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# FOREWORD

The year 2022 has become extremely difficult for everyone. A full-scale war forced millions of Ukrainians to change their lives, fight every day for survival and help the army resist the Russian invaders. Some members of our organization joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine, some moved to safer regions and helped from there, some stayed in Kharkiv and volunteered there. From the first days of the war, we were able to get together and understand how we can be useful: we provided humanitarian aid to those who needed it the most - the elderly and residential institutions for adults; documented war crimes committed by the Russian occupiers, advocated the observance of children's rights during the war. Subsequently, they were able to return to conducting social research and producing analytical materials devoted to various aspects of the protection of people's rights in Ukraine.

We hope and believe that the next year will be victorious! We will be able to return to our native homes, work on the restoration of Ukraine and live our peaceful lives in a completely free and independent state.

**Glory to our defenders! Glory to Ukraine!**

*Kharkiv Institute for Social Research Team*

# ABOUT US

Kharkiv Institute for Social Research is a non-profit civil society organization engaged in the development of an open civil society and democracy, human rights and freedoms protection, and raising the level of legal awareness of the population of Ukraine. For more than 20 years, we have been conducting research on socially important topics, analyzing the needs and problems of various categories of the population and advocating their rights. Having on staff sociologists, lawyers, analysts and involving specialized experts, we always professionally approach the solution of the problem from the creation of an idea to monitoring the impact of the results of its implementation on long-term changes in society.

## THE KEY AREAS WE ARE ENGAGED IN: :

- Assessing the needs of the population at the national and local levels;  
Work with communities and populations affected by the war;
- Monitoring of police activity and search for effective solutions (from assessing the scale of illegal violence to increasing efficiency);
- Justice research (transitional justice, juvenile justice, etc.);
- Reforming the social protection system;
- Respecting the rights of people in places of deprivation of liberty;
- Study of the impact of the media on society and the formation of constructive approaches in the coverage of current events;
- Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of projects of public organizations, etc.

## OUR PARTNERS ARE

- Profile ministries and agencies (Ministry of Social Policy, Office of the Prosecutor General, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Health, Institute of Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatric Examination and Drug Monitoring of Ministry of Health, Ombudsman Office, etc.).
- Local authorities in various regions and communities of Ukraine.
- International organizations (Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA), People in Need), US Embassy in Ukraine, Embassy of the Czech Republic in Ukraine, the Embassy of Australia in Ukraine, the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, the European Commission, OSCE, British Council, GIZ GMBH, UNICEF, UNFPA etc.).
- Ukrainian NGOs and Charities (Ukrainian Helsinki Union for Human Rights, Kharkiv Human Rights Group, Coalition for Documenting War Crimes «Ukraine. 5.00 a.m.», Voices of Children, Zmina, Center for Human Rights, Laboratory of Public Interest Journalism, Vostok – SOS, Human Rights Vector, etc.



# HUMANITARIAN AID

Like almost every civil society organization in Ukraine, with the beginning of the full-scale invasion of the Russian invaders, we responded to the humanitarian crisis and began to provide appropriate aid to the most vulnerable population groups. Due to the active previous activity of monitoring inpatient facilities in Ukraine, as well as the experience of reforming social services, we focused on one

of the most unprotected, but at the same time often forgotten category of citizens - adults in boarding houses who were located in the territory of active hostilities. In the spring of 2022, these facilities found themselves on the brink of survival due to the fact that traditional supply chains were severed and the reserves of such boarding house were extremely limited.



*Picture: provided aid to boarding institutions in Kharkiv Region*



- Thanks to the cooperation and support of charitable organization «People in need»;
- International Foundation «Renaissance» and CARE Deutschland within the framework of the humanitarian solidarity program «Humanitarian ;
- Solidarity» and the Embassy of Australia in Ukraine within the framework of the project «Assistance to vulnerable population groups affected by the war» during the spring-summer of this year:

- were able to provide more than 10 tons of food, sanitary and hygiene products and other essential goods to institutions and communities in the Kharkiv Region.
- provided residents of boarding schools with the necessary medicines, medical products, technical means of rehabilitation and care, sanitary and hygienic means, including diapers and modern disinfectants.
- purchased and transferred to residential institutions equipment for autonomous power supply and equipment necessary to ensure the operation of the heating system.

