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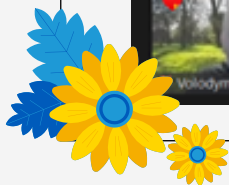
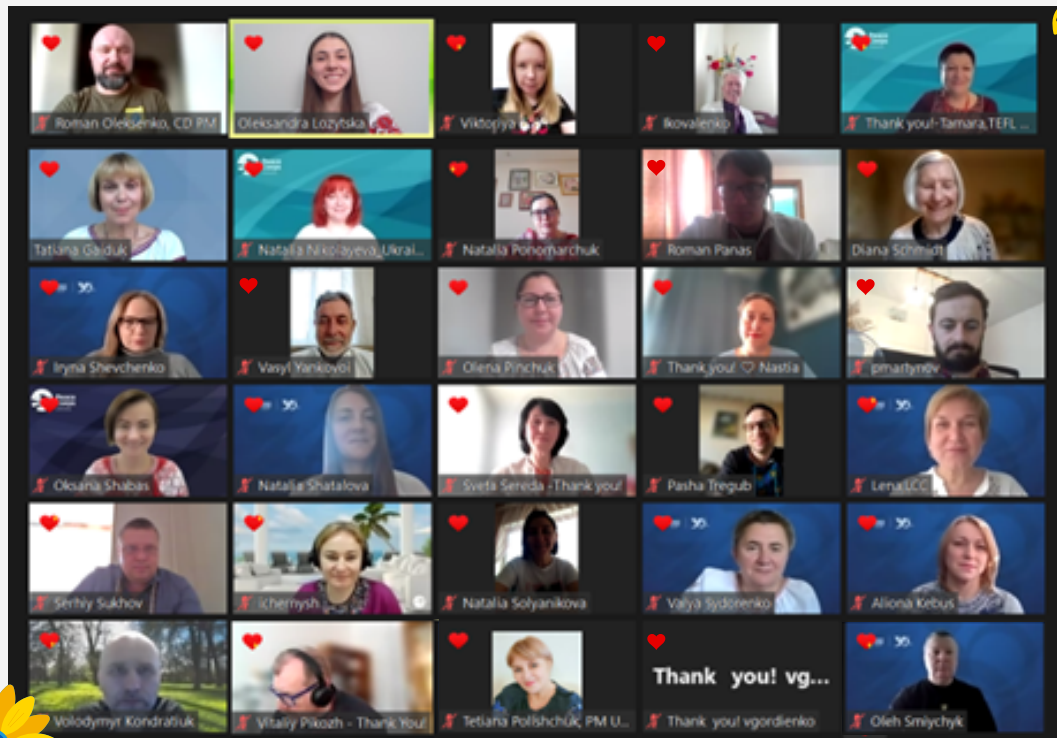
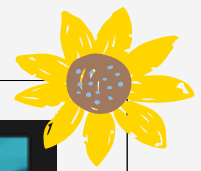
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Dear Friends and Partners,

In the years without Volunteers in Ukraine, our commitment to service and peace, and friendship remained strong, even during the global pandemic and war.

In this annual report, Peace Corps Ukraine highlights the efforts and accomplishments - mostly online and via Zoom - of our talented and caring staff, our engagements from Virtual Service Pilot Participants, and our gifted Ukrainian partners.

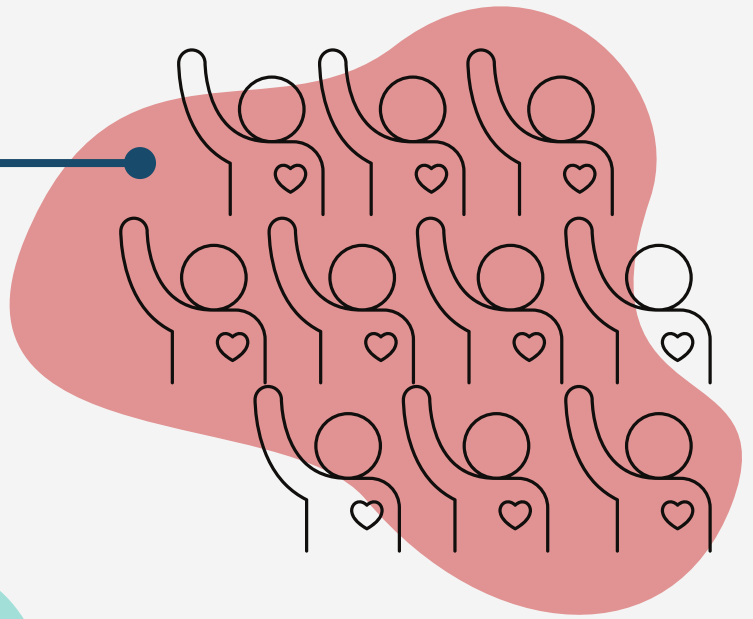
We appreciate the continued support from our governmental partner Ministries of Education and Science, Youth and Sports, and Communities and Territories Development. We continue to collaborate with teachers and development professionals, schools, universities, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, and youth groups and health professionals and social workers who work to combat, prevent, and educate about HIV/AIDS. We appreciate the generous support from the US Agency for International Development (USAID), President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and the US Embassy's Regional English Language Office that facilitated training of hundreds of local partners and our local staff. We celebrate our strong relationships and local coordination with the Ukrainian Volunteer Service, Rotary International, and Special Olympics. Thank you all.

