

Helping to Leave

2025

The year '2025' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. The digit '0' is replaced by a stylized globe. The globe is divided into three horizontal sections: a blue top section, a white middle section, and a yellow bottom section. Two black arrows point horizontally from left to right across the white middle section of the globe.

numbers, stories, achievements

**Daria Rabinovitsch**

co-CEO of Helping to Leave
in 2025

“ At the start of the year, Helping to Leave underwent an important leadership transition. For several years, the organization had been led by a single CEO. In 2025, we moved to a co-CEO model representing our Ukrainian and Czech legal entities. This change required adjustment across the entire team.

Soon after, we faced another serious challenge: the sudden freeze of U.S. funding. For three months, we had to cut our salary budget in half. Despite this, we made a decision not to reduce the amount of aid we were providing. Our team continued working with the same dedication and intensity, even while receiving significantly lower compensation. I remain deeply grateful to every member of our team

for this commitment. Their solidarity and belief in our mission carried us through an incredibly difficult moment.

At the same time, 2025 also brought important progress. As part of the first national consortium, Helping to Leave secured funding from the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO). Together with our partner organizations, we set an important precedent for the localization of humanitarian aid — both in Ukraine and globally.

Advocacy for people living in temporarily occupied territories remained central to our work. This year, we continued talking about their struggles at forums, in the media, in meetings with partners, and through our merch. We also secured institutional funding to support people there for an entire year — a significant step toward recognizing both their needs and the urgency of assisting those who remain under occupation.

Inside the organization, we focused on building stronger foundations. We launched a dedicated procurement team, formally employed staff, and restructured our direct aid operations to better synchronize our data and processes, and make the help we provide even more transparent.

In many ways, this year was about creating more structure — systems that allow us to work more effectively while continuing to respond to urgent needs. But it was also about allowing ourselves to think bigger.

One of those ambitions is to create a shelter for people fleeing the temporarily occupied territories. The idea evolved at least three times over the year, but today it is no longer distant. It is a project we are actively preparing to make a reality.

Because even in the most difficult moments, Helping to Leave continues to grow — and continues to stand with those who need us most. ”

OVERALL HELPING TO LEAVE PROJECT WORK RESULTS

12,297

people received aid from us

3,278

people were evacuated with our help*

63,514

liters of evacuation fuel was paid for by us and spent in providing assistance

9,356

people were assisted at the Volyn humanitarian corridor

432,537

kilometer distance was traveled by our vehicles and those of our partners, which we use to evacuate people

6,804

were transported from Domanove to Kovel and/or received transportation tickets to other settlements in Ukraine

