



NATIONAL NETWORK
OF LOCAL PHILANTHROPY
DEVELOPMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



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FOREWORD BY THE DIRECTOR

The year 2025 forced the entire sector to take a serious look at its own resilience. The suspension of USAID funding revealed just how many organizations rely on a single source of support. The NNLPD team and the network of community foundations weathered the year better than they might have expected: those who lost funding were able to secure it again by the end of the year. But this served as an important signal for us—resilience does not arise on its own; it must be built consciously.

This is reflected in our new strategy. We will work even more consistently on developing local philanthropy and creating conditions under which communities have their own resources for development, regardless of external funding.

Despite the challenges, 2025 was a year of growth. The number of community funds increased, new Youth Banks opened, the Ukraine Pooled Fund (UPF) project attracted new donors, and “The Harvest Way” ended the year in partnership with 10 community funds.

Another shift in focus: we are talking less and less about localization. Not because it isn't important, but because strengthening the local voice in the distribution of external resources is not enough. What matters more is how we build our own self-reliance. That is the main thing I am taking with me into 2026.

Thank you to the community foundation teams, Youth Banks, and partners for this challenging year. I look forward to growing together in the coming year.

Daria Rybalchenko



FOREWORD BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

When you see a joyful woman on the streets of a village near the front line, holding a bag of humanitarian aid—joyful because she knows that in the coming days, she and her family will have everything they need. When you see children, tongues out, drawing or doing crafts between air raid alerts, forgetting the horrors of war. When you see people who have relocated to a distant city in the rear attending community meetings to address local issues together—such as waste collection—and feeling like equal members of the community. When you see Ukrainian activists speaking on global platforms, bringing locally grounded knowledge, needs, and recommendations to influential decision-makers. When you see entrepreneurs, activists, and women from rural communities standing shoulder to shoulder among those supporting affected people, working together to defend and rebuild their country.

All of this is part of a system that works thanks to the often unseen but carefully coordinated efforts of Ukraine's civil society networks. I am proud to lead one such network—the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development. Each year of the network's work brings both challenges and progress toward new achievements in strengthening local leadership. This is where growth begins and where we find the strength to persevere and move forward.

I am pleased to present this overview of the work of the “NNLPD” in 2025 and invite you to join us on our journey toward future achievements.

Svitlana Kuts

ORGANIZATION'S MISSION



WE FOSTER A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY THROUGH COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS AS LOCAL LEADERS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN UKRAINE

