



ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Friends and Partners,

Greetings from Kyiv. In this annual report for an extraordinarily tumultuous year, we are proud to highlight the inspiration, innovation, and inclusion that our Volunteers, staff, and local partners demonstrated so often in 2020. Our commitment to service and friendship remained resilient, strengthened by the global pandemic.

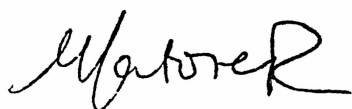
In this annual report, Peace Corps Ukraine highlights the many accomplishments of our Volunteers in the field (until March's evacuation), our Returned Volunteers, our Ukrainian partners, and our staff. Our perspective remains hopeful and optimistic, yet grounded in reality. Despite so many challenges, we still created peace and developed friendships through service, Peace Corps' splendid mission.

We appreciate our partner Ministries of Education and Science, Youth and Sports, and Territorial and Regional Development and those who work to combat, prevent, and educate about HIV/AIDS. We continued to collaborate with hundreds of teachers and development professionals, schools, universities, non-governmental organizations, municipalities, and youth groups. We also appreciate the generous support and programmatic creativity 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. 2020 was truly a team effort and a vigorous exercise in flexibility and resourcefulness. Thank you all, again.

It is an honor to serve as Country Director in Ukraine. I am committed to work with staff and partners to bring back our Volunteers as soon as it is healthy and safe to do so.