In Peace and Friendship,

Peace Corps Ukraine Staff

3,420

Volunteers total have served in Peace Corps Ukraine since 1992.



RPCVs participated in Peace Corps' Virtual Service Pilot Program (VSPP) in

53

engagements with local partners.

9

Staff supported different Peace Corps Posts globally in 2022.



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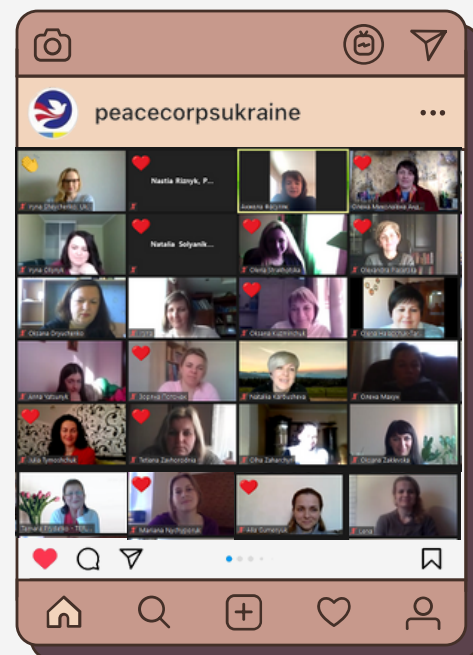
years the Peace Corps program has been operating in Ukraine.

SPA AND RELO-SUPPORTED TRAINING ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Virtual teacher training “**Democratic School for TEFL Counterparts**” for **74 English teachers** from all parts of Ukraine, including Donbass and Luhansk, contributed to teachers' professional and personal growth, increased their motivation and abilities to teach English virtually by applying existing digital learning systems, enhanced their awareness of civic activism and volunteerism, and supported teachers' emotional well-being during precarious economic situations under COVID-19.

Inspired participants promoted service learning and volunteerism among their colleagues and incorporated those concepts during their regular on-line and off-line educational activities. They also practiced coaching and

emotional literacy skills at schools, introduced effective ways of emergency remote teaching, shared the training resources and USAID-developed resources on financial literacy among their colleagues at school communities.



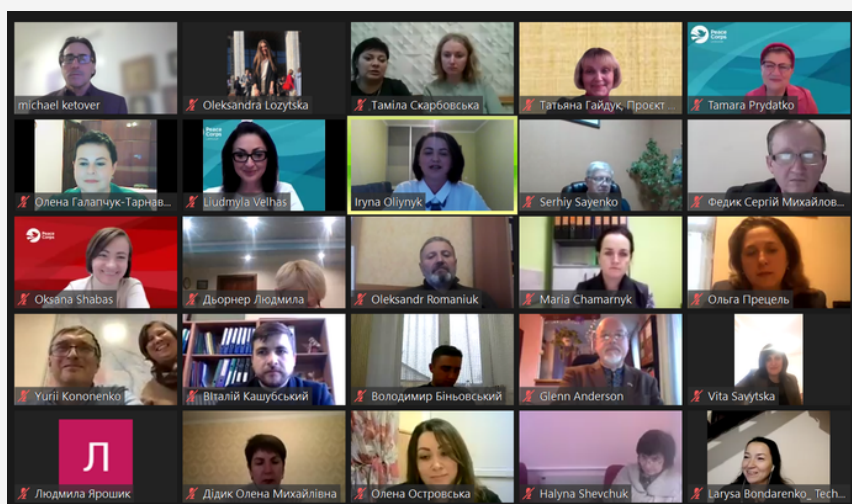
"This training is **relevant** and **helpful** to my everyday classroom teaching."

"Every session was **incredible**."

"the information [...] is **practical** and **vital** in my work as a teacher of English"

"I was provided with different **useful** and **interesting** strategies and tools."

To reinforce the Covid mitigation practices, all participants were provided with a collection of anti-Covid posters for their schools.



ONLINE YOUTH WORK BY FEMALE SERVICE PROVIDERS

Over **190 Ukrainian partners** (social workers, teachers, youth workers, NGO and Government leaders) actively participated in **international experience exchange meetings**. The topics for discussion included Building Inclusive Environment, Special Olympics, Youth Work in the Times of COVID (activity supported by SPA/USAID).



VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT IN YOUTH PROJECTS

30 Youth Development partners attended the in-person training in Volunteer Management and developed the Volunteer Circle Strategies for their organizations. Participants learned more about volunteer motivation, strategies for volunteer support, shared experience in volunteer project management, and created a peer support network. We are thankful to the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine and Ukrainian Volunteer Service for co-facilitation of this event (activity supported by SPA/USAID).

Peace Corps Ukraine in collaboration with the Regional English Language Office/US Embassy, signed up **147 university and secondary school teachers** for participation in the **2021 International TESOL Virtual Convention**. Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to connect with colleagues abroad, benefitted from highly professional engagement with outstanding speakers, and actively participated in roundtable discussions. Participants of the Convention felt grateful for this professional development opportunity.



VOLUNTEER RESOURCES FOR YOUTH PROJECTS

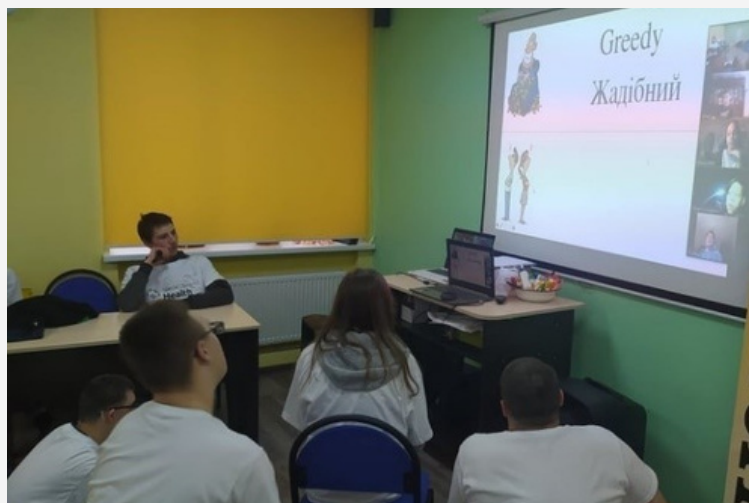
Peace Corps Ukraine joined the Ukrainian Government efforts on supporting National Youth Strategy-2030, particularly in the priority area of developing the culture of volunteerism. The Ukrainian version of the Peace Corps Manual "V2: Volunteerism Action Guide" has been created.



Additionally, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and Ukrainian Volunteer Service, the new methodological guide "Volunteering Lesson" is being developed. Resources will be used by Peace Corps Volunteers and Ukrainian partners during future trainings and service learning project work (activity supported by SPA/USAID).

TEFL

VSP participant Dr. Doug Hall assisted his partner educational institution with team teaching ESP (English for specific purposes) to **150 students**, developing educational resources, and conducting an English club.



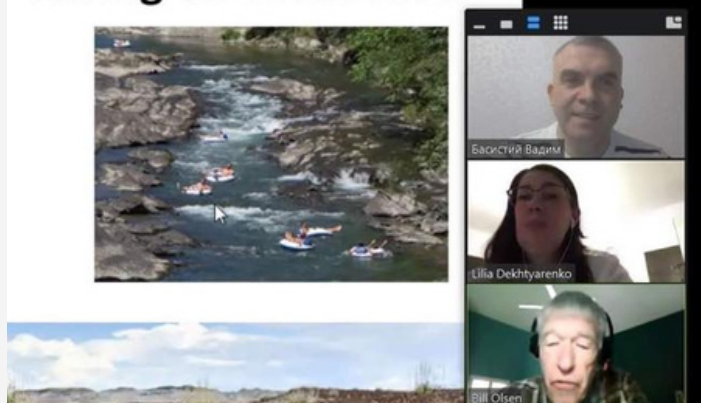
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In the framework of the Virtual Service Pilot, the former Community Development Volunteer Bill Olsen facilitated weekly financial literacy classes online for **over 100** Ukrainian students, educators, and local activists from around Ukraine.

Over **90 participants** from **7 oblasts of Ukraine** attended 5 weekly Life Skills Clubs with **3 Peace Corps Youth Development VSPPs**. Topics of the Clubs included Leadership, Effective Communication, Literature, Arts, Equity, Democracy, etc.