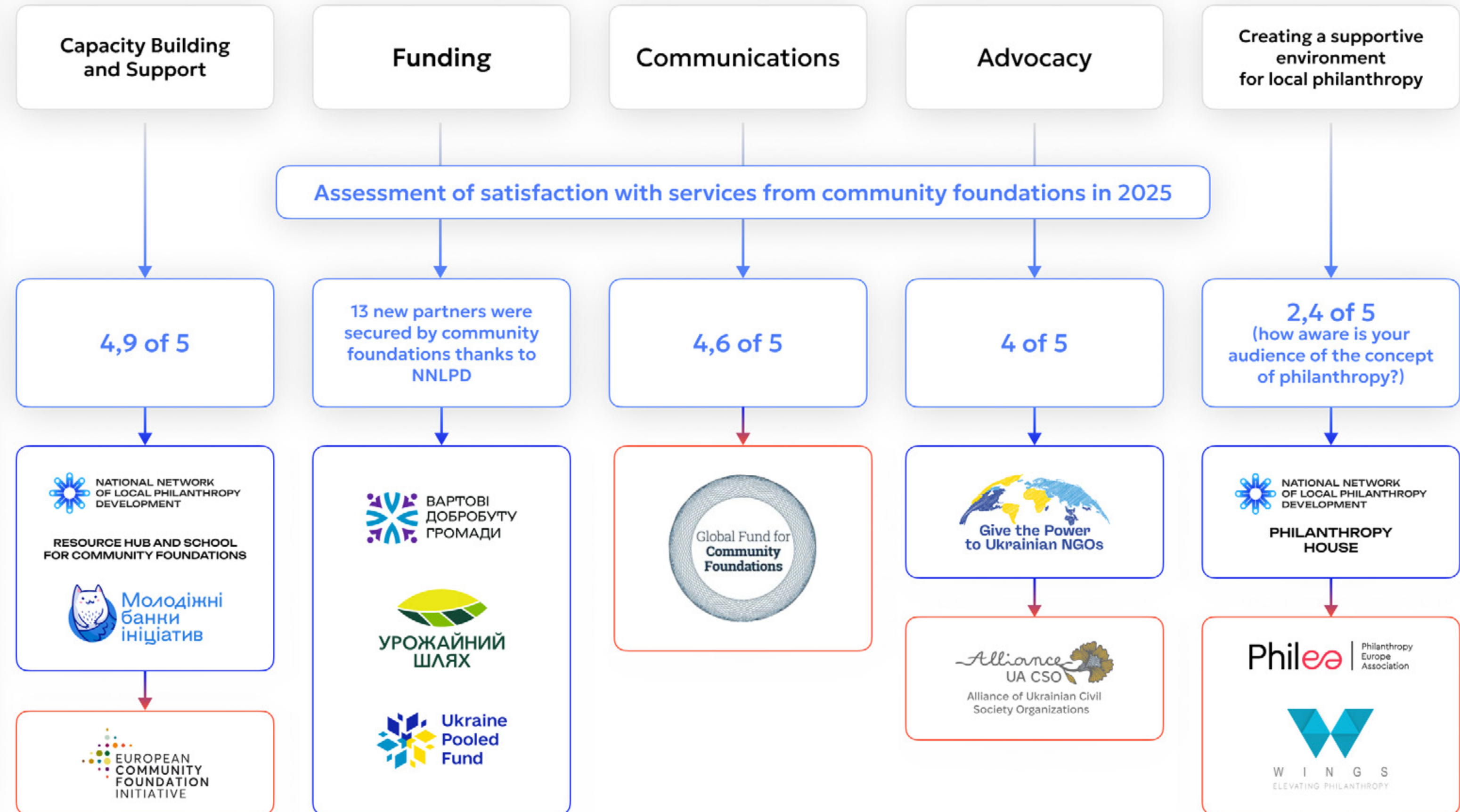
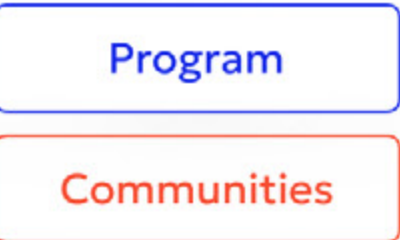
The National Network of Local Philanthropy Development (abbreviated as “NNLPD”) is a network organization that brings together community foundations in Ukraine to promote local philanthropy and volunteerism in communities, engage residents, and support civic initiatives.

Community foundations are non-governmental charitable organizations whose purpose is to improve the quality of life in the communities where they operate.

Community foundations identify the needs of the local community, encourage charitable donations, and accumulate funds from which they award grants to implement initiatives addressing socially significant local issues.

The National Network of Local Philanthropy Development is a community foundation support organization.

The program is implemented by providing services to participants in the “**Community Foundations of Ukraine**” program, carrying out projects, and participating in international communities.



NNLPD IN 2025

January 2025

Research presentation:
“Philanthropy in Ukraine: Who,
How, and Why They Give”

Networking event “Meeting for
Change” for local organizations
from the northern and western
regions

Presentation of the study: “The
role of Ukraine’s community
foundations in a time of war” by
GFCF

Study tour to exchange
experiences with community
foundations in Romania

Study tour for the exchange of
experiences among Youth Banks
in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mid-year conference for
community foundations
and participants of the
School of Community
Foundations

Presentation of the study:
“Partnership across
borders: how diaspora
and NGOs are shaping
new models of
cooperation”

NNLPD became members
of the Philea community

Retreat for the NNLPD
team

The NNLPD team
volunteers at community
foundations within the
network

Training for community
foundations on the
creation and
development of
corporate foundations by
the “Podilska Hromada”
Community Foundation

