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# Solidarity Ukraine



Our action over the last **6 months**



*Unfortunately, we know that this is a war that will last.* ”

**Karine Meaux**

**R**ussia invaded Ukraine already 6 months ago. On February 24, 2022, the first Russian offensive marked the beginning of one of the most important conflict on European soil since the Second World War.

Very quickly, Fondation de France rallied to support the local population and the refugees. To date, nearly 15 million were collected thanks to generous donors. This surge of solidarity has enabled Fondation de France to identify and support some fifty initiatives led in particular by local Ukrainian, Polish, Romanian or Moldavian organizations, with a dual objective: to provide emergency aid while ensuring that its action is sustainable!

Six months after the beginning of the war, the situation is far from being stabilized. *«We now know that this is a war that is going to last,»* says Karine Meaux, Head of the International Solidarity and Emergencies Department. Fondation de France therefore continues to support humanitarian aid and human rights projects. These actions are carried out primarily in Ukraine, where the needs are greatest today, but also in neighboring countries.

*«Many Ukrainians want to return home,»* explains Karine Meaux. *«With the start of the school year approaching, the question raises of what will happen to the people currently housed in schools and gymnasiums. Food is also an issue, as local production may not be sufficient to feed everyone starting this winter.»*

In order to identify priority needs on the ground, Fondation de France has organized several missions, the last one to Ukraine in June 2022. Its committee of experts continues to meet every month to support new projects and discuss priorities.

Fondation de France remains faithful to its principles of intervention in the context of emergencies: actions considered in the long term, priority given to local actors while regularly evaluating the impacts. *«We always focus on long term support, but given the dramatic situation on the ground, emergency aid will have to continue for several more months,»* concludes Karine Meaux.

## The Solidarity Ukraine team

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**Michel Maietta**, founder and director of IARAN (Inter-Agency Research and Analysis Network), a London-based hub of humanitarian professionals specializing in strategic consulting for humanitarian and development actors; teacher at Paris-Saclay and at Futuribles International.

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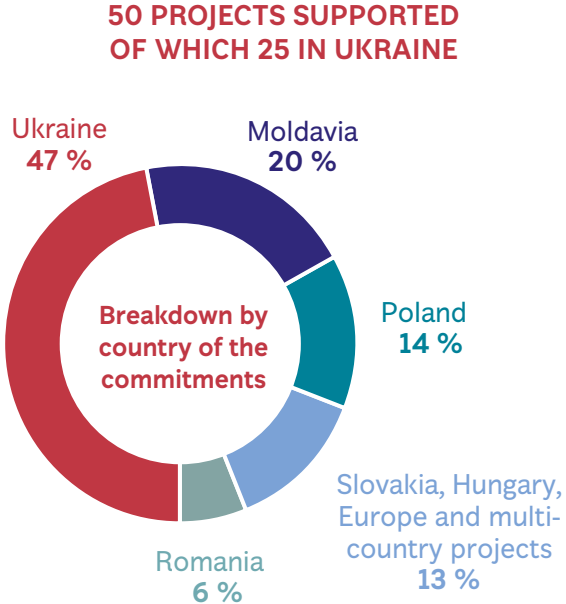
- **Elisabeth Dahan**, former Director of International Relations at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council; former Ambassador of France to Sri Lanka and the Maldives from 1996 to 2000.
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# Key figures as of July 30, 2022

**110 000**  
DONORS

**14,8 million**  
EUROS COLLECTED

**4,5 M€**  
committed



*More than 12 million people, or one quarter of the Ukrainian population, had to flee their homes since February 24th.*

## Actions supported in Ukraine

While many Ukrainians fled their country to seek refuge in neighboring countries during the first months of the war, the largest number of displaced persons are now in Ukraine. There are approximately an estimated 7 million displaced persons in Ukraine.

Fondation de France is therefore increasingly focusing its action in Ukraine on humanitarian projects first and foremost, but also on human rights (right to information, the fight against human trafficking, etc.)

The organizations supported are mainly located West of the country, where the situation is safer, but they regularly operate in the East and South, where the most affected populations are located.