Yours in service,

Michael Ketover
Country Director
Peace Corps Ukraine

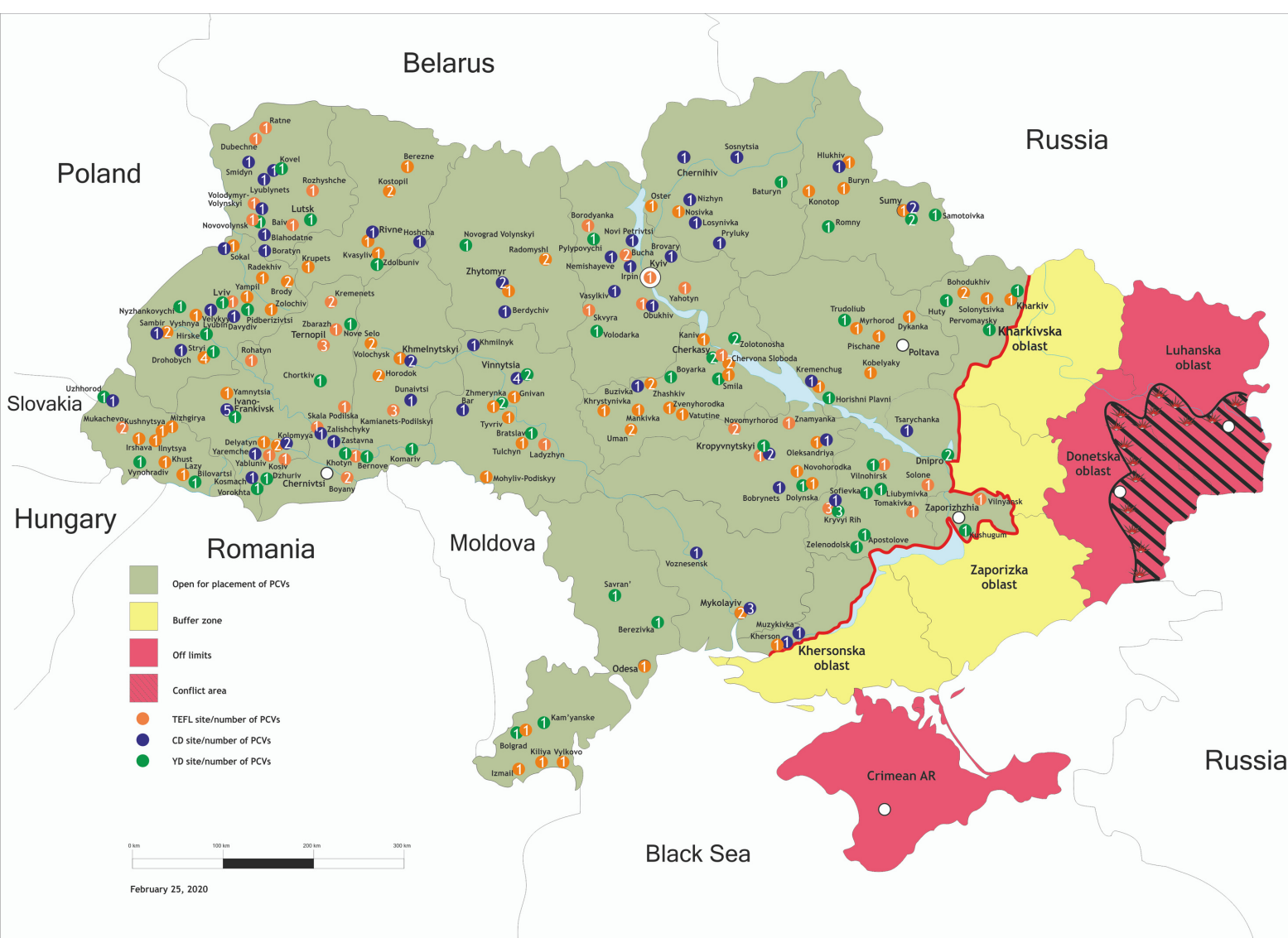


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**PCVs served in 2020 in
22 Ukrainian oblasts
before evacuation**

3,420

**PCVs total have served
in Peace Corps Ukraine**



9

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

38

**staff teleworked at
Peace Corps Ukraine
during pandemic**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD)



57

host organizations strengthened their organizational capacity

30

Volunteers served with Civil Society Organizations



56

host organizations strengthened their project design & management practices

55

host organizations improved their collaboration with other organizations & community stakeholders



TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TEFL)

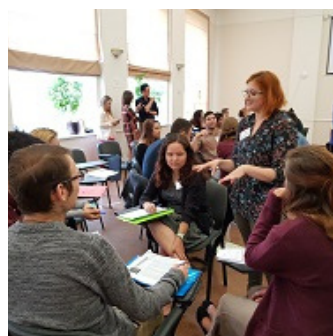


14,800

university and secondary school students improved their English language communication and critical thinking skills

4,500

community teachers engaged in professional development clubs, workshops and conferences empowered by Volunteers



6,090

students demonstrated stronger leadership skills, community engagement and tolerance, participating in clubs, school events, and community projects

219

teachers together with Volunteers participated in professional development in-service trainings, including 29 teachers from Donetsk & Luhansk oblasts, and Chornobyl



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (YD)



1,676

youths improved their employment skills, including the ability to communicate in English

541

youths developed civic activism skills



543

youths trained on healthy life skills and HIV prevention

44

youth workers and educators practiced new youth work approaches to teaching healthy life skills, active citizenry and employment skills



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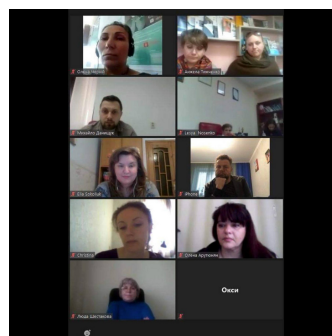
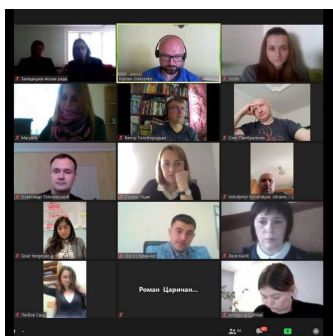


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host organizations continued to collaborate with their former Volunteers after evacuation