YD

Tubing on Verde River



22

MSM sessions – “Leadership,” HIV-testing/prevention, social-emotional support

120

individual consultations on stress management techniques with Key Populations

20

organizational development consultations with Counterparts

60

coaching sessions with Counterparts

**PEPFAR/
RESPONSE**

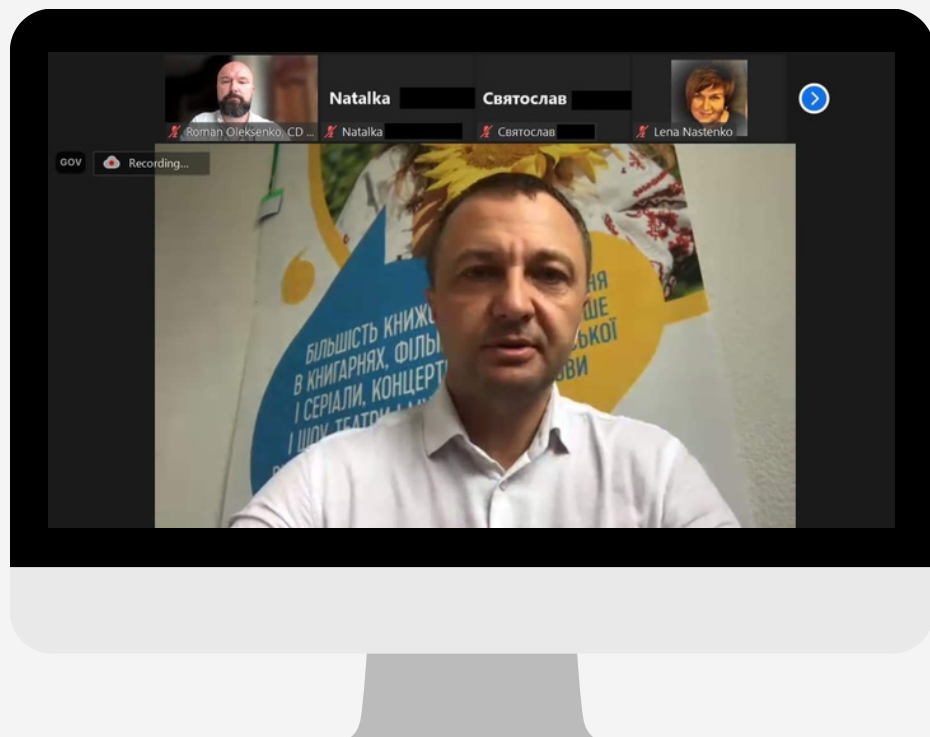
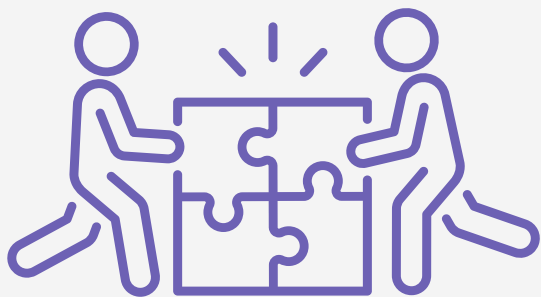
FINANCIAL LITERACY AND PERSONAL MONEY MANAGEMENT IN YOUTH PROGRAMS



20 Ukrainian partners participated in the Trainings of Trainers and Community of Practice Meetings, in order to prepare to teach the topic in their communities. To help Peace Corps expand the trainers' network, FST/USAID Project shared with Peace Corps Ukraine their Financial Literacy Handbook and Workbook in Ukrainian and English languages (activity supported by FST/USAID).

Throughout the year the **Community Development Program Manager Roman Oleksenko** organized and co-facilitated **25 webinars for over 50 Ukrainian counterparts**. Among the keynote speakers were recognized national and American subject matter practitioners.

The topics included gamification of community development tools, building trust and promoting collaboration between community stakeholders, volunteerism, building alliances with local businesses and religious organizations, coaching, fundraising, etc.



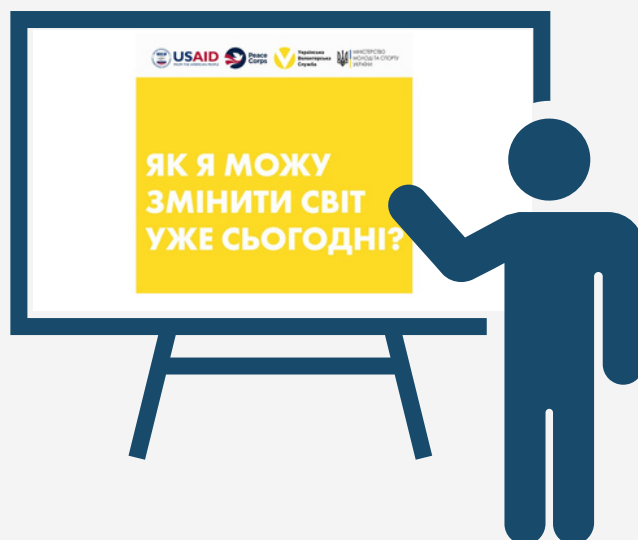


Youth Employment Training

50 Youth Service Providers and **Youth Leaders** participated in **two virtual trainings** on resume writing, self-presentation skills and job search (activity supported by American Councils/Education USA).

Uniting Experts for Volunteerism Resource Development

20 Ukrainian counterparts took active part in the Expert Advisory Group for creating the Guide "**Volunteering Lesson**", together with Ukrainian Volunteer Service and Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.