1,293

people were assisted with adaptation in a new place**

2,025

bus trips (including the evacuation ones) were carried out

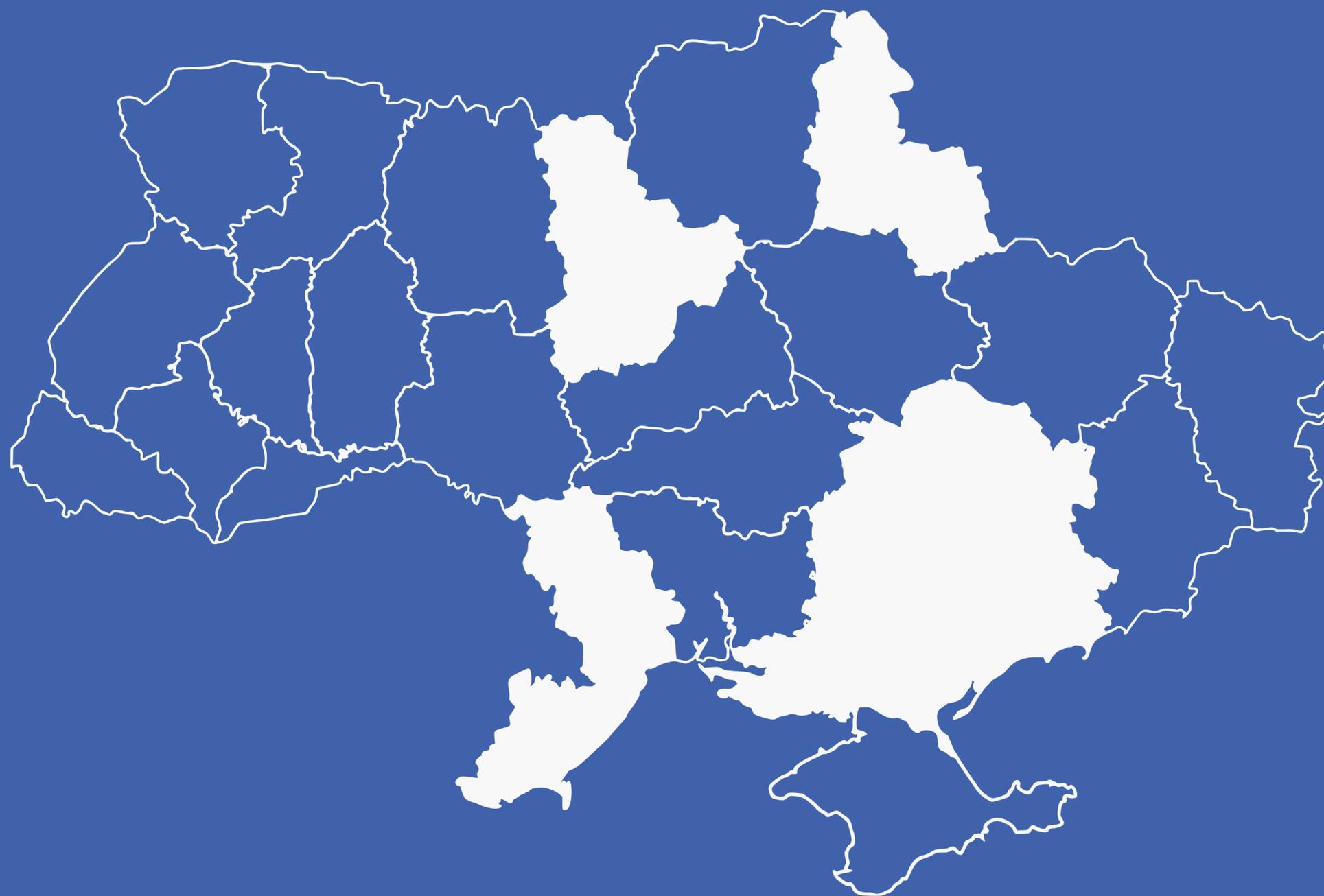
Beneficiaries whom we evacuated from the temporarily occupied territories receive assistance upon arrival at the Volyn humanitarian corridor; therefore, we count them only once in the total number of people who have received assistance from us, but we also include them in the number of those whom we assisted at the humanitarian corridor.

Currently, we only provide assistance with adaptation to those who've been evacuated or assisted at the humanitarian corridor by us, so we do not add this figure to the total number of people we've helped in a year.

GEOGRAPHY OF EVACUATIONS

The top 7 oblasts from which evacuation requests were received in 2025:

- Kherson
- Zaporizhzhia
- Kharkiv
- Dnipropetrovsk
- Kyiv
- Odesa
- Sumy



Where did we most often evacuate people to?

**ODESA,
MYKOLAIV**

cities to which most people from the Kherson Oblast were evacuated

**KHARKIV,
KYIV,
DNIPRO,
CHERKASY**

cities to which most people from the Kharkiv Oblast were evacuated

**KYIV, DNIPRO,
ZAPORIZHZHIA,
ODESA, LVIV,
KHARKIV**

cities to which transportation tickets for displaced people from the temporarily occupied territories, following their crossing of the Volyn humanitarian corridor were most frequently purchased

**DENMARK,
NORWAY,
GERMANY**

countries to which people with limited mobility and serious illnesses were most frequently evacuated

FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED

A wonderful team made up of truly kind-hearted people. I particularly want to mention your employee who is always reachable, supportive, caring, and ready to resolve any issue at a moment's notice — she's a sweetheart! We are so grateful for your help and for making it possible for us to finally reunite with our loved one. We wish you lots of strength and energy for the great work you do every day ♥

A huge thank you to your entire team, and especially to Alina! You help people find a way out of hopeless situations. Your level of organization and coordination is top-notch.