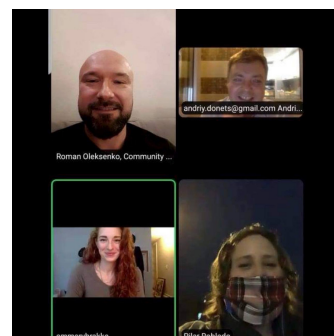
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Counterparts participated in weekly Zoom webinars on topics related to the Community Development Logical Project Framework

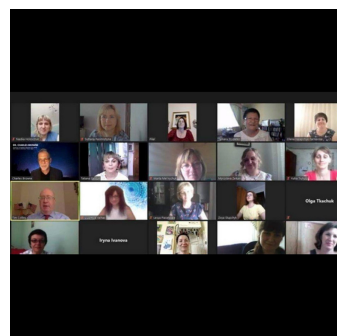


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former CD Volunteers participated in the Virtual Service Pilot Project between September and December supporting their Ukrainian partners with financial literacy and blended learning



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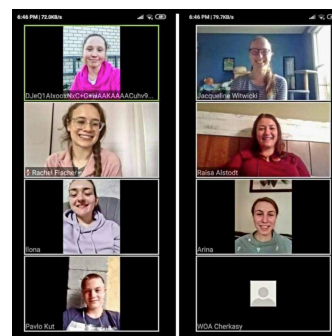


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VSPP participant assisted his partner educational institution with team teaching ESP to 150 students, developing educational resources, and conducting an English club

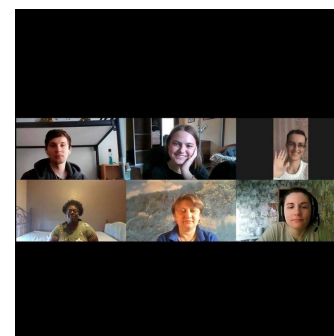
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former Volunteers continued to virtually communicate from the US with their schools and supported teachers and students, facilitated numerous virtual trainings and English clubs

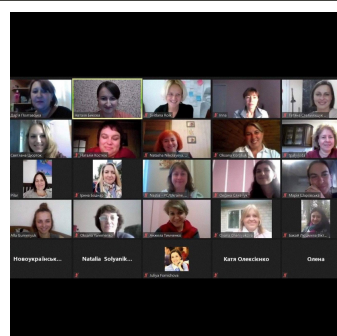


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Ukrainian counterparts, including 10 teachers from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, improved online teaching skills participating in Zoom virtual teacher professional development program facilitated in cooperation with RELO, U.S. Embassy



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (YD)

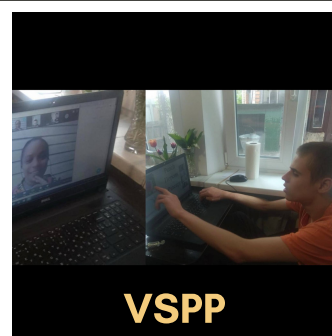


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Ukrainian counterparts trained as trainers in Financial Literacy

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Virtual Service Pilot Participants (VSPPs) worked with 85 youth, 25 parents and 6 service providers in September - December 2020

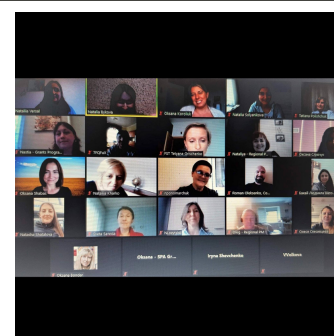


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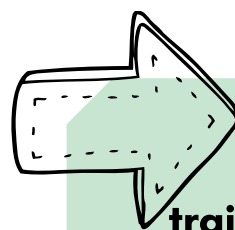
Ukrainian counterparts trained in Positive Youth Development

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Ukrainian teachers partnered with 1 VSPP on the Financial Literacy Training for 30 high school students



BEFORE EVACUATION FY20 SPA-SUPPORTED TRAINING ACTIVITIES SUMMARY



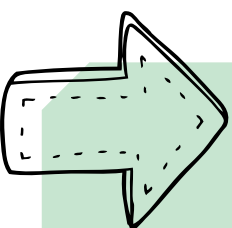
90% of Ukrainian training participants were women! Training participants of Civic Education trainings included counterparts from Peace Corps Volunteers' sites and remote partners from the conflict affected zones.

