

TE AUD ROMANIA AND THE RESPONSE TO THE UKRAINIAN SITUATION 2025

March 2025 marks for our organisation three years of dedicated support to the Ukrainian refugee community in Romania, as a result of the armed conflict in Ukraine, one of the most significant humanitarian crises in recent history. Since the onset of the war, over 11 million Ukrainian refugees have passed through Romania, with 182,438 still residing in the country. As of the end of 2023, there were approximately **5.529 Ukrainian refugees** residing in Suceava County and **1.880 Ukrainian children and adolescents**, according to UNICEF Romania. This number reflects the significant efforts made by local authorities and civil society to accommodate and integrate refugees in the region.

Located in close proximity of the Ukrainian border, for the past three years Te Aud Romania allocated over 2.000.000 Euros as financial resources to the integration within host community, resulting in support for 150 Ukrainian mothers, 2.106 Ukrainian children aged 6 to 18, 49 intercultural sport activities, and integration camps, 34 nonformal educational workshops/language skills RO-UA-EN/digital skills, 10 events for capacity building for 194 teachers.

Initially, we provided individual support and assistance, creating a robust support network alongside 7 national and international partners. This rapid response addressed the immediate needs of refugees, such as access to food, shelter, medical care, and essential supplies.

As the conflict persisted, we recognized the importance of adapting to the shifting needs and priorities of refugees to facilitate their integration into host communities. Our programs now focus on providing sustainable support, capacity building for all actors involved and integrated solutions for all refugees, including language courses, employment assistance, educational opportunities, and community engagement activities. We believe it is our responsibility to ensure that we have the necessary know-how, resources, and planning to provide the required support for as long as needed.



OUR UA INTERVENTION IN FIGURES

2022 - 2025

Over

2.000.000

Euros dedicated to supporting Ukrainian refugees

10.000

backpacks distributed for UA children across Romania and Ukraine

Over

1.000

kits distributed

2.106

Ukrainian refugee children aged 6 to 18 supported

1.000

individual transit water purifiers distributed

Over

100

individual cases solved

132

dedicated workshops for Ukrainian mothers

49

intercultural sport activities and integration camps

34

nonformal educational workshops / language skills RO-UA-EN / digital skills

Over

21

refugee centres that we were in close contact with to support with needs and requirements

10

capacity building events for 194 teachers

10

LifeStraw community purifiers sent to refugee camps across Romania and in Ukraine



2024 RESULTS TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE



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Educational Support:

Together, we have managed to equip 246 children aged 6 to 14 for school

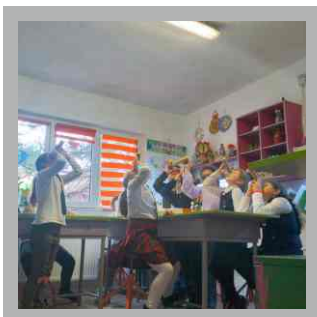


Digital skills development



- 37 children aged 13 to 18 equipped with tablets and computers
- 21 more laptops set to arrive early 2025
- 5 Digital Skills workshops for 105 children in Suceava county

Integration Support within the Host Community



- Language courses for 46 Ukrainian children, with support from local authorities
- 7 intercultural sport events for 750 children, Romanian and Ukrainian, aged 4 to 18
- 5 non-formal educational activities for 100 children aged 6 - 10 years old, via intercultural dialogue, in 4 schools and local school clubs in Suceava County

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Capacity Building for Teachers



- 10 workshops for 194 teachers in 7 schools and local institutions across Suceava county equipping them with the necessary tools, mechanisms, and strategies to support Ukrainian refugee children within their school environment

Support for EDNAE



- Assistance offered for work integration programs / mediation with county authorities
- Assistance offered with translation services on a need by need basis
- Rent covered for 6 months for the association headquarters
- Rent covered for the football pitch for the UA football team for 3 months
- Supported with sports equipment for 32 Ukrainian children, part of the football team

Our support has also facilitated:



- Workshops for 150 UA mothers
- Nonformal activities for 100 UA children at the EDNAE location

INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORTS

The Inspiring Journey of a Ukrainian Football Coach in Suceava



In Suceava, a football field has become a special place thanks to a coach from Mariupol who was forced to flee Ukraine because of the war. He arrived in Romania carrying a lot of emotional weight, but also a strong desire to move forward. He found balance and purpose through volunteering and working with children. For the past three years, he has been organizing sports activities for around 40 children, using football as a way to connect, to heal, and to support integration into the local community.