## HUMANITARIAN AID WAS PROVIDED TO:

➤CU «Bogodukhiv Children’s Boarding House»

➤CU «Bogodukhiv psychoneurological boarding house»

➤CU «Bogoduhiv Geriatric Boarding House»

➤CU «Malyzhensky psychoneurological boarding house»

➤CU «Panyutynskiy psychoneurological boarding house»

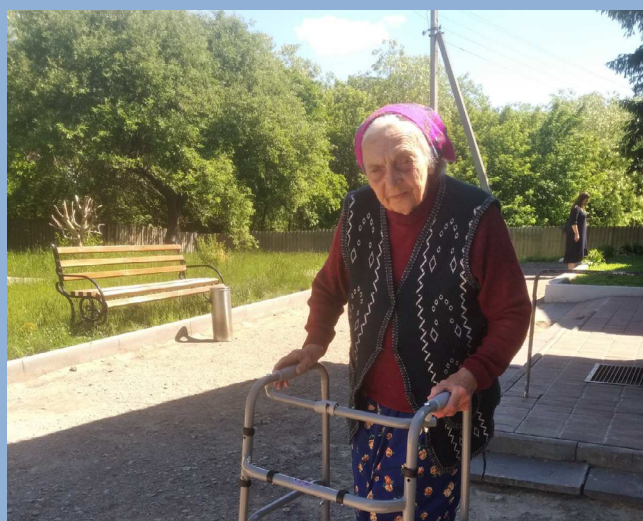
➤CU «Khoroshevsky Geriatric Boarding House»

➤CU «Zmiyivskiy Geriatric Boarding House»

➤CU «Komarivskiy psychoneurological boarding house»

➤CU «Rzhavetskiy psychoneurological boarding house».

➤Residents of Bogodukhivska and Vysochanska communities in Kharkiv region.



*Picture: assistance provided to residential institutions in the Kharkiv region*

Also, the members of the Organization supported elderly people in Kharkiv with their own efforts and the efforts of their relatives and friends, helping with food products and means of heating in the cold season. We sincerely thank all the benefactors for the help and support provided and all the employees of

the residential institutions of the Kharkiv region for their active cooperation and for the fact that in the most difficult times for our country they selflessly performed and continue to perform their duty, providing vital services to the elderly and people with disabilities disability!

# HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN BOARDING INSTITUTIONS

In the autumn of 2022, thanks to the support of the European Disability Forum, the KHISR Team started monitoring the protection of the rights of people with disabilities in psychoneurological boarding houses in Ukraine. 20 institutions were visited and more than 80 interviews were conducted with staff, residents of boarding houses and experts in the field of protection of the rights of people with disabilities. Next year, it is planned to write a report and make effective recommendations for the authorities regarding the improvement of living conditions in adult inpatient facilities during the war.



*Picture: monitoring visit to Smilyanskiy PNBH*



*Picture: training "Psychological self-help methods"*

Also in the summer, with the support of the Psychiatric Assistance Center, the Center for the Organization of Psychiatric Care organized collaborative training course called «Psychological self-help methods» for employees of the Borodyanskiy psychoneurological boarding house. The participants gained knowledge about psychological trauma and how it can affect the personality. They also learned information about reactions in a stressful situation ("Fight, Run, Freeze") and how the human body reacts during a threat.

# CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION DURING WAR

From the first days of the war, the Institute decided to focus on reviewing the problems and needs of Ukrainian children in the country and abroad. For almost a year, we have documented and will continue to record war crimes committed by the Russian army in Ukraine next year. Most of them are directed against the civilian population. The occupiers are shelling residential areas, shopping

The monthly reports were prepared in co-authorship and with the financial support of the Charity Voices of Children. The methodology of such reviews is based on the analysis of statistics, data from official sources and media materials, as well as conducting interviews with public activists, psychologists, parents in the occupation and in the territories where hostilities are active, as well as with families who were forced move to relatively safe regions of Ukraine and abroad.

