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5 new anti-radiation and dual-use bomb shelters to bring back Ukrainian children to schools



Russia's war of aggression is robbing thousands of Ukrainian children of a normal life and education. Our most recent initiative underlines the EU's unwavering commitment to ensure an educational environment that is as safe as possible for all children in Ukraine.

Katarína Mathernová

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One in seven Ukrainian schools has been damaged or destroyed. Around 1.6 million schoolchildren and 0.2 million kindergarteners are out of school or preschool, and around 900 000 children declare to study remotely. The learning losses since February 2022 accumulate to US\$5.5 billion according to World Bank's RDNA (3). It is estimated that these numbers will continue to grow leading to additional billions in losses. Bomb shelters are a necessity to bring children back to schools, assure safety, and reduce learning losses.

The Aim of the Programme

The main objective is to **bring children back to school in offline learning** and to set up shelters in higher-risk areas where children are unable to study due to the lack of shelters and the high risk of shelling.

Priority regions: Sumy, Zaporizhzhia, Chernihiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, high-risk areas.

The bomb shelters will have **anti-radiation protection and are designed to be dual-use**, meaning that they can also be used for extra-curricular activities during peacetime.



The Impact

- 5 new anti-radiation dual-use bomb shelters allow up to **5 000** children to return to offline learning
- Returning to in-person education will **reduce learning losses** for Ukraine
- Bomb shelters to **ensure a safe education process**

Programme implementer



Central project
management
agency

Budget



EUR 15 500 000

15 000 000 – EU allocation
500 000 – Lithuanian allocation

Time frame



18 months,
until 2025 October



Know How

Central Project Management Agency has extensive hands-on experience in delivering various projects for Ukraine since 2014, including building bomb shelters from scratch and enhancing existing ones:

- **Construction of the first stand-alone school bomb shelter** in Borodyanka within the comprehensive renovation of the school (700 persons, EUR 7 944 784,80)
- **New bomb shelter** within restoration of “Rūta” kindergarten in Irpin (450 persons, EUR 4 631 869)
- **Installation of anti-radiation shelter** in Kozyntsi kindergarten (90 children, EUR 500 000)

Help Us Scale

There is an urgent need for building shelters for schools across Ukraine. This EU program is an efficient and already well-developed solution. The first shelter in Molodizhne, Odesa region, is already under construction.



Groundwork is done: algorithm to determine locations, established processes of cooperation with both local authorities and ministries



Construction works according to Ukrainian laws, EU requirements for the construction of public objects



A network of Ukrainian partners and advanced supervision of construction works

We Invite Public and Private Actors to Reach Out for Cooperation

Direct partnership with EU: cofinance the program designed to build safety

Flexible forms of contribution: international development funds, bilateral aid programs, EU regional development funds

Various ways to step in, including Public-Private Partnerships: involvement of private sector partners through PPP models

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