



TE AUD ROMANIA AND THE RESPONSE TO THE UKRAINIAN REFUGEE SITUATION IN 2023

February 2024 marks 2 years of armed conflict in Ukraine and one of the biggest humanitarian crises that ever existed. Ever since the war emerged, [over 7 million](#) Ukrainian refugees have passed through Romania, with 83.675 still residing in the country, according to the [UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency](#).

Our organization is located in Suceava County, one of the areas bordering Ukraine. Ever since the emergence of the war, our organization has rapidly shifted focus toward emergency response and later on integration of Ukrainian refugees within host communities, as such so far team has provided support to over 13.000 mothers and children from Ukraine.

Our response has focused on the below two main pillars:

1. Immediate response for individual support and partnerships for in-kind donation

To start with, we provided [individual support and assistance](#) and created a support network for them alongside our partners: [School in a Bag](#), Life Straw, [Pharmacist without Borders](#), [Goodera](#), and other institutional and private partners.

2. Medium to long-term integration

Over time, we have developed medium and long-term programs aimed at helping Ukrainian refugees integrate more easily into our community, because we believe it is our responsibility to ensure we have the know-how, resources, and planning to provide the required support for as long as necessary.





Projects in the Spotlight 2023

LEADERSHIP TOGETHER



From 15 February 2023 to 31 May 2023, we implemented the Leadership Together project in partnership with [Beyond Sport Foundation](#).

[The project](#) equipped and empowered sports technicians and volunteers with many required abilities to further increase sport's power for good in communities and to work within refugee/asylum seeker communities in Romania.

30

sports teachers and coaches

10

sports volunteers

6

sports for social impact sessions

3

sports fields: rugby, football, stickball

1

sports instructor qualification for volunteers





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WORLD REFUGEE DAY: 19 JUNE 2023

Te Aud Romania was one of the organisations part of the Sport Together Fund - initiative launched by Beyond Sport, aid community sport organizations in helping refugees and asylum seekers after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine.

[Te Aud Romania](#) and its sport partners are creating safe spaces in host communities to promote well-being, inclusivity, and hope through sports-based leadership training opportunities for refugees, asylum seekers, and vulnerable communities.

Te Aud Romania is serving marginalized and underserved youth through sports and educational programs - helping them deal with trauma and gain valuable life skills.

Te Aud Romania's sport coordinator, Andrei Varvaroi, speaks on the important role of coaches and how they can support refugee youth to look at life positively, seeing sports power for social impact and his message to the world for WorldRefugeeDay.





Projects in the Spotlight 2023

STEPS TOWARDS INCLUSION

Throughout April 2023 - June 2023, [we have supported over 100 Ukrainian children](#) to integrate within their host community through a series of interventions developed in partnership with Fundatia pentru Dezvoltarea Societatii Civile and comprised of:



36

[sports activities](#)

12

RO/UA/EN language skills workshops

6

non-formal educational workshops

1

[Sports and Inclusion Festival](#) for 40 Ukrainian children alongside 250 Romanian children