**The aim of Fondation de France is to bring support to the most vulnerable populations.**

*«In times of war, everyone is vulnerable,» says Karine Meaux. «Caring for the most vulnerable therefore means reaching out to populations who do not have access to the aid provided by other actors either because they are too isolated, cannot register in the classic system (people with disabilities, the elderly, without access to the Internet, minority groups ...) or because they have specific needs.»*

*In a complex crisis situation, the added value of Fondation de France is to support agile and impactful actors. Regarding the war in Ukraine, this translates into support for a few international organizations with experience in emergency response, but above all for a wide variety of local actors recommended by its networks: organizations anchored in their territories, associations and civil society movements, cooperatives mobilized for their fellow citizens...*

*This guarantees the best allocation of available resources, not only to save lives in emergency phases, but above all to strengthen local resilience to future critical events. Month after month, the Solidarity Ukraine Committee monitors changes in the crisis, needs and the interplay of actors in the territories, supported in particular by local resource persons dedicated to analyzing and monitoring in the field. It anticipates and adapts the allocation of resources accordingly, to ensure the best possible impact in the long term.*

**Michel Maietta, committee chairman**

## The humanitarian issue remains the priority

Dealing with a conflict that is getting bogged down, humanitarian issues remain the priority. This is why Fondation de France supports the **IMRC association**, which takes care of the victims of the war. In its operating center in Kyiv, the organization provides complete medical assistance (medical care, psychological and social support) to people affected by the war, focusing on physical and mental support.

In the province of Transcarpathia, in the Southwest of Ukraine, the **Longo Mai artisanal and agricultural cooperative**, established more than 30 years ago in the country, also welcomes displaced persons. *«During the first months of the war, we mainly helped evacuate, feed and shelter women and children from the conflict zones,»* says Oreste Del Sol, a farmer in the cooperative. *«Our small village of 3,000 inhabitants*

*has received up to 1,500 displaced persons! Today, some of these people have left, but those who remain are very poor. They come from the areas occupied by the Russians, where their houses were bombed. We are therefore in the process of setting up a shelter to accommodate them in a less precarious way. And, above all, we would like to be able to welcome and integrate permanently in the village the families who do not wish or cannot leave, by helping them to obtain housing and income.»*

Fondation de France also supports the **association Alliance Global**, which aims to respond to the needs of displaced persons within the LGBTQ+ communities and their families, in particular by providing emergency accommodation in Lviv, Kyiv and Kharkiv.

## A special focus on Human Rights

Fondation de France supports the **Collectif Solidarité Ukraine**, a project created by several French organizations with local partners. This initiative, which brings together some sixty actors, carries out information activities and organizes events for the public on the human rights situation, in order to educate and mobilize citizens.

In the interests of independence and freedom of information, Fondation de France supports the Press Freedom Center of the **NGO Reporters Without Borders** in Lviv, which aims to provide Ukrainian journalists with equipment to guarantee their safety in the field (helmets, bullet-proof vests, etc.) and thus enable them to continue reporting on the conflict.

Another major issue is the fight against human trafficking. The **association Magnolia**, which has been working on this issue for some 20 years and has been recording the disappearances of Ukrainian children, has received support from Fondation de France to maintain its database, coordinate with the police and NGOs and support the affected families.



*Karine Meaux (Head of the International Solidarity and Emergencies Department) meets with partner organizations in Lviv, West of Ukraine, in June 2022.*



*A reception center for displaced people in Lviv.*

*The craftwork and agricultural cooperative Longo Mai, South West of Ukraine, welcomes displaced people.*



## Actions supported in Poland, Romania and Moldavia

Although allocating primarily the aid provided to Ukraine, Fondation de France continues to support local associations in neighboring countries that are still hosting many refugees. Here again, humanitarian issues and the defense of human rights are the main focuses guiding Fondation de France's action with the most vulnerable.

**In Romania**, the **A.L.E.G association's project** aims to prevent sexism and gender-based violence by offering cultural and awareness-raising activities to young Ukrainian refugees. For example, the association organizes workshops as part of its summer camps to deconstruct stereotypes.