Thank you so much to your team. You helped to rescue my mom from the occupied territory. We send hugs to everyone, our deepest thanks to you, and we wish you all the best in your work ♥

God bless your organization. You are a team of true angels! You cheered us up, provided constant guidance, showed interest in our affairs, mood, and well-being, managed to get the embassy to speed up the issuance of our documents by a whole week, welcomed us, drove us [to the shelter], fed us, and gave us a place to stay when we needed it.

This isn't just kindness! This is angelic kindness! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

Good evening! We've picked up Mom. Everything is fine. Thank you so much.

Good afternoon. I wanted to thank you for your work; you have made an incredibly valuable contribution to our lives ♥ Thanks to you and your team, my brother's future has been saved ♥ I thank you and offer my deepest gratitude ♥ May you and your loved ones stay healthy ♥♥♥

FEEDBACK FROM PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED

Thank you so much for your help, support, and hope of reuniting with our loved ones. Thanks to your work, thousands of people can get through these difficult times with less hardship. You bring light into the darkness that surrounds so many. Thank you for your dedication and selflessness! You give strength to those who have given up. You are not just volunteers; you are the true essence of humanity! Sincere thanks to the incredible "Helping to Leave" team.

I want to express my gratitude to the entire foundation team. I found you quickly, sent you a message, and you responded promptly to my request — you listened, offered support, and gave advice. You supported me the whole way and stayed in touch. I am deeply moved and infinitely grateful for your efforts; your work is invaluable. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. I bow down to you in gratitude.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank the Helping to Leave team — people with huge hearts 🙏

You saved our aunt, a person with a disability who could never have left on her own. You saved her life...

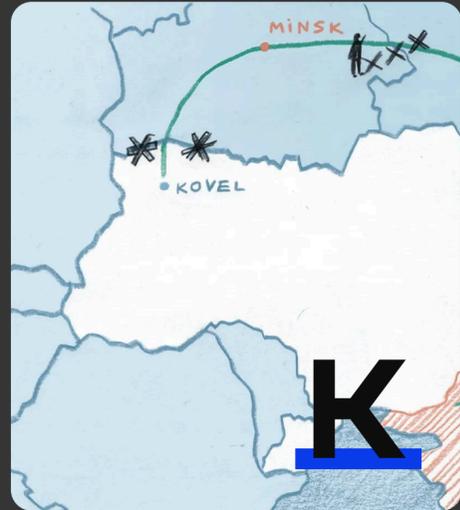
Because this winter could have been her last. A city without electricity, without water, without internet connection — and with complete helplessness. Thank God we found you ❤️

You became our hope where there was almost none left. You did the impossible — you brought our loved one back to us.

You were by our side the whole way: constant communication, photos, messages... every update gave us hope and made us cry with relief. There are no words to express our gratitude 🙌

We still can't believe she's home. Alive. Safe. With us. We bow down deeply to each and every one of you.

STORIES OF PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED



Andrii

Zaporizhzhia
Oblast



Marta

Donetsk
Oblast



Ivan

Kherson
Oblast



Yurii

Autonomous
Republic of Crimea

Click the names
to learn more!

STORIES OF PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED



**Olena
and Oleksandr**

Donetsk
Oblast

"I just wanted
to help one
person"



David

Kherson
Oblast



**Anatolii
and Tamara**

Kherson
Oblast

russia is using its army
to try to take more
of Ukraine.

It's using its
passports to control
the population.