Strategizing Philanthropists’
work for 2026–2028 with the
participation of the team, board,
and community foundations

Conference for coordinators of
the “Harvest Way” agricultural
project organized by community
foundations

Local fairs featuring winners of
the “Harvest Way” project,
supported by community
foundations

Conference for coordinators of
Youth Banks “Coordinators’
Meeting”

Networking event “Meeting for
Change” in Kyiv together with
the Humanitarian NGO Platform
in Ukraine

Annual conference for
community foundations and
Youth Banks “Philanthropy
Unites Generations”

NNLPD became members of the
EFA fundraising community

Launch of a free video training
course: “How to Create a
Community Foundation”

Presentation of the results of
the second study:
“Philanthropy in Ukraine: Who,
How, and Why They Give” and
an exhibition about Ukrainian
philanthropists

Launched a free course:
“Philanthropy in Action: How to
Help Effectively” on the EdEra
learning platform

December 2025

THE RESOURCE HUB

This program creates favourable conditions for supporting, developing, and strengthening the capacity of community foundations in Ukraine by providing access to resources, knowledge, experience exchange, and grant opportunities.

Support for Community Foundations

 Funding

 Capacity Building and Support

PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

1. Two training programmes on conflict studies and strategic thinking were delivered for community foundations.
2. A community of communications specialists from community foundations was established. Practical training sessions on developing communications strategies were delivered, along with workshops on LinkedIn and AI tools.
3. Two national conferences for community foundations were organised.
4. International study visits and exchanges were organised and supported in Romania, Hungary, Italy, and the United States.
5. The NNLPD team volunteered with community foundations. You can read more about the results of this volunteer work in the guide.
6. The average satisfaction rating of community foundations with NNLPD's work increased to 4.9 out of 5 (up from 4.7 the previous year).

Program participants: community foundations that are members of the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development and adhere to the [seven principles of community foundation operations](#).

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:


- Financial support: providing mini-grants to develop internal processes of community foundations, such as team training, travel, and consultations.
- Training and strategic planning: organising annual conferences and training sessions to strengthen capacities and support strategic development.
- Online resources: providing access to a platform with useful information, tools, and materials for community foundations.
- Opportunity alerts: distributing updates on current grants, competitions, and other opportunities.
- Knowledge exchange: organising exchange programmes between community foundations in Ukraine and abroad.

