



Children and Youth on the Move in Ukraine



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7

projects implemented in 2024

54,816

beneficiaries in 2024
55% child
45% adult

13M CHF

multi-annual financial volume for the migration projects active in 2024

In 2024...

- Over **5,960,362** Ukrainians had registered as refugees, asylum seekers or in refugee like situation abroad.
- **3,689,000** IDPs registered in Ukraine
- **6.2 million** Ukrainian refugees registered across Europe
- **45.6%** and **32.5%** beneficiaries of TP are women and children respectively fleeing Ukraine
- **60%** of people who fled have returned to Ukraine

Context

• Impact of the war

The Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 marked a dramatic escalation of an eight-year conflict. Since then, the massive humanitarian crisis in Ukraine created 714,000 internal displacement flows, decreasing from 16,9 million in 2022.

The European Union implemented for the first time a Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) to define the legal status of Ukrainian refugees fleeing, with Germany, Poland, Czechia, Romania, the Netherlands, and Spain granting the most TPs. Refugees were able to access protection and assistance without delay and enjoy freedom of movement in most host countries. Despite the war on Ukraine, there were still close to half a million foreigners with temporary or permanent residence permits in 2023.

Besides causing massive displacements, both internal and on an international level, the war had also a disastrous impact on the life of civilians who stayed. Indeed, civilian property and infrastructures are being heavily impacted, most people do not have access to healthcare and basic necessities, as food for instance, children do not have access to education on a stable basis, blackouts and air raid alerts are extremely frequent.

• Vulnerabilities on migration routes

Ukraine has been an origin, transit, and destination country for human trafficking since the early 1990s. The problem has increased since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Millions of people, mainly women and children due to male military conscription, have fled and are vulnerable on migration routes. About 46,000 Ukrainians were trafficked between 2019 and 2021, and there is no new data yet since the war. Groups most vulnerable to human trafficking come from Roma communities and/or children in state institutions. Victim demographics have been shifting towards young men trafficked for forced labour and criminality in drug trafficking. Additionally, 19,500 children have been forcibly deported from Ukraine to Russia in reeducation programs and forced adoption. Only 388 have been returned.

Map of CYM intervention



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Tdh CYM Projects in Ukraine

In 2024, the 7 **CYM projects** implemented in Ukraine focused on:

- Supporting **integration** of relocated education institutions from East Ukraine in the new environment and embedding psychosocial support approaches in the **educative processes**
- Preparing **schools as safe spaces** to be **sites of social cohesion and drivers of psychosocial empowerment and social inclusion**
- Covering **basic needs** and enhancing access to adapted **shelter, education, and effective and sustainable child protection services** for conflict-affected children, youth, and their families
- Strengthening the protection of the most underserved and disadvantaged internally displaced children
- Enhancing **MHPSS** services and awareness-raising, including among non-professionals and front-line service providers
- Improving Ukraine's protection framework and knowledge of **transnational families** in relation to the impacts of labour migration in the EU.

Local partners

Zaporizhzhia Polytechnic National University, Charity Fund "POSMISHKA UA", Zahid Shans, Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (RRC), Posnishka UA, World in Colours, Yellow-Blue Wings

Alignment with Theory of Change

- Target Groups:** Focus on children and youth in pre-mobility, on the move, fixed in the migration process, and left behind
- Information (Pathway 1):** Learning and mainstreamed within and beyond the actors involved
- Protection (Pathway 2):** CYM are better protected and accompanied along migratory routes and in crisis contexts
- (Re)integration (Pathway 3):** CYM are better integrated in their society
- Advocacy (Pathway 4):** Multi-stakeholder coordination is established to strengthen community level safety nets and resilience

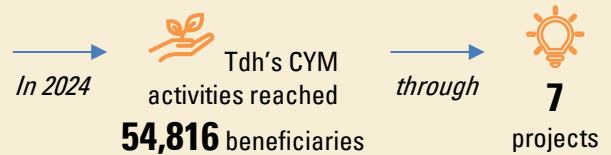
Differentiation Approach: Protective Accompaniment; Partnership, Localization and Participation

Priority areas of intervention:

1. Strengthening systems and services
2. Enabling CYM and their families as actors in their protection, development, and advocacy

Integration with PrEx: Access to Justice; Child Protection

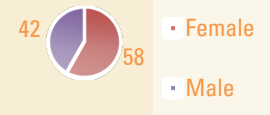
CYM 2023 Key Data in Ukraine



Age (%)



Gender (%)



29,784 families received NFI or cash assistance.

10,928 children, youth, families affected by migration provided with new skills, knowledge and financial assistance

9,784 children benefited from MHPSS intervention, including Case Management.



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