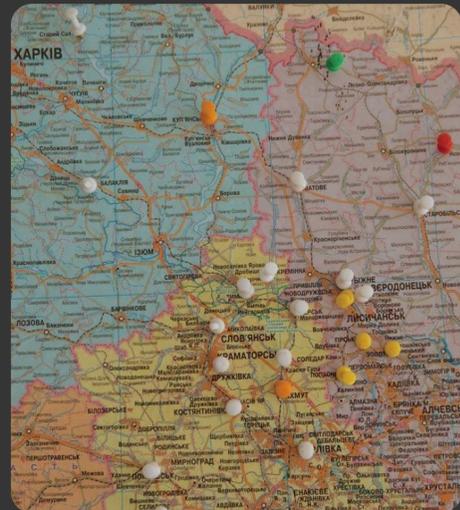


Iryna

Kherson
Oblast

Click the names
to learn more!

STORIES OF PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED



Andrii

Donetsk
Oblast



Natalia

russia

“Who would've
thought we'd have
to live through
another war”



Hanna

Kherson
Oblast



Andrii

Kherson
Oblast

Click the names
to learn more!

EVACUATION

EVACUATION FROM DE-OCCUPIED AND FRONTLINE AREAS OF KHERSON OBLAST

1,964*

people
were evacuated

* including:

1,314

women

371

children

833

older people

234

people with limited mobility

352

evacuation trips
were carried out

473

people received
transportation tickets
for further travel within
Ukraine

In this and subsequent sections, the categories listed are not mutually exclusive: one person could belong to several groups at the same time (for example, an older woman or a person with limited mobility).

There are also men among the evacuees who do not fall into the categories listed, so the sum of the categories may not equal the total number of people.

EVACUATION FROM DE-OCCUPIED AND FRONTLINE TERRITORIES OF KHARKIV OBLAST

1,092 *

people
were evacuated

* including:

536

women

122

children

357

elderly people

195

people with limited mobility

301

evacuation trips
were carried out

377

people received
transportation tickets
for further travel within
Ukraine

SOCIAL TRANSPORTATION IN KHERSON AND THE OBLAST

In October 2025, we launched a new project — free transportation for people with disabilities, serious illnesses, and limited mobility to medical appointments, rehabilitation centers, and government institutions.

15

social transportation
trips were carried out

44

people were
assisted with social
transportation

MAIN ROUTES:

- Kherson — Mykolaiv
- Kherson — Odesa

EVACUATION OF PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY AND PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS ILLNESSES ABROAD