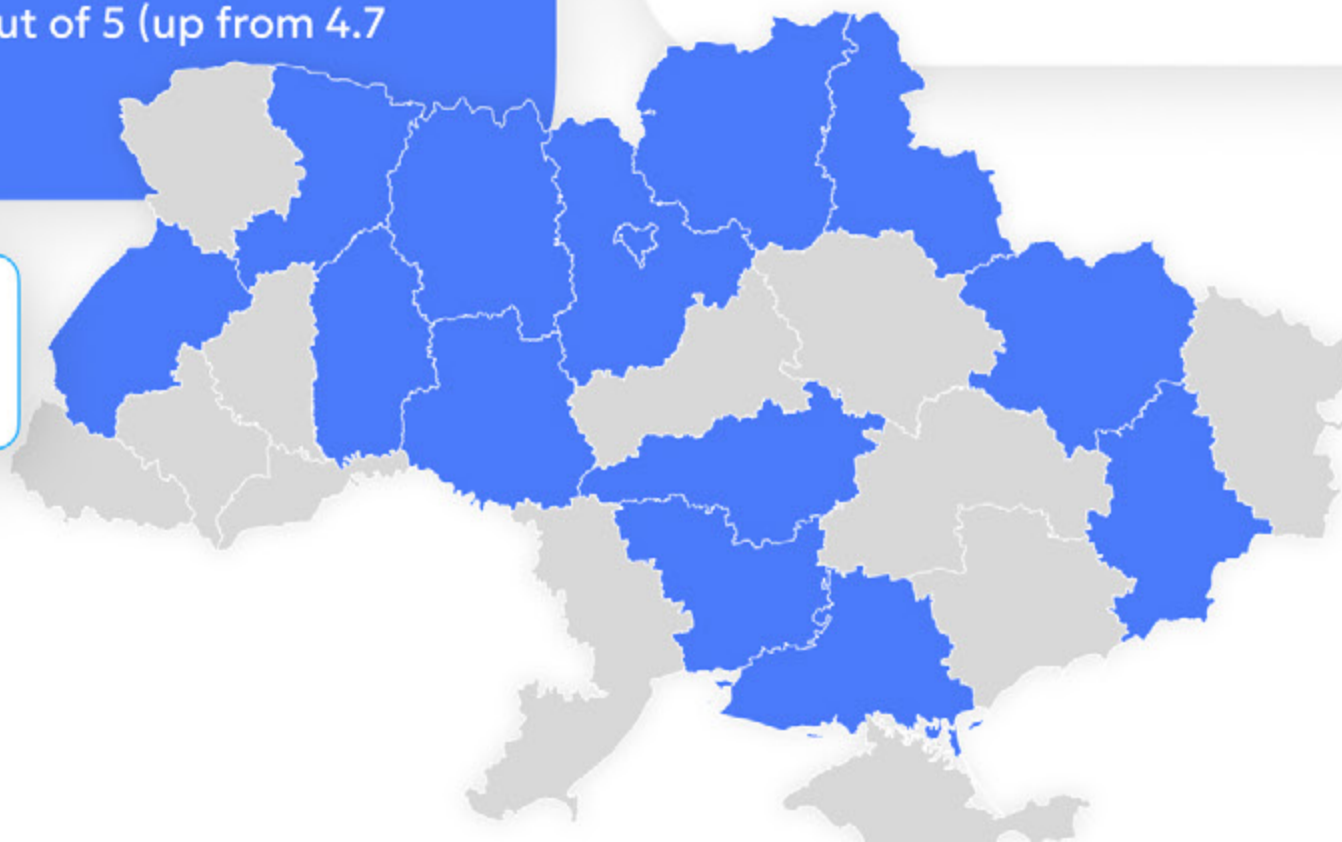
NGO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION "THE FUTURE IS YOURS"



Thanks to this collaboration, our team has become more productive. We secured grant funding to hire a qualified specialist to amend the Bylaws, and our accountant completed training in NGO accounting. We now have the necessary computer equipment for our work. We also realised that to truly serve people, we must first identify the needs of the community. Over the past year, our collaboration with you has reaffirmed the idea that "if everyone did more for others, the world would be a different place."



 Regions where community foundations operate (highlighted)



THE RESOURCE HUB

51 GRANTS

were awarded to community foundations to support organisational development and local initiatives on a co-financing basis.

over UAH 5.1 million

Community foundations mobilised in resources.

UAH 1,766,880.41

in financial contributions.

UAH 3,400,358

in in-kind support.

UAH 1,487,172

was co-funded by NNLPD for community projects.

36 grants

for organisational development were awarded to community foundations.

8 grants

supported community needs assessments.

6 grants

supported collaboration with businesses.

1 grants

supported community foundation administration.

NGO "GOSTYNETS"



In partnership with GlobalGiving, we launched a matching grant programme for community foundations to support local initiatives and engage residents in community development. One notable example is the NGO "Gostynets" in the Novoyavorivska community.

Through local fundraising, the foundation raised UAH 325,590 from residents and received an additional UAH 300,000 in grant funding. In addition, the community contributed materials and volunteer time, bringing the total project value to UAH 1,153,540.

The impact of matching grants: UAH 1 in grant funding generated UAH 2.85 in additional community resources, demonstrating the strong potential of co-financing and resident engagement in joint decision-making.

"We felt the community's support: people actively participated, shared ideas, and built partnerships. This strengthens our confidence that such grant competitions are among the most effective tools for local community development."