PEPFAR (PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AID RELIEF)

20

TEAM SUPERVISION SESSIONS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIAL WORKERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HIV

2

CROSS-REGIONAL TRAININGS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS & OVC SOCIAL WORKERS, PEDIATRICIANS – CASE MANAGEMENT; "COMPASSION FATIGUE"/BURNOUT

1362

CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORTED VIA MULTICOMPONENT INTERVENTION



In cooperation with national NGO "Ukrainian Volunteer Service" and USAID/SPA program, Peace Corps Ukraine staff and a group of local youth development activists from the NGO and education fields created an educational manual "Lesson on Volunteerism."

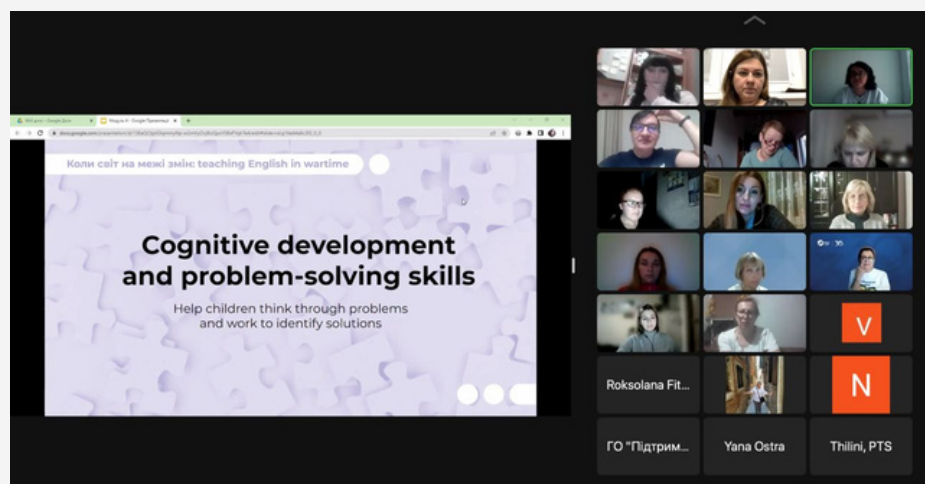
This is the first resource on the topic in Ukraine, and it can be used at schools, non-formal education settings, by youth NGOs and volunteer circles.



In December 2021 – January 2022, several youth development partners reported on the successful use of the manual for facilitation of International Volunteer Day activities. After the full-scale invasion started, Peace Corps Ukraine expanded the project with video resources on the topic "Volunteering during war and humanitarian crisis."

In 2022, Peace Corps Ukraine TEFL staff in close cooperation with trainers and psychologists from Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Go Global and Support a Child NGOs successfully trained 90 teachers of English from different regions of Ukraine on trauma informed teaching during the war.

Peace Corps Ukraine TEFL staff in cooperation with RELO/US Embassy and Peace Corps Moldova organized a series of monthly virtual workshops for teachers of Ukraine and Moldova from March through June. Despite numerous challenges, 30 English teachers from Ukraine attended the training events to learn how to apply various digital tools and LMSs in the virtual classroom.



The virtual workshop is taking place during the blackout in Ukraine, most of the participants were without power or electricity.

TEFL team together with RMs supported and expanded TEFL VSP and widely spread information among TEFL counterparts.

At this point there are 15 TEFL VSPPs cooperating with Ukrainian teachers and students.



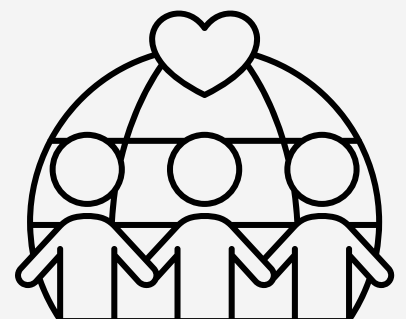
FIVE VIRTUAL SERVICE PARTICIPANTS COLLABORATED WITH UKRAINIAN YOUTH WORKERS ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- teaching personal money management (YD/CD collaboration)
- building the network for inclusive online education (youth with and without autism)
- IDP support through building emotional resiliency
- life skills development for employability
- national volunteer initiative support through emotional resiliency group



Starting November 2022, two Virtual Service Participants successfully collaborated with local NGOs with strengthening their fundraising capabilities, and facilitating English Club sessions for veterans and their family members.

In the photo: CD PM Roman Oleksenko & Yuliia Romanovska, Veteran Hub host partner, assisting VSPP Ted Webne with English Club sessions for veterans and their families.