184 *

people were evacuated

167

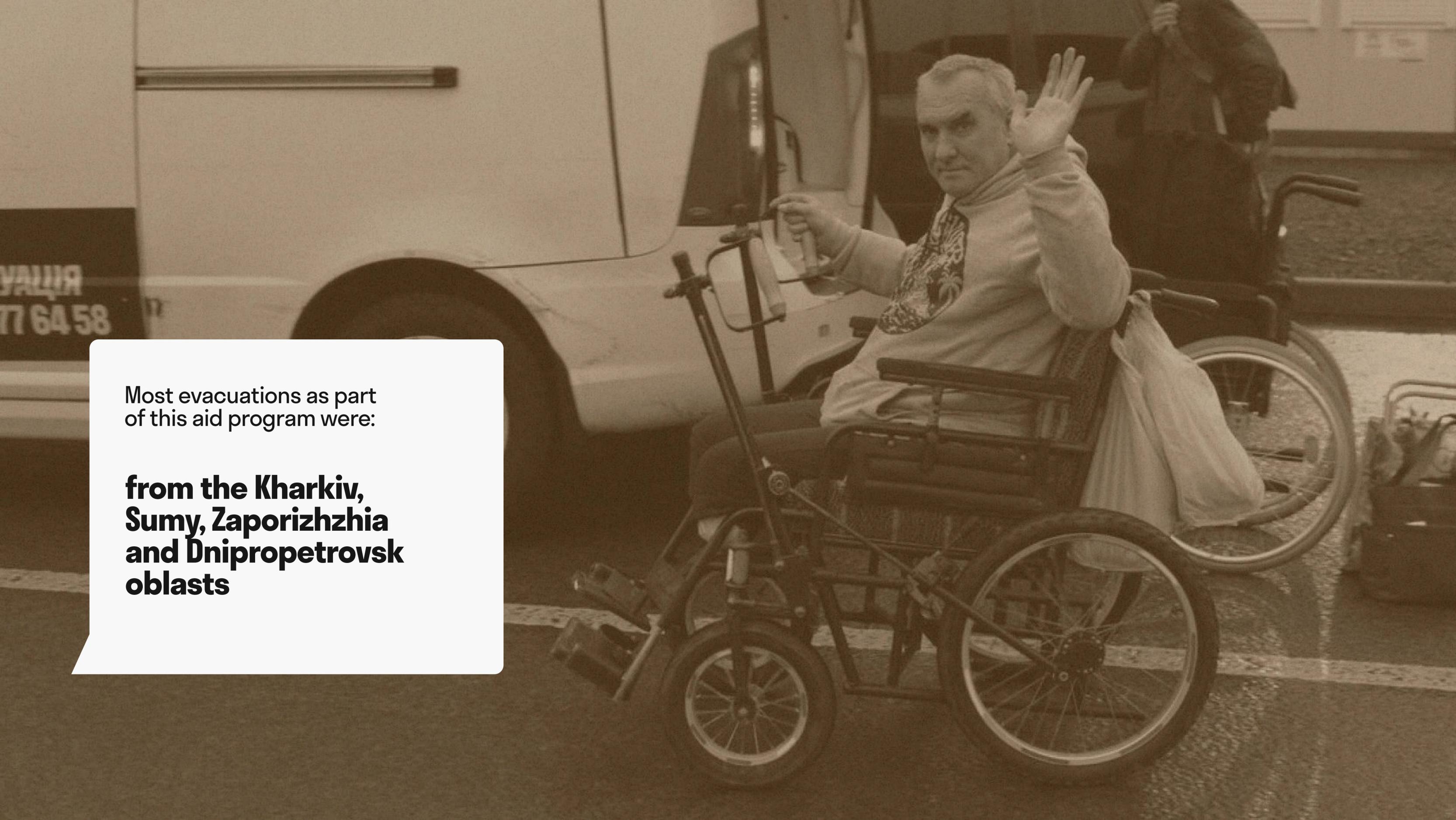
people received transportation tickets



- 13** children
- 45** women aged 18-49 y.o.
- 91** older people
- 117** people with limited mobility

**DENMARK,
NORWAY,
GERMANY**

— countries to which people with limited mobility and serious illnesses were most frequently evacuated

A sepia-toned photograph showing an elderly man in a wheelchair being pushed by another person. The man is wearing a light-colored jacket and a patterned tie. He has his right hand raised in a gesture. The wheelchair is a three-wheeled model with a large front wheel and two smaller rear wheels. In the background, a white van is visible, with some text on its side, including the word 'ВАЦІЯ' and the number '77 64 58'. The scene appears to be outdoors, possibly on a street or in a parking area.

Most evacuations as part
of this aid program were:

**from the Kharkiv,
Sumy, Zaporizhzhia
and Dnipropetrovsk
oblasts**

EVACUATION OF DEPORTEES AND RESIDENTS OF THE TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

337 *

people were
evacuated
to a safe territory

* including:

191

women

50

children

117

older people

144

people with limited mobility

>1,150

people received
informational
assistance regarding
evacuation from
the occupation

Most of the evacuation applications came from the temporarily occupied territories of the **Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts**.

AID TO DISPLACED PEOPLE FROM THE TOT AT THE HUMANITARIAN CORRIDOR

9,356 *

people received assistance at the Volyn humanitarian corridor

* 2,077
597
3,789
233

women
children
older people
people with limited mobility

6,804

were transported from Domanove to Kovel and/or received transportation tickets to other settlements in Ukraine

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Aid provided to the people assisted at the humanitarian corridor:

704

transportation trips from the humanitarian corridor to Kovel were carried out

1,461

people received transportation tickets

2,166

people were registered for cash assistance from international organizations with the help of the Helping to Leave team



AID WITH ADAPTATION IN A NEW PLACE TO DISPLACED PEOPLE

261 people received assistance with accommodation

92 people received help accessing state-provided services (hospitals, education, paperwork reissue, social benefits, etc.)