7 SPA trainings

Leadership training for 59 TEFL Counterparts in December 2019

2 Civic Education trainings for a total of 56 TEFL Volunteers and 67 TEFL Counterparts in January and February of 2020

4 Project Design and Management (PDM) trainings for a total of 231 participants (118 counterparts and 113 PCVs) in February and March of 2020



USAID and SPA-funded trainings focused on the following aspects of the New Ukrainian School reform: building of the social and civic competencies related to democracy, justice, equality, human rights, and awareness of equal rights and inclusion.

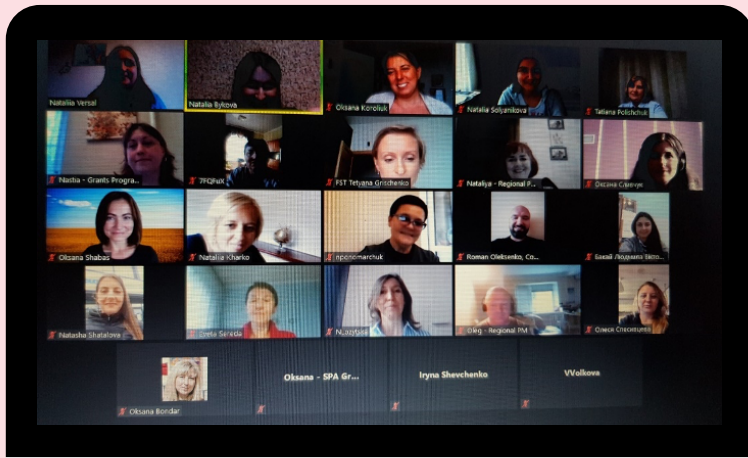


AFTER EVACUATION FY20 USAID-SUPPORTED TRAINING ACTIVITIES SUMMARY



USAID Financial Sector Transformation Project has developed **financial literacy training course**

"Me and My Money" for Peace Corps Ukraine YD counterparts and staff.

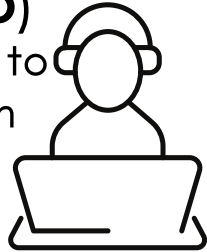


In September 2020, 15 YD counterparts (all youth service providers) and 14 PCU staff members participated in this 13.5 hour-long training.

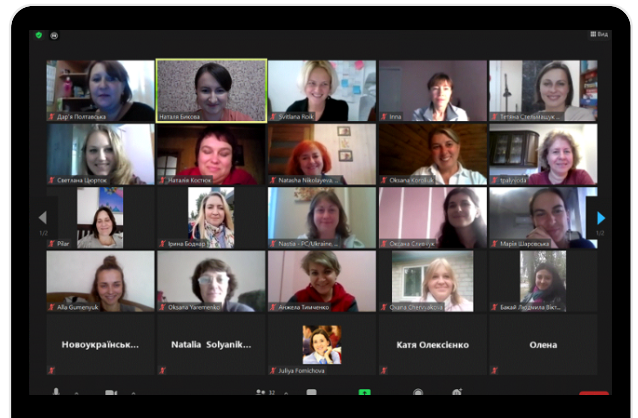


Peace Corps Ukraine supports financial literacy, one of the Ukrainian Government's priorities!

8 PCU staff members and 7 YD counterparts participated in the online training on **Positive Youth Development (PYD)** organized by the Support to Anti-Corruption Champion Institutions in Ukraine (SACCI) Project.



