

# Experience of working with forced migrants: Armenia



**KASA Foundation** - to support the Armenians pursuing the sustainable development of the country

Refugees bring a lot of nice things to Armenia: way of thinking, culture, ideas



Since 2014 we have been implementing two main integration processes: social-cultural orientation and self-reliance and empowerment

**«Join the Community» project**



We have to deal with people speaking in different languages. So we use an approach of doing something together, like lavash baking

Supporting and teaching villagers to have their businesses/social enterprises instead of the constant receiving the humanitarian aid

Officially we have 380 Ukrainians who were looking for asylum, only 100 were granted



**«Adopt a family» project:** volunteers helped new-comers to understand how life works in Armenia. This project firstly was implemented in Canada, then we adapted it for Armenia.

**«2 for a job» project:**



We trained volunteers to be mentors for those who are seeking for a job in Armenia

The hotline is not only for the informing, but to see the gaps



30 mentors and 30 beneficiaries



**UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency)** is our permanent partner and an umbrella organization for lots of initiatives

**List of assistance for refugees in Armenia**

- accommodation (dormitories or cash support)
- medical care
- educational assistance, Armenian language classes, consultations
- social and psychological assistance
- employment (consultations)



Series of trainings for volunteers to know how to interact with migrants after trauma

**«Youth Coalition» project**

Actively participating in community initiatives (like cleaning) and make something own

**Intercultural camp and Teen's camp**



Trainings for Operators of hotlines

**Vocational education:** from cooking to sewing

**Art-therapy for children:** drawing with sand



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# Experience of working with forced migrants: Estonia



## Reasons for migration to Estonia:

- ✓ studying
- ✓ marriage
- ✓ settler

We started to talk about forced migrants 3 years ago

Since February 24, 109,742 citizens of Ukraine have arrived in Estonia. Approximately half of them don't stay for a long time.



Estonian constitution and citizenship training



Caring for new arrivals (volunteers)

Events & competitions (sports, languages)

- Conditions:
- temporary protection + residence permit - 1 year
  - guaranteed education (pre-school and basic education)
  - health insurance
  - living allowance
  - 3 language training and adaptation programs



From March 9, war refugees in Ukraine can apply for temporary protection in Estonia by submitting an application at a service point of the Police and Border Guard Board

## VIVERE

Vivere school works for a few years. It promotes an inclusive approach.

However, it's difficult for Ukrainian children sometimes to adapt because of language barrier and cultural differences

Pensioners can get extra money support to be able to survive



There are a lot of language adaptation programs available

Ukrainians who have received temporary protection can start work immediately after receiving protection

There are daily centers and family centers for people with disabilities in Estonia



Refugees are entitled to health insurance on the same basis as people living in Estonia.



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# Experience of working with forced migrants: Georgia



## Background and basic facts:

- 1991 -1993 ethnic conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia → causing internal displacement
- August 2008 war between Russian Federation and Georgia → more internal displacement



Currently 286442 IDPs are registered



We have different types of housing, which can be offered to displaced people, but at the same time we have a lot of people in need

## Phases of displacement

Return as only solution → accepting the concept of the Local integration too

To change the status of IDP from status-based to needs-based



There are a lot of educational programs, supporting local integration of IDPs

From passive recipients to active contributors

We need to support people to reestablish themselves in life for the status of IDP will not be needed

Holding IDP-status you can receive:

- Financial support
- Temporary renting subsidiaries
- Help with housing



## Policy and Legal framework:

- in 2007 - state strategy for IDPs and its Action Plans
- in 2014 - IDP Livelihoods strategy "From Dependence to self-Reliance" and its Action Plans
- 2014 - Law on forcibly Displaced Persons - Persecuted (IDP law)



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# Experience of working with forced migrants: Germany



How We Want to Live together? - the societal question about migration

Political participation: we wanted to change the perception on many levels

## Small talks with migrants

We created the info-point as a place to get the information needed

Example of the city of Augsburg

Now we have about 500 of Ukrainian forced migrants

A course for teenagers on German language

«We happy for having food and shelter. But we are not pets. Let us help and influence»



Appeal for the citizens of Augsburg who are willing to help and accept Ukrainian families

city council and major, a list of partners collaborated and reacted proactively



Creative work - a course from the woman, who opened an art school in Ukraine not long ago before the war

Feeling of guilt → immitigate, for being able to do smth for Ukraine

A folder we provided to refugees for the documentation was huge, but at the end it was no enough

«We can continue the dialogue after the win of Ukraine»



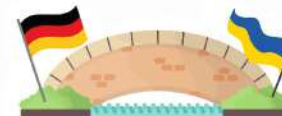
Deutsch-Ukrainischer Dialog e.V.

