

Special attention was given to long-term partnerships that provide lasting impact, including educational initiatives, the restoration of medical facilities, support for emergency services, and local recovery programs.

The itinerary also highlighted Nova Ukraine's humanitarian logistics operations through visits to a restored warehouse and discussions with local teams responsible for delivering aid across the country. Meetings with national and regional authorities focused on strengthening collaboration.

Eurovision is One
of the Most Powerful
Platforms for Cultural
Advocacy (Vienna, May)

Over 95,000 tickets were sold for this year's Eurovision shows, with fans coming from 75 countries and territories around the world. And the Nova Ukraine team was no exception.

We also brought 200 envelopes of 'Letters from Ukraine' to help promote Ukrainian culture.

"Oh my God, these are my favorite things," says famed Ukrainian singer Ruslana, who won the Eurovision song contest more than two decades ago, as she held a large envelope decorated with traditional Ukrainian Petrykivka painting.



Ukraine Recovery
Conference
(Gdansk, June, 2026)

The Ukrainian Recovery Conference is a vital international platform to discuss long-term solutions for Ukraine's recovery, development, and economic growth with governments, international financial organizations, and businesses. In 2026, it drew more than 7,000 visitors. The Nova Ukraine senior leadership team met with leaders representing government, global businesses, allied organizations, government leaders, local partners, businesses, and organizations worldwide.

Each envelope contained a carefully curated collection of symbolic items. One of them was a scarf designed by Ukrainian-American artist Mariya Pylypenko, featuring motifs inspired by Petrykivka painting, a traditional Ukrainian decorative folk art style that originated in the Dnipropetrovsk region. In 2013, the Petrykivka painting was placed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Nova Ukraine also created stickers featuring Petrykivka designs. Eurovision participants, their teams, and journalists from around the world quickly placed them on their laptops and phones. The envelopes also included postcards decorated with the same patterns. On the back of each was a story about a person whose life has been impacted by Nova Ukraine's work on the ground.

Some of the most emotional



Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU)
with Ukraine's Ministry
of Culture

Nova Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ukraine's Ministry of Culture, strengthening our collaboration to protect and promote Ukrainian cultural heritage. "Ukraine's cultural memory will survive this war despite Russia's deliberate, systematic attempt to erase Ukrainian identity," said Nova Ukraine CEO Ambassador Erin E. McKee.

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reactions came in response to the friendship bracelets handmade by children attending Zmistovno educational centers, which Nova Ukraine supports across Ukraine.

"We spent six months crafting this collection to curate a meaningful package," says Sashko Krapivkin, Director of Advocacy & Engagement at Nova Ukraine.

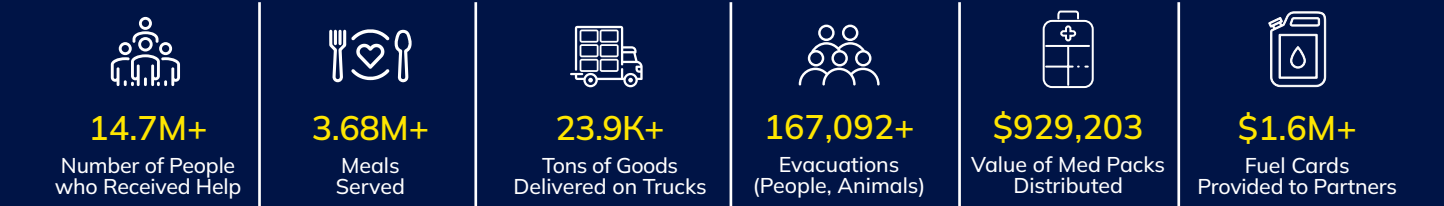


Charitable
Ukraine-2025 Awards

For the second year in a row, Nova Ukraine won Charitable Ukraine's highest recognition in the International Support category. We also took second place in the Charity in Education and Science category, which recognizes the work of our Empower team and their impact on education, science, and Ukraine's future.