118 people were assisted with material needs (humanitarian aid, mobility aids, etc.)

562 people received informational assistance and consultations from the project coordinators or were redirected to partner organizations for targeted assistance



1092 people received assistance with adaptation

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2025 REPORT

AID SERVICES

HOTLINE

11,144

incoming calls
were received

13,257

outgoing calls
were made

43,382

number of minutes
of conversations

In 2025:

3,408

evacuation applications were processed

294

adaptation applications were processed

493

people took part in a survey conducted
by operators

TELEGRAM BOT

725

unique requests were
processed by operators

1,468 *

people received
assistance from us

* The number of people who received assistance after contacting the Telegram-bot exceeds the number of applications, since assistance may be provided to multiple people under a single application — for example, to a family.

A photograph of four women standing in a row in what appears to be a conference or office setting. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent brown filter. The woman on the far left has glasses and is wearing a dark top. The woman next to her is wearing a light-colored blazer over a dark t-shirt that has a logo and the word 'HELPING' on it. The woman in the center has long blonde hair and is wearing a light-colored cardigan over a white top. The woman on the far right is wearing a dark top. In the background, other people and tables are visible, suggesting a busy event.

HELPING TO LEAVE TEAM

TEAM

191 *

people are
on the team

65

people receive
compensation
for their work

126

people
are volunteers

100%

of the Helping to Leave
project leadership
are women

25%

of the team are
former beneficiaries

18

y.o. is the youngest
team member

78

y.o. is the oldest
team member



* This figure and all others on this page are as of the end of December 2025.

Our team members
live and work in:

14
countries

40
cities

On the Helping to Leave team:

76%
are
women

20%
are
men

4%
are nonbinary
people



* This figure and all others on this page are as of the end of December 2025.



**“HOME” MERCH
COLLECTION**

OUR MERCHANDISE IS BEING TALKED ABOUT AND WORN BY



Stylist Frank Wilde



MOLODI music band



Model and singer Rosali Nombre

“HOME” MERCH COLLECTION

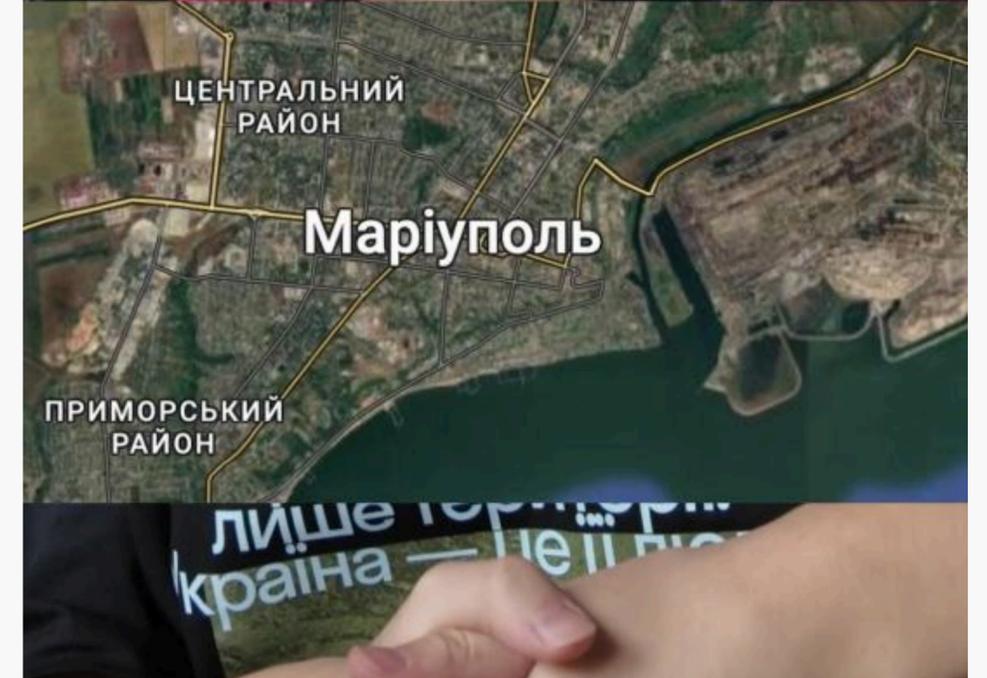
In 2025, we released a new merch collection inspired by the real-life stories of Ukrainians whom our project team helped evacuate from the temporarily occupied territories.