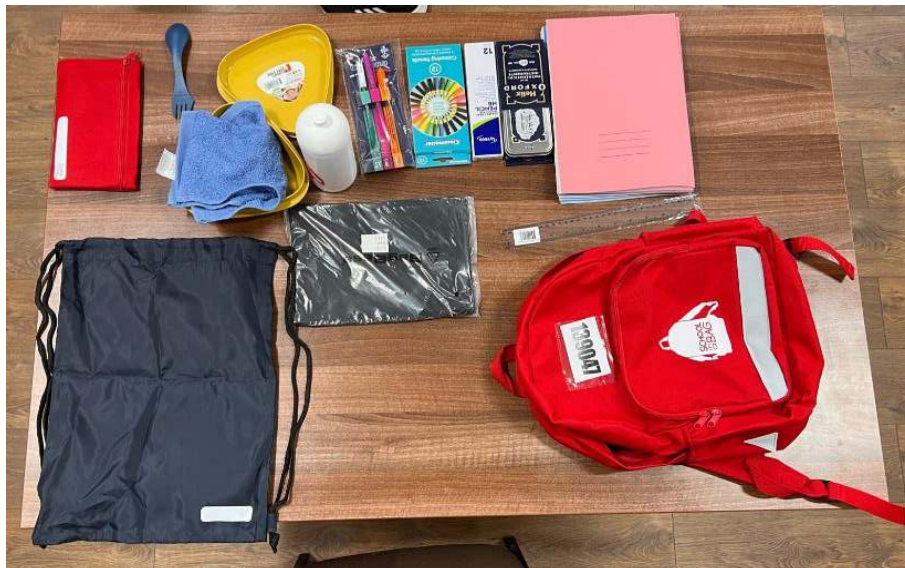




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SCHOOL IN BAG

From September 2023 to December 2023, together with our partners from School in a Bag, we managed to distribute over 250 fully equipped schoolbags to Ukrainian refugee children in Suceava County. These children are either enrolled as students or registered as attendees in schools in Suceava County.





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SPORTS FOR SOCIAL IMPACT

Sport is one of the most powerful tools we have to facilitate positive impact, as well as social coesion within the host community, also representing a core belief of our organization. At Te Aud Romania, we believe that through sports, we can more easily reach the hearts of our beneficiaries and thus support them in integrating more effectively into the community.

June 2023: [Sport for Inclusion Festival](#) took place in Gura Humorului for over 40 Ukrainian children, aged 6 to 18 years old alongside 250 Romanian children

September 2023: over 30 Ukrainian children participated at a Mini Rugby tournament





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ROUA INFO HUB - SUCEAVA CITY

Throughout 2023, our organization developed a strong relationship with the [ROUA Info Hub](#) center located in the city of Suceava - a community center dedicated to supporting Ukrainian refugee mothers and children, residing in the area.

Together, we have managed to support over 100 children and 150 refugee mothers in Romania with a wide array of integration and social coesion activities, via non-formal education and sport activities.

Our partnership shall continue for as long as required, to provide further support and counselling.





Projects in the Spotlight 2023

OUR UA INTERVENTION IN FIGURES 2022 - 2023

Over

1.500.000

Euros dedicated to supporting
Ukrainian refugees

10.000

backpacks distributed for UA children
across Romania and Ukraine

Over

1.000

kits distributed

1.000

individual transit water
purifiers distributed

Over

1.000

children cared for

Over

100

individual
cases solved

Over

100

dedicated workshops
for Ukrainian
moms & children

Over

21

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

10

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

36

sport
activities

12

activities RO/UA/EN
language skills workshops

6

non formal
educational
workshops

3

integration
camps

3

major sport
events
organised





Moving forward

From February 2022 to February 2024, **3.962.700 children and mothers** have sought refuge in Romania from the start of the war, according to the [UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency](#). Since then and up until now 10.164 Ukrainian refugees have applied for temporary protection at the level of [Suceava County](#).

In Suceava County, there are currently 190 Ukrainian refugee children who are enrolled in the Romanian educational system, according to information that we received from the Suceava County School Inspectorate who still require our support to integrate more easily into the community.

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

In this context, Te Aud Romania will continue to develop **non-formal educational programs** to support Ukrainian refugee children in adapting to their new life in Romania. We will continue to develop **integrated projects** that will provide a holistic approach to the integration of Ukrainian refugees into the local community through activities involving both Ukrainian refugees and members of the host community in common activities.

Our organization will continue to **collaborate with local authorities, non-governmental organizations and other institutions** to develop and implement projects and programs aimed at Ukrainian refugees.

Te Aud Romania will **continue to promote understanding and tolerance** between Ukrainian refugees and the host community by organizing events and activities that encourage dialogue and collaboration among different groups within the community.

Aside from continuing to develop dedicated projects, our foremost goal is the development of an **integrated educational center**, with the potential to provide a more holistic approach to the refugee paradigm and provide a safe learning environment for children and a connection hub with their host community.

Te Aud Romania Team

