

UAct Factsheet

UAct: Scouts in Humanitarian Response for Ukraine FACTSHEET

The Scout Movement and UNICEF joined forces in 2022 to launch UAct, a regional partnership that aims to provide humanitarian support to Ukrainian children and families affected by the ongoing war. Scouts have been working tirelessly since the conflict began to provide basic necessities and protection to refugees in neighbouring countries. Under UAct, National Scout Organizations in nine countries (Poland, Czechia, Romania, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Latvia, Moldova, and Ukraine) established structured activities and initiatives to address the needs of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) both in the short and long term.

- UAct is a regional project in partnership between **UNICEF and the World Organization of the Scout Movement**.
- National Scout Organizations involved: Poland, Czechia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Latvia, Moldova, and Ukraine.
- In 1 year, Scout volunteers from the nine countries supported over **1,130,000 Ukrainian refugees** and internally displaced persons (IDPs). This includes **517,000 Ukrainian children and youth**.
- **34,000 Scouts participated** in this humanitarian response for Ukraine in the last year. Through the UAct partnership, Scouts' humanitarian response included:
 - Providing non-formal education to Ukrainian children and youth through activities at refugee centres, schools, and Scout summer camps.
 - Easing the integration of Ukrainian refugees into host communities through local language lessons, skills-building workshops, and registering Ukrainian children into local Scouting.
 - Providing critical support at borders and information centres like Blue Dots in Poland.
 - Providing psychological first aid to refugees.
 - Distributing packages of items (food and hygiene) that Ukrainians needed since the first days of the war.
 - Establishing day-care centres and offering parents a safe space for their children while they tend to urgent matters.
 - Working closely with ministries and schools to assist refugee children with access to local schools.

For more information about the project, please visit www.scout.org/uact