Psychological help: need of support for adults (a project about support) and children 16-18 years old (theater workshop)

After receiving initial support we encouraged people to be active and participate

Meeting point became an encounter between locals and refugees

Counselling and information - ex. higher education in Germany



People who will come back to Ukraine after the way will be bridges between Ukraine and Germany

We asked people about what can they offer, which value they can provide. A lot of people came up with ideas about how to use the encounter. They feel recognized.



«i am here for you» - a project from refugees to refugees



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# Experience of working with forced migrants: Lithuania



## Vilnius together with Ukraine



Message on the building

65 schools to have new class friends + UA private schools relocated to Vilnius

Renaming of the street, where russian embassy is based



Workshops and seminars for international students about practical aspects of living in Vilnius

- hotline
- shifting focus
- analyzing and planning
- helping individual cases

A call from Lviv: what to do with a bus of people, primarily children?

The majority of children are now in Lithuanian-speaking schools



Establishment of a Registration Center - a place to get all the possible support for a person coming from Ukraine

- information from the hotline
- website
- common approach to the problems
- permanent project creation

BeFriend Vilnius

mentorship program with matching platform. One of the most effective projects of us Challenges: consistency and matching criteria

24351 Ukrainians in Vilnius, 7000 are children

A lot of people require psychological support

Withdrawal of mayors from Russia and Belarus at the summit

Support Ukraine's candidacy for EU member status in Stockholm

This was a big challenge for Vilnius - to accept extra 7000 children

We use online classes as a part of educational process

Website with all the important information in one place: [ukraina.vilnius.lt](http://ukraina.vilnius.lt)



Road signs 'adaptation'

Learning Lithuanian language: number participants, volunteers, further integration

Glass sheets for windows in Borodyanka initiative

Workshops on most needed topics (work, education, children)

Celebration Ukraine's Independence Day widely

Vilniusshyvanka - an event to get an attention to Ukraine's challenges



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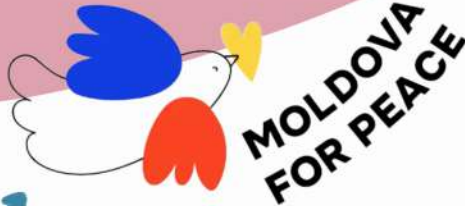


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# Experience of working with forced migrants: **Moldova**



this initiative was formed before the war happened

Education and entertainment activities

Humanitarian aid flowed to work with attitudes, states and educational-supporting content

Work with adults: it was a challenge, as people were more focused on basic needs and children.

Community building: cooking all together, discussions and brainstormed

Online-course for those who want to launch a business in Moldova

Ukraine fest in Chisinau

Sources of Tolerance - a camp for children

EcoVisio and EcoVillage accepted a lot of refugees and organized activities, involving locals



Involvement of Ukrainians to mobile teams + offline support groups

Youth Centers and Councils - a lot of activities, like volunteering, trainings, involvement to social projects in Moldovian communities

Educational spaces offered different activities for children about science

Safe space for women and girls: hand made, psychological support, activities for children, yoga and other body practices

Hubs and coworking spaces gave a chance to work there for free for Ukrainians

Useful instruments: board games, metaphorical cards and body freedom and comfort activities

EduJob social enterprise offered children to make their own toys

UpShift Moldova - course on social entrepreneurship and social projects

Robota: career counseling and labor rights consultation

Know the country that hosts you - a social inclusion program for young refugees

Center of non-formal education Diversitate offered art and practical workshops, also board games

Gustohora initiative about cooking together

Free psychological help line



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# Experience of working with forced migrants: Poland



Ukrainian Cultural and Art Center in Krakow UkrArthub



Zustrich Foundation

Since 2016 - Ukrainian Club in Krakow

Polish Center for International Aid helpline for students and parents



Poland became the first country receiving thousands of refugees freeing Ukraine

Classes in Ukrainian language for children



Cash assistance program for Ukrainians with disabilities

1.4 million Ukrainian refugees in total, 300000 of them left

«Arm Ukraine!» - a project helping buying helicopters for the evacuation of wounded soldiers through fundraising

[pomagamakrainie.gov.pl](http://pomagamakrainie.gov.pl) - a website with centralized information for refugees and request button

Program for emergency employment

Educational and Creative Center for children from Ukraine and their mothers



Mental Health support



Poland's six Blue Dot hubs

Polish Medical Mission supporting Ukrainian hospitals



Psychological Assistance center for Refugees and migrants from Ukraine



CORE: Community Organized Relief Effort Lead by Sean Penn

Citizens offered their flats for Ukrainians

Usual people also help Ukrainians. ex. small business like hotel offered places for refugees, as well as covered food costs and medical help



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