From the summer until the end of 2022, the KHISR implemented a [study](#) devoted to the problems and needs of internally displaced families with children, foster families and family-type children's homes in wartime conditions. By order and with the support of SOS - Children's Villages in Ukraine, we interviewed more than 300 families with children, visited 10 foster families and family-type children's homes, conducted in-depth interviews with psychologists, representatives of state authorities, workers of social services for children, and representatives of civil society

centers, places where humanitarian aid is distributed, hospitals, schools and playgrounds. They kill and terrorize the inhabitants of the temporarily occupied territories, create a humanitarian crisis and prevent the evacuation of people. They kidnap, deport and militarize children, involve them in gathering intelligence and spreading propaganda

organizations. The study made it possible to assess their situation after displacement and to understand how much humanitarian, social and psychological support for parents with children, foster families and family-type children's homes needs to be increased, what their key problems



*Picture: side event on the protection of the rights of Ukrainian children in the situation of mass migration at the Conference on the Human Dimension of the ODIHR OSCE in the fall in Warsaw (Poland)<sup>1</sup>.*

<sup>1</sup> The side event was organized by the Coalition "Child's Rights in Ukraine" and the Ukrainian Network for Children's Rights with the support of the ADC "Memorial" (Brussels).





*Picture: Meeting of the Council of International Experts at the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine*

During the year, the members of the KhISR also repeatedly advocated the protection of children's rights and the prosecution of Russian criminals on international platforms and in reports.

In addition, KhISR participated in writing a joint report of Ukrainian and international non-governmental organizations for the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on the topic: "The situation with children's rights in Ukraine from February 24 to August 2022 during the war in Ukraine."

KhISR joined the Coalition for Documenting of War Crimes "Ukraine. Ukraine 5 AM Coalition". The purpose of the coalition is to protect the victims of Russian armed aggression in Ukraine and to bring to justice the senior leadership of the Russian Federation and the direct perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Coalition was established by 16 Ukrainian human rights organizations. We also became members of the international council of experts at the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, which, among other things, deals with the topic of protecting children affected by the war.

# TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Already at the beginning of 2022, a methodological guide was released based on the results of our project in 2021 on how to cover the topic of transitional justice in Ukraine. Together with journalists and representatives of civil society, who participated in 4 working meetings, we developed relevant recommendations for the [media](#).

The [study](#) of the post-war future of Ukraine with the financial support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic became a continuation of the study of the topic of

transitional justice. More than 3,000 respondents were interviewed through a quantitative survey. We analyzed what Ukraine's victory should look like and whether Ukrainians believe in the return of all occupied territories to state control; how Ukrainians treat citizens who cooperated with the occupation authorities, what post-war justice should be like; whether, according to the interviewees, post-war conflicts between different categories of Ukrainians are possible; what will be the main challenge for the citizens after the victory and what consequences of the war will have to be dealt with.



*Picture: presentation of the research at the Ukrinform Agency*

# OUR PUBLICATIONS



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.02-24.03.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.03.-24.04.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.04.-24.05.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.05-24.06.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.06- 24.07.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.07.-24.08.2022](#)



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[24.09- 24.10.2022](#)



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[24.10. – 24.11.2022](#)



[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
[24.11- 24.12.2022](#)

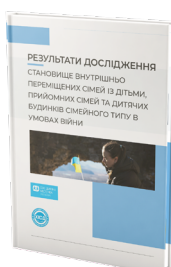
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[Children and the war in Ukraine](#)  
24.08- 24.09.2022



[How to cover the topic of transitional justice in Ukraine: recommendations for mass media](#)



[The situation of internally displaced families with children, foster families and family-type children's homes in war conditions: research results](#)



[The post-war future of Ukraine: the results of a sociological study](#)

# MEDIA ABOUT US

[Russia crimes against Ukrainian children](#)

[Operation «non-evacuation». Why children under state custody were not evacuated timely from the front-line?](#)

[Survey: 89% of Ukrainians believe in returning of occupied territories](#)

[Over thousand cases were initiated on war crimes against children](#)

[What changes will bring the draft law on fire arms turnover? Is it a good time for it?](#)

[How Russia destroys Ukrainian childhood: researchers talked about war crimes against children](#)

[What is victory, what is the relationship to emigrants and Ukrainians in the occupation: an interesting survey](#)

[Six grave crimes of the Russian Federation against children in Ukraine](#)

[How the psychological condition of parents affects the child](#)

[Russia commits all available grave war crimes against children in Ukraine – experts](#)

[Ukrainians will consider the return to the borders of 1991 as a victory in the war, - study](#)

[How Ukrainians see the post-war future of Ukraine - a study](#)

[Unique unity: according to a social survey, Ukrainians are united on fateful issues](#)

[The Devastation of Kharkiv, Ukraine](#)

[Ukraine's second city braces for war. Sort of](#)

[People-centred justice can't be stopped in Ukraine](#)

[War's impact on children focus of Forum for Security Co-operation Meeting](#)

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