MAP

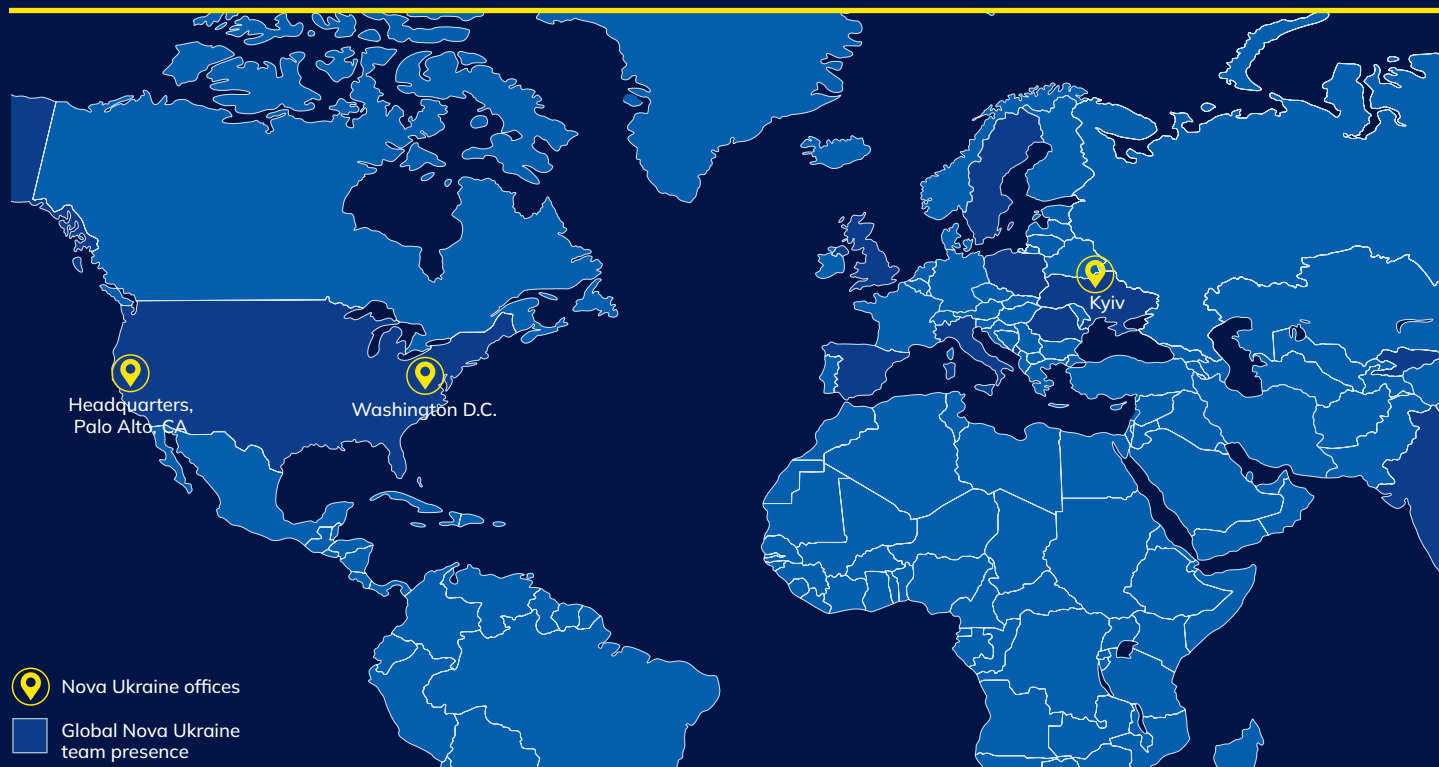
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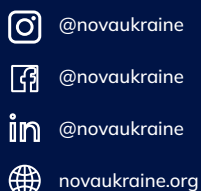


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Founded in 2014, Nova Ukraine is a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian aid and services, and raises awareness about Ukraine in the United States and globally. Since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion, Nova Ukraine has delivered critical assistance to millions of Ukrainians, supporting medical institutions, civilian infrastructure, displaced families, and community-led recovery efforts.

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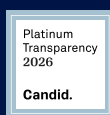
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