PEPFAR PROJECTS AND STAFF-LED ACTIVITIES

PreP, ART, HIV-testing-demand creation, anti-stigma, linkages and referrals

Storytelling project related to women's empowerment and crowdfunding for HIV-positive women's needs in the context of war

"The School of Grant Writing" for regional coordinators of an NGO "Positive Women"

Sustaining and Strengthening Networks of Cooperation with National, Local IPs and beneficiaries of PC PEPFAR

Providing individual stress-coping trainings to People Living with HIV and representatives of Key Populations including but not limited to beneficiaries of previous PCVs community projects upon request

Cooperation with PACT on developing child-protective policies with a focus on children living with HIV

Situational analysis and mapping of current state of medical system and NGOs

Situational analysis of patterns of PLHIV location change via conversations with medical personnel



Individual organizational development consultations to PC PEPFAR IPs

Working group for Center of Public Health by FHI360 and PACT on the Recovery Plan on HIV, Tb and STIs services for Community Action for HIV Control, Ukraine

Needs assessment and mapping related to medical health facilities in PEPFAR regions

Weekly supervision group on case management and emotional support with social workers and psychologists who provide regular case-management calls to children and youth living with HIV under a PC PEPFAR project

DARIEN BOOK AID

Darien Book Aid continued during the most difficult times for the Ukrainian schools. In 2022 Darien Book Aid supported 16 Ukrainian educational organizations by sending to them much needed English language resources. More than **2,500 students** and **80 teachers** benefitted from reading these books and not only increasing their English language skills but also broadening horizons of their knowledge.

Local partners expressed gratitude to Darien Book Aid volunteers and Peggy Minnis for all their support! Recipients of the book donations express their appreciation for the donated books and say:

— “ —

...It's especially meaningful in these hard times when our country is severely suffering from russian aggression.

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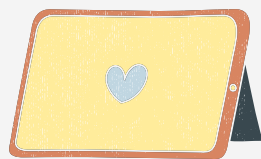
Thanks to your effort and donation, students will enjoy reading books in the original and get a better grasp of the language. Besides, books can help them survive the war. Your generosity and help is what supports Ukrainians and opens up new opportunities for our kids.

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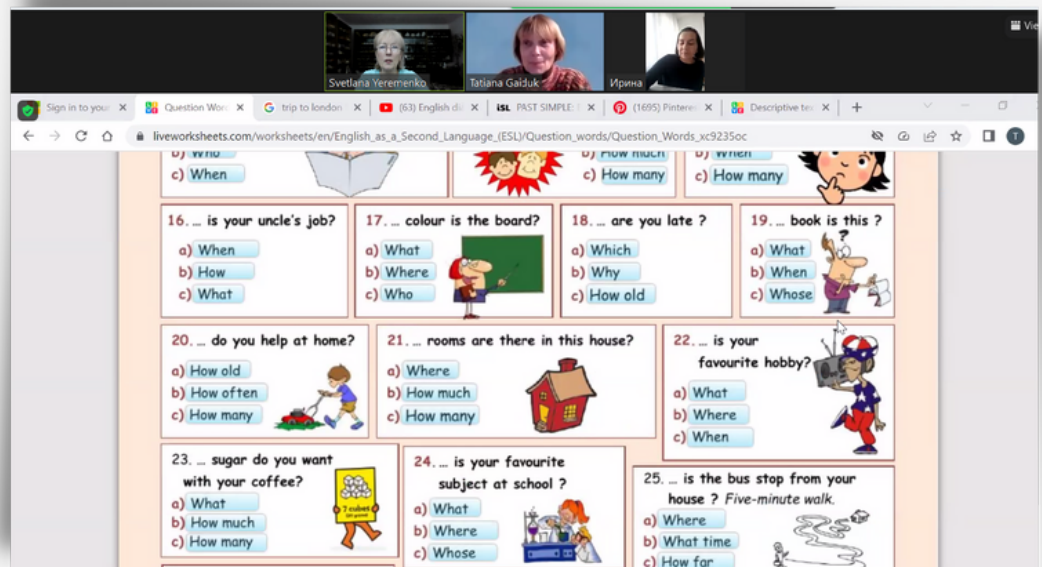
TEFL PROGRAM MANAGERS TAMARA PRYDATKO & TATIANA GAIDUK

Living Waters Fund sponsored tablets and thermos cups for the IDP students giving them a chance to continue their online studies.



To create educational opportunities for IDP students hosted by Western Ukraine schools, Tamara Prydatko in cooperation with Peggy Walton, TEFL RPCV, united their efforts with the American Living Water Children's Fund, and Ukrainian counterparts who supported IDP students from war affected areas and provided tablets to enable their participation in online studies and stay warm in the shelters during missile attacks. Families had to flee from their homes without anything and this support was vital to continue children's' online education during war time.

Tatiana Gaiduk organized a virtual English club for women whose family members were killed during the war of 2014-2015. The aim is to teach basic conversational language and provide socioemotional support to the participants. The weekly club sessions have taken place since 2020 and are continuing.