**In Moldova**, Fondation de France supports the Motivatie project of the **Keystone association**, which aims to provide social and psychological support to refugees, particularly those with disabilities, by improving reception centers and distributing medicines, for example.

Finally, **in Poland**, the **Saint-Nicholas Foundation**, a Polish charity that has been working for children for around 20 years, has launched a call for projects from Polish civil society to help Ukrainian refugee children by providing them with activities (sports or artistic workshops, outings, games, etc.), psychological support, language courses, school supplies and support, etc. Ten of their projects have received support from Fondation de France.



*The Hope and Homes center hosts refugee children in Romania.*

## Coordinated action on a European scale

Dealing with a crisis of European scope, only a coordinated response can be relevant. Fondation de France is therefore acting within a common dynamic, in partnership with other European organizations that were already active before the war in the territories affected by the conflict. This is an opportunity to rely on professional organizations with a deep knowledge of local actors, while working to strengthen their capacity for action, notably by offering training or logistical support.

For example, Fondation de France supports the **Carpathian Foundation's offices in Slovakia and Hungary**, which have both launched calls for projects in their territories to support associations working with Ukrainian refugees. Fondation de France also participates in two European programs: **EPIM**, which supports organizations working with migrants and uses part of its funds to protect the most vulnerable refugees, and **Civitates**, which supports independent journalism and fights against disinformation about the war in Ukraine.

## Coordinated action with the French Development Agency

Fondation de France has formed a partnership with the French Development Agency (AFD) to pool resources and expertise in crisis areas.

Within this framework, a major program bringing together French NGOs and Moldovan civil society has been initiated to prevent the pressures that could result from the integration of refugees from Ukraine. Called **Stability & Resilience Moldova - SRP Moldava**, the project plans to strengthen early childhood, education and employment support services, as well as healthcare services.

→ Fondation de France also supports initiatives in France related to the reception of people who have fled Ukraine, particularly through its Solidarité migrants program: learning the French language, helping people resume their studies, etc. These projects help exiles, regardless of their nationality, to integrate.

## List of projects

Organization	Project summary	Amount awarded (in €)
<b>UKRAINE</b>		<b>2 154 458 €</b>
Fondation Zagorij	Support for local associations helping displaced people: psychological support, education, health, support for students and the disabled, etc.	88 000
Fondation Carpathian	Support for the initiatives of local grassroots organizations: provision of services, social and professional integration, psychological support, etc.	100 000
Fondation East Europe	Logistical support to 5 reception centers for displaced persons and to local organizations operating humanitarian distributions	80 000
Triangle Génération Humanitaire	Meeting the immediate needs of the displaced and/or landlocked Ukrainian population through the provision of basic necessities	150 000
Solidarités International	Support for the displaced through food distribution	100 000
U-Saved	Daily bread distribution in Kharkiv and Donetsk oblasts	150 000
Longo Mai	Emergency aid for displaced families: housing, food, social integration	50 000
Global Eco-Village Network	Shelter, respite and food self-sufficiency training for displaced persons	70 000
Public Initiative Will Help Together	Summer vacations in France for Ukrainian children	25 000
Alliance Global	Addressing social and psychological needs within the LGBTQ+ communities and their families	85 200
Fulcrum	Help for LGBTQ+ Ukrainians: evacuation, temporary shelter, psychological support and financial aid	27 800
Insight	Provision of basic necessities to LGBTQ+ people	85 000
ProWomen	Social support for Ukrainian women through a team of psychotherapists-coaches-career counselors	75 000
Ecole Maternelle Odessa	Emergency assistance for staff in kindergarten schools of Odessa	25 000
International Médical Rehabilitation Center	Medical assistance: medical care, psychological and social support	116 000
National Network of Local Philanthropy Development	Strengthening the capacity of the local medical sector to respond to wartime situations	100 000
IHIF / Humacoop	Psychological support for displaced persons and training of medical personnel in caring for trauma victims	50 000
Global Compact Network	Individual and collective psychological support to cope with the trauma of war	98 000
Gorenje	Psychological assistance, legal protection and access to important information for displaced persons	100 000
Vostok SOS	Evacuation, humanitarian aid, documentation and protection services for populations affected by the conflict.	120 000
Festival Odessa Photos	Support for Ukrainian photographers (exhibitions, publications and copyright)	28 800
Reporters without borders	Support to two press centers: security training; provision of protective equipment...	150 000
Magnolia	Restoring the database of missing Ukrainian children from the war and working with police, NGOs and families	30 658
Anti Discrimination Center - Memorial	Protection and respect of women's and children's rights: training, legal consultations and monitoring in reception centers	100 000
Réseau européen de recherche et d'action en contentieux pénitentiaire	Documentation of violations in detention, particularly in areas under occupation or exposed to combat	150 000