During the pandemic, PCU staff and YD counterparts participated in skill-building trainings conducted by USAID partners: SACCI implemented by Management Systems International and USAID Financial Sector Transformation Project implemented by DAI Global LLC.



USAID's SPA supported Financial Literacy, Civic Education and Life Skills training for 35 Youth Service Providers, mostly women.

The topics were: **Positive Youth Development, Financial Literacy, Civic Engagement of Youth, Volunteerism, Life Skills and Emotional Intelligence.**

PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF (PEPFAR)



657

Youth affected by HIV and their caregivers received PC PEPFAR support via Volunteers' initiatives

340

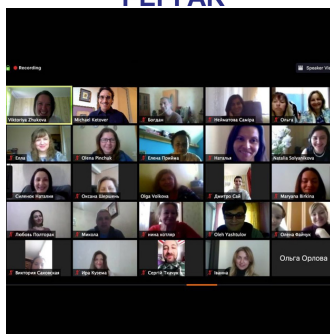
Ukrainian Counterparts participated in and benefited from PC PEPFAR activities

480

Representatives of Key Populations directly participated and benefited from PCVs' VAST grant activities

5340

Representatives of Key Populations subsequently benefited from PCVs' VAST grant activities



50

Peace Corps Volunteers participated in PC PEPFAR activities

35

Monthly camps for youth affected by HIV took place in 8 oblasts

6

Regions where weekly support groups were held for youth affected by HIV

9

Work groups/events with local, All-Ukrainian, and International partners



DURING THE PANDEMIC, PCU STAFF PROVIDED

- support to 50 professional supervisors to support HIV-services for Key Populations
- 160 individual psychological consultations to Key Populations and youth affected by HIV
- developed and implemented a cross-regional program to support the most vulnerable youth affected by HIV under COVID, via food vouchers and case management calls
- 72 organizational development consultations to partner NGOs



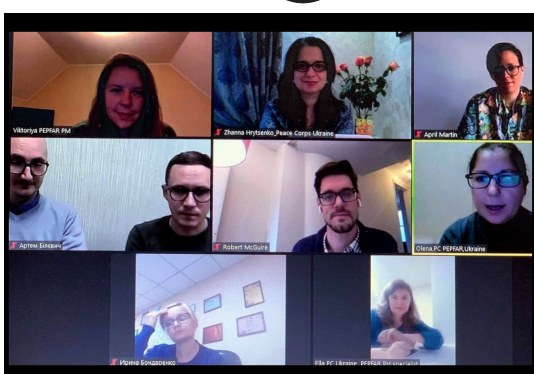
RESPONSE PROGRAM



During pandemic 2 evacuated Response Volunteers participated in the Virtual Service Pilot Program (VSPP). Through the VSPP, Returned Peace Corps Volunteers donated their time and voluntary services to engage virtually with our host country partners.



Returned Volunteers helped the organizations to co-develop materials related to HIV+ case finding/Prep and ART-demand creation/fighting (self)stigma and discrimination, etc.



Evacuated Response Volunteers continued to build bridges of friendship and achieve Peace Corps' second and third goals. The organizations' staff learned new facts about American culture and shared Ukrainian culture with the VSPPs via virtual happy hours, and informal activities for American holidays.





**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
RETREAT**

**PC VOLUNTEER
LEADERS**



**ICDEI WORKING
GROUP**

**ICDEI WORKING
GROUP AND PCVLS**



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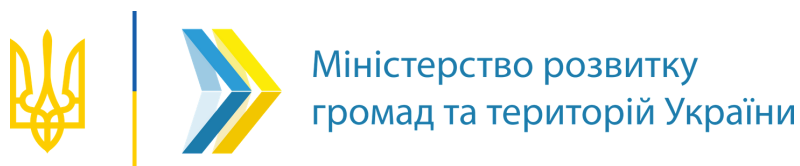
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**Ministry for Communities
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Development of Ukraine**



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TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS!**



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