Our collection serves as a reminder to the world: ceding territory to russia means sacrificing the people who live there. By wearing this merch, you become their voice.

The collection includes T-shirts with our “Territories are people” slogan, tote bags, and caps featuring the words of people who managed to escape from the temporarily occupied territories and their loved ones.



OUR MERCHANDISE IS BEING TALKED ABOUT AND WORN BY



Writer and podcaster Nastya Mozghova



Beauty-blogger Lada Holy

Blogger and owner of the “Hochu hratysya” store Polina Maiko

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

€803,688

was spent on the work of Helping to Leave

€759,995

was raised for the project's activities

€548,090 came from grant funding

€211,905 came from private donations

Grant Acquisition

33 applications were drafted and submitted

10* applications were successful, and we were awarded grants

9 months was the average duration of the grants we received in 2025



6 of those were from partners we had previously worked with

4 of those were from new partners

PARTNERS

we've worked with in 2025

PARTNERS

2025 REPORT



USAID



Norway



Norwegian Refugee Council



Nonviolent Peaceforce



Human Rights Foundation



People in Need



Woven Foundation



Ukraine Pooled Fund



Uber



UK aid



PULSE



Right to Protection



Caritas Ukraine



Girls



Proliska



The League of the Strong



Voices of Children



The HALO Trust



AICS



Soleterre



Frontline Medics



Ukrainian Red Cross



I am Rescued



The Way of Ukraine



Bring Kids Back UA



Barrier-Free Foundation

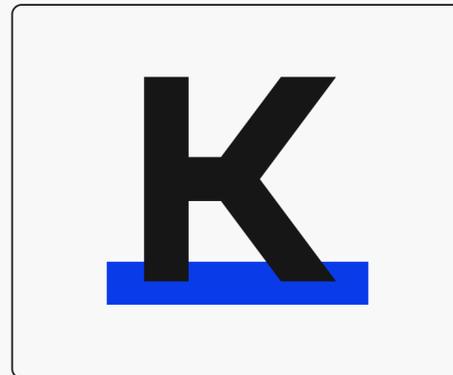
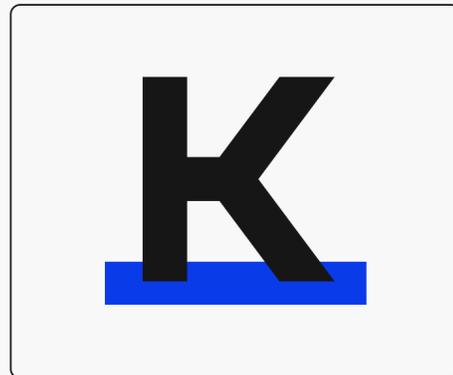


Ukrainian Volunteer Service



Donbas SOS

MEDIA ABOUT OUR WORK:



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2025 REPORT

HOW CAN YOU HELP US CONTINUE OUR WORK IN 2026?

This report highlights the intricacies of situations in which sorrow and joy, fear and incredible courage intertwine. We cherish the journey we've travelled and are sincerely grateful for your support along the way.

Stand by us this year as well. Together, we will persevere and accomplish even more.

Helping to Leave is a project jointly realized by the non-profit organizations Helping to leave, (Czech Republic) and "Charity Foundation' Helping to Leave" (Ukraine), as well as by independent volunteers.



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