

PROTECTING UKRAINE'S YOUTH

IMPACT OF WAR



The entire school-aged population of Ukraine (5.7 million between 3 and 17 years old) has been impacted by the war. This generation has not only missed out on classes but also faced displacement and extreme danger of physical harm.

MENTAL HEALTH

Ongoing impact from conflict-related trauma and severe psychological stress negatively impacts the ability to learn. It also can lead to elevated risk of school dropout and negative coping mechanisms, such as violence or substance issues.



EDUCATION

As a result of the conflict, educational facilities have been shut down nation-wide, depriving Ukrainian youth of their rights-based access to education. Violating International Humanitarian Law, military attacks continue on educational facilities in Ukraine.

'The psychological impact of the conflict on Ukraine's children cannot be underestimated'

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

RISKS

The millions of women and children fleeing war in Ukraine are in severe danger of human trafficking and exploitation. Conflict increases the risk of gender-based violence, in particular sexual violence. Widespread weapons proliferation in Ukraine increases the risk of teenagers being recruited into armed groups.



URGENT PRIORITIES

Whether internally-displaced, in refugee status abroad or in other contexts, Ukrainian youth and their caregivers require swift, ongoing and coordinated assistance. Critical areas:

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)

- Provide Ukrainian youth with urgently needed age/gender-appropriate MHPSS
- Intensify MHPSS to conflict-affected populations, including for health workers

Education

- Supply early development kits and learning materials for conflict-affected youth
- Give educators and humanitarian support entities proactive orientation in MHPSS

Risks

- Scale up protection monitoring, reporting, mapping of services, capacities, and referrals
- Carry out info campaigns on how to access emergency assistance and protection services

Source: Flash Appeal Ukraine, OCHA, March-May 2022

The Community-based Integrated Solutions Pilot (CISP) creates a digital library of evidence-based microlearning and multimedia offerings reaching last-mile settings, promoting trauma solutions and gender-based violence support while tackling human trafficking. Stakeholders and services are coordinated in a multilingual database aimed at supporting youth and others impacted by violence globally.

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