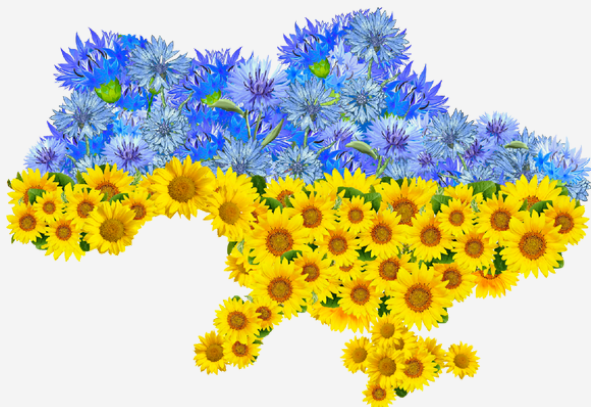
PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST FOR HIV/AIDS KEY POPULATIONS ELLA SOKOLIUK



- providing medical and socio-emotional support to civilians in recently liberated territories
- providing socio-emotional support via hotline for civilians

PCMO DR. LARYSA TATKALO

- providing medical trainings to medical service providers



CD PROGRAM MANAGER ROMAN OLEKSENKO



Roman Oleksenko & Jeffrey Hartman

Between March - December 2022, the Community Development Program Manager in conjunction with Ukraine RPCVs, Ukrainian counterparts, volunteers, and government partners delivered over 30 vehicles including pickup trucks, SUVs, and ambulances, as well as countless humanitarian aid items, such as generators, power banks, medical supplies, clothing, protective gear, etc., to facilitate rescue missions and support populations affected by the ongoing Russian-Ukrainian war. Hundreds of Ukrainian citizens benefited from this humanitarian assistance. The total amount of aid exceeds \$1.8 million.

In 2022, the following assistance was provided to Community Development (CD) Counterparts and Partners by the Community Development Program Manager (CD PM) in conjunction with Ukraine RPCVs and other CD Counterparts:



Medical supplies including hospital beds, pills, defibrillators, tourniquets, hygiene items, bandages, etc. in the amount of 10,000 were accessed, delivered and distributed to internally displaced populations by the CD Program Manager.



CD Program Manager co-organized and participated as a guest speaker in 7 large virtual events and one offline conference to rally humanitarian support for Ukraine.

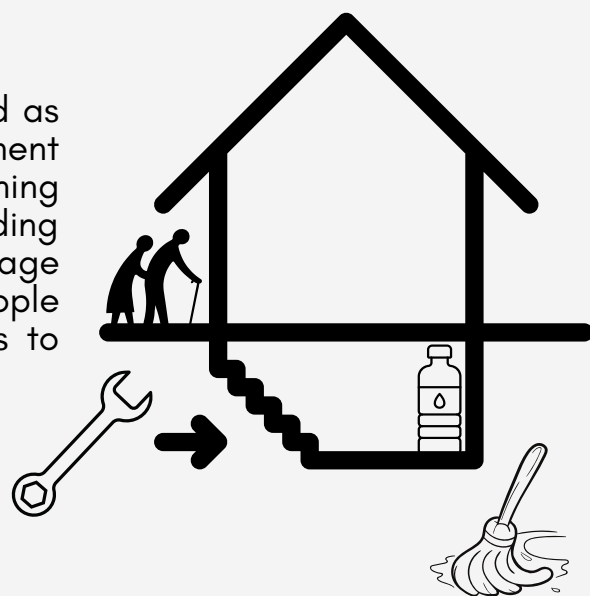


PC UKRAINE DRIVER ANATOLIY HRYTSENKO



Anatoliy provides ongoing support to internally displaced families. He recently helped to settle a family with seven children from Popasna, Luhansk oblast and Bakhmut, Donetsk oblast.

From the first days of the war Anatoliy voluntarily acted as the coordinator of the bomb shelter in one of the apartment buildings in Cherkasy. He organized the team for cleaning the space, getting the necessary equipment, rebuilding parts of the shelter, including toilets and water storage units. They made the shelter accessible for senior people who found it difficult to move. Anatoliy still continues to assist with the shelter management as necessary.



PCMOS DR. VALERIY AND DR. PETER



During the months of March and April, Dr. Valeriy worked with Maria Pruitt on a donation of medical supplies to Kolomiya Hospital. Maria played a crucial role in collecting the necessary supplies in Washington D.C, and Kavita Pullapilly used her connections in Kolomiya to successfully deliver the medical equipment.



RPCV Edward Ma, together with Dr. Valeriy, provided various medical supplies to Kyiv City Clinical Hospital of Emergency Medical Aid. The medical supplies included VAC systems and packs for open abdominal dressing. These supplies are of great value to wounded soldiers and civilians who require medical attention. Their efforts have been greatly appreciated.