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<b>MOLDAVIA</b>		<b>917 000 €</b>
Solidarités International	Distribution of basic necessities (food, water, access to sanitary facilities) in transit and reception centers	100 000
Charity Center for Refugees	Response to primary needs, support in administrative and psychological procedures	30 000
Vent d'Est	Humanitarian aid in 3 reception centers and psychological support for women	25 000
Roma Awareness	Emergency aid for Ukrainian Roma refugees in a vulnerable/poor situation	30 000
Keystone	Social and psychological support for refugees, especially those with disabilities	100 000
Motivati	Strengthening the capacity to accommodate people with disabilities or reduced mobility	32 000
Synergie	Strengthening of health, mental health and early childhood support actions carried out by Moldovan society	600 000
<b>POLAND</b>		<b>648 800 €</b>
Fondation St Nicolas	Support to 10 Polish associations involved in the reception of refugee children: workshops and outings, psychological support, language courses, provision of school materials, etc.	70 000
Polish Humanitarian Action	Support for the organization's necessary strategic adaptations in the face of new humanitarian challenges	35 000
Domus Orientalis	Supply of medicines to Ukrainian centers and aid to non-Ukrainians blocked in Ukraine	50 000
Première Urgence International	Access to appropriate psychosocial support and protection services for refugees	100 000
Barka	Establishment of a support center (physical and mental well-being) for refugees from Ukraine	100 000
Polish National Federation for Solving the Problem of Homelessness	Support to 7 local projects in 6 cities in Poland: emergency social aid, housing, psychological, medical and legal support	180 000
Foundation Towards Dialogue	Creation of a day care center protecting Ukrainian Roma refugees and members of the LGBTQ+ community from psychological and sexual violence	113 800
<b>ROMANIA</b>		<b>268 000 €</b>
FONSS	Strengthening the federation's capacity to better receive refugees: HR, logistics, transit center infrastructure, provision of basic necessities	100 000
Hope and Home for Children (HHC)	Support for families and orphans in Ukraine: reception, food, equipment of centers, social support	50 000
A.L.E.G	Prevention of gender-based violence and discrimination	43 000
PLAN B	Opening of a day care center offering activities to about 30 children from Ukraine	25 000
<b>EUROPE AND MULTI-COUNTRIES</b>		<b>580 000 €</b>
Carpathian Foundation Slovaquie	Funding to associations, self-governments and local schools: basic needs, professional assistance, social integration	50 000
Carpathian Foundation Hongrie	Emergency aid in Ukraine and capacity building for Hungarian refugee organizations	50 000
Collectif Solidarité Ukraine	Consultation and identification of synergies between 60 French and Ukrainian associations coordinated by the CRID, the European Citizens' Assembly and VoxPublic	30 000
Bibliothèque sans frontières	Ideas box project for refugee children in countries bordering Ukraine: rest, psychosocial support, information on rights, access to alternative education	100 000
Trajectoires (TEH)	Identification of situations of human trafficking among Ukrainian refugees and establishment of a care circuit for victims of trafficking (Romania, Moldavia).	50 000
NEF	European Fund to support the most vulnerable groups among migrants in Europe (elderly, unaccompanied minors, stateless, discriminated persons, mental health, etc.)	200 000
Civitates	European fund to support independent journalism, the fight against disinformation and civil society (translation of articles into Ukrainian / recruitment of Ukrainian journalists...)	100 000

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