For him, football is more than just a sport. It's a way for children to overcome difficult moments, feel part of a group, and build self-confidence. What motivates him the most is seeing the positive changes in the children and the appreciation he receives from parents. The fact that playing on the field can become a kind of emotional therapy gives him even more drive to continue.

Through friendly matches and regular activities, he has also helped build strong connections between Ukrainian and local children. This has played an important role in fighting isolation and creating a real sense of belonging. His story is simple but powerful - a reminder that when you put your heart into what you do, you can truly make a difference in the lives of others.

The coach's inspiring journey from Mariupol to Suceava highlights how, even in the face of suffering, one can find ways to help others and make a meaningful difference.



CAPACITY BUILDING FOR TEACHERS

The project equipped and empowered sport teachers, coaches, and sports technicians with the abilities to further increase sport's power for good in communities where Ukrainian children are located.



194 sport teachers, coaches and sports technicians have benefited from professional development

10 events

6 sports for social impact sessions



MY JOURNEY AS A REFUGEE WOMAN AND NGO LEADER IN ROMANIA



As a refugee woman, my journey in Romania has been a blend of challenges and invaluable lessons. Integrating into a new country and understanding its local systems was far from easy. However, my involvement in community activities provided me with a clear direction and a significant purpose: to assist others facing similar obstacles.

As the founder and representative of an NGO, I have managed to build strong connections and offer support to vulnerable children and families.

Collaboration with Te Aud România

Te Aud România has been an invaluable and reliable partner throughout this journey. Our collaboration has been grounded in solidarity, shared resources, and a deep understanding of the community's needs. Through this partnership, we have been able to access essential funds and activities that support the integration and well-being of vulnerable children and families.

Transformation of the Ukrainian Community

Before receiving funding, the entire Ukrainian community was in a state of despair. Initially, the community was very united, but before the NGO was established, we felt the absence of a voice and support network that could provide help.

The support offered by Te Aud Romania proved invaluable, through which we were able to cover a significant portion of our running costs, including rent and support for important activities; bringing about a substantial change in both the community and our NGO's activities. This support stabilized not only the NGO but the entire community, instilling confidence and hope among the families and children affected by the crisis. With the help of these funds, we managed to overcome a difficult phase and continue essential activities for integration and support.

Priorities for 2025

For the upcoming year, we plan to continue to support the community, especially new arrivals, as we have a constant and large influx of refugees with urgent and varied needs. Financial support for NGOs is crucial, as all our activities have been conducted exclusively on a volunteer basis for three years, involving significant financial sacrifices. Additional support would allow us to continue and develop our activities.

Aliona Kabanova, Head of EDNAE Association

The only association in Suceava County run entirely by Ukrainian refugees



MOVING FORWARD



As a charity focused on non-formal educational programs for children, we are committed to developing long-term solutions to integrate Ukrainian refugee children and their families within the community and provide a safe and appropriate environment to alleviate the pain and grow.

Following discussions with representatives of the Ukrainian community in Suceava, it has become clear that this community continues to face significant challenges in terms of social integration, access to education, medical services, employment opportunities, and psychological support.

Te Aud Romania will continue to implement integrated projects that foster community integration through shared activities with both refugees and host community members. Our organization will work closely with local authorities, NGOs, and other institutions to create and carry out initiatives for Ukrainian refugees. We will also promote understanding and tolerance by organizing events that encourage dialogue and collaboration between refugees and the host community.

Te Aud Romania Team





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Thank you!