Medical supplies were also donated to an NGO the "Heart in the Palm" Charitable Foundation through the assistance of the Peace Corps, as signed by Director Carol Spahn.

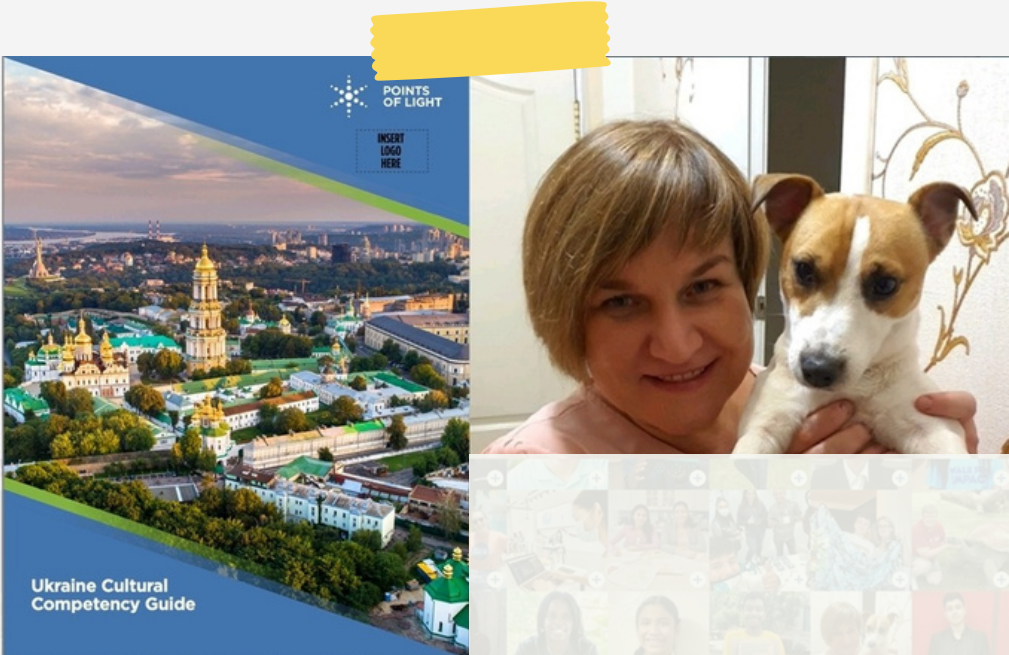


Thanks to Dr. Valeriy's active involvement, Bilokrynytskiy Lyceum was able to obtain a solar panel. This initiative was also made possible with the generous assistance of RPCV Andy Lenec.

Generous donations from DOCARE to support Ukrainian doctors were facilitated by Dr. Valerii, Michael Ketover, and RPCV Edward Ma. The donations went towards the purchase of equipment for a militar hospital in Lviv and supported both the Chernihiv hospital and the cardiac hospital, providing them with the necessary resources to save lives. Dr. Peter also helped raise significant funds for medical supplies.



LANGUAGE CROSS-CULTURAL COORDINATOR LENA NASTENKO

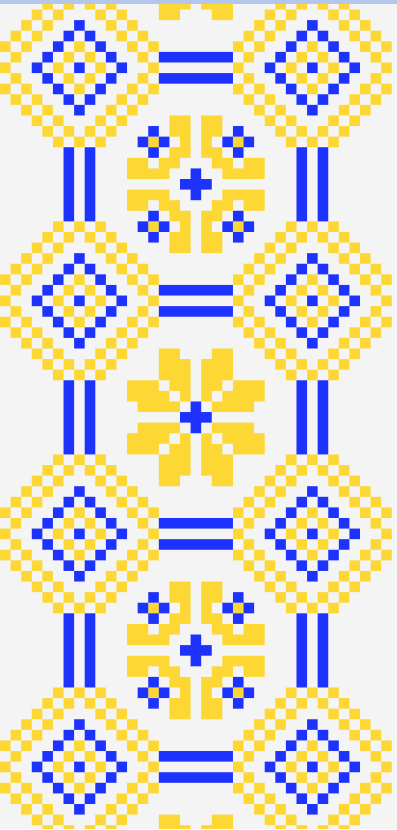


Creating the Ukrainian Cultural Competency Resource Guide for those who work with Ukrainian refugees abroad.



GRANTS PROGRAM MANAGER NASTIA RIZNYK

Promoting cross-cultural understanding in countries that hosted temporarily displaced Ukrainians.



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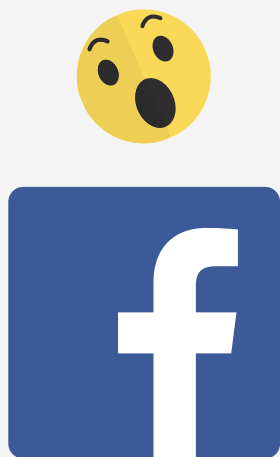


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