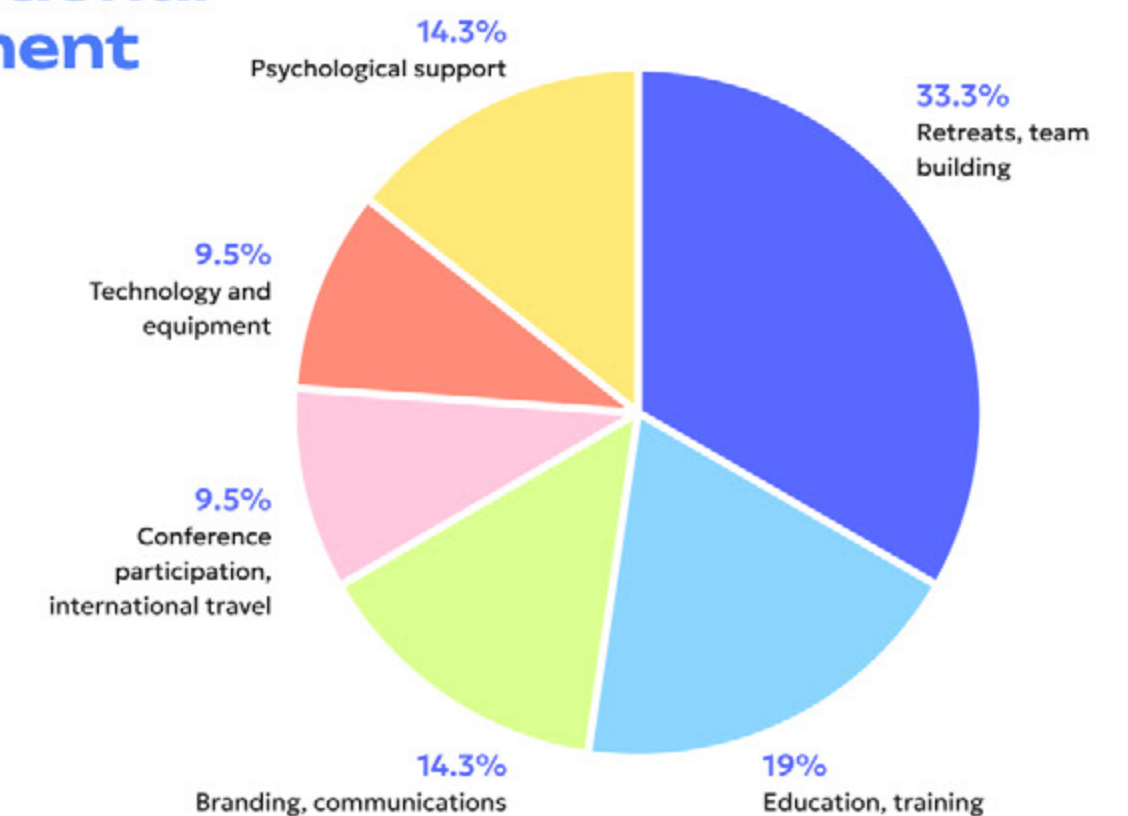


Support for Community Foundations

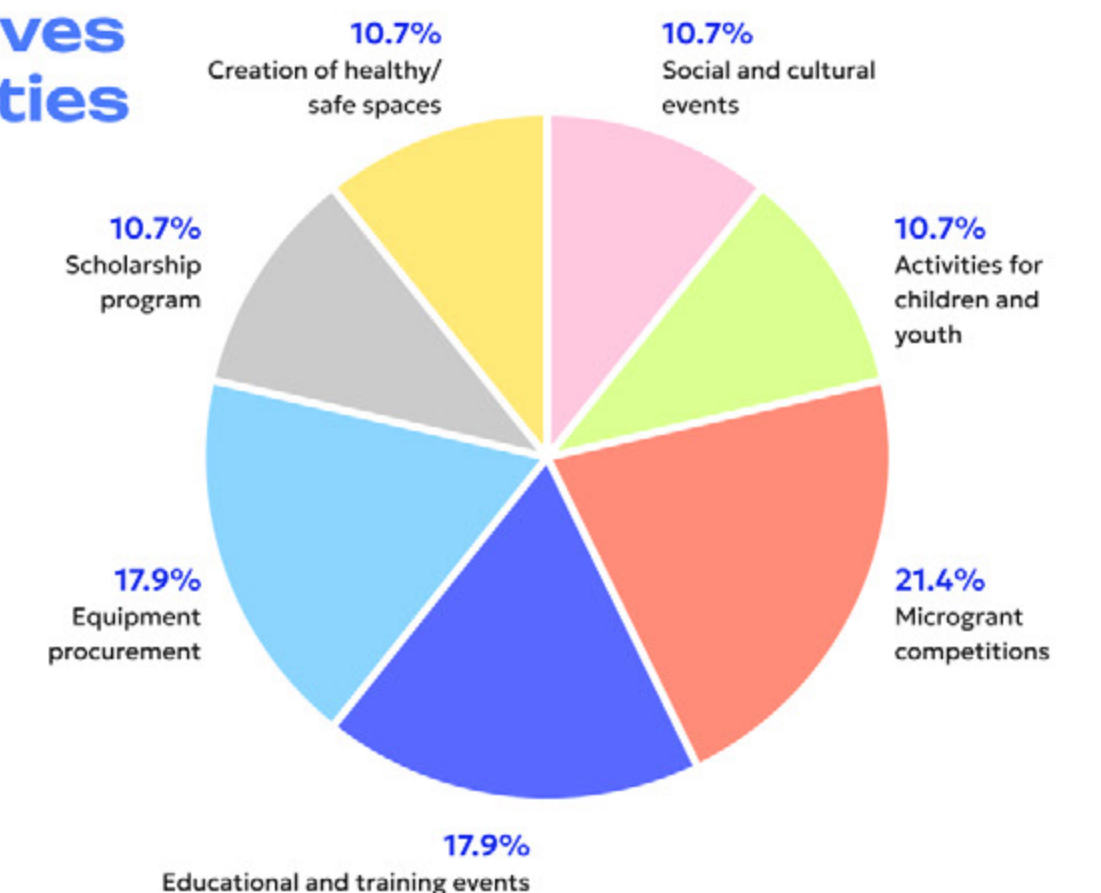
Funding

Capacity Building and Support

Organisational development



Support for local initiatives in communities



THE SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Support for Community Foundations

This is a comprehensive year-long program developed by the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development (NNLPD) aimed at establishing and strengthening community foundations in Ukraine. Program participants include organizations and activists from various regions of Ukraine who were selected through a competitive application process.

Capacity Building and Support

PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

1. Seven new community foundations joined NNLPD (six from the Community Foundations School). We continued the program to support new community foundations.
2. New community foundations supported 42 local projects, which helped strengthen community-led initiatives.
3. New community foundations mobilized 5,945,000 UAH in local resources.
4. Areas of focus for the organizations: developing civic initiatives and engagement, supporting youth and creating spaces for their development, as well as strengthening community capacity through partnerships, training, and institutional development.
5. Launched a free video course for local organizations titled “How to Start a Community Foundation” – 8,592 views on YouTube (14 videos)
6. We launched a new cohort of the “Community Foundations School,” which received 78 applications and trained 16 organizations.

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS SCHOOL CONSISTS OF SEVERAL STAGES:

1. Intensive Training Program: An in-person event featuring training sessions and workshops where participants gain foundational knowledge about community foundation operations and practical skills.
2. Mentoring Support: Organizations receive personalized support from experienced mentors to help develop their community foundations.
3. Knowledge sharing: Program participants have the opportunity to visit other community foundations, observe their work, and adopt best practices.
4. Grant support: Participants can receive grants on a competitive basis to support local initiatives.

NGO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION “FUTURE OF KOROPSHCHYNA”

“After the School, we started independently launching competitions, providing grants to local initiatives, and engaging businesses as full-fledged partners. Now the scale of our activities is significantly larger, and the budget allows us to truly meet the needs of the community. We knew people’s needs but did not have the capacity to meet them. Now we are doing it — though not at full scale, but in a systematic way.

The most useful part of the training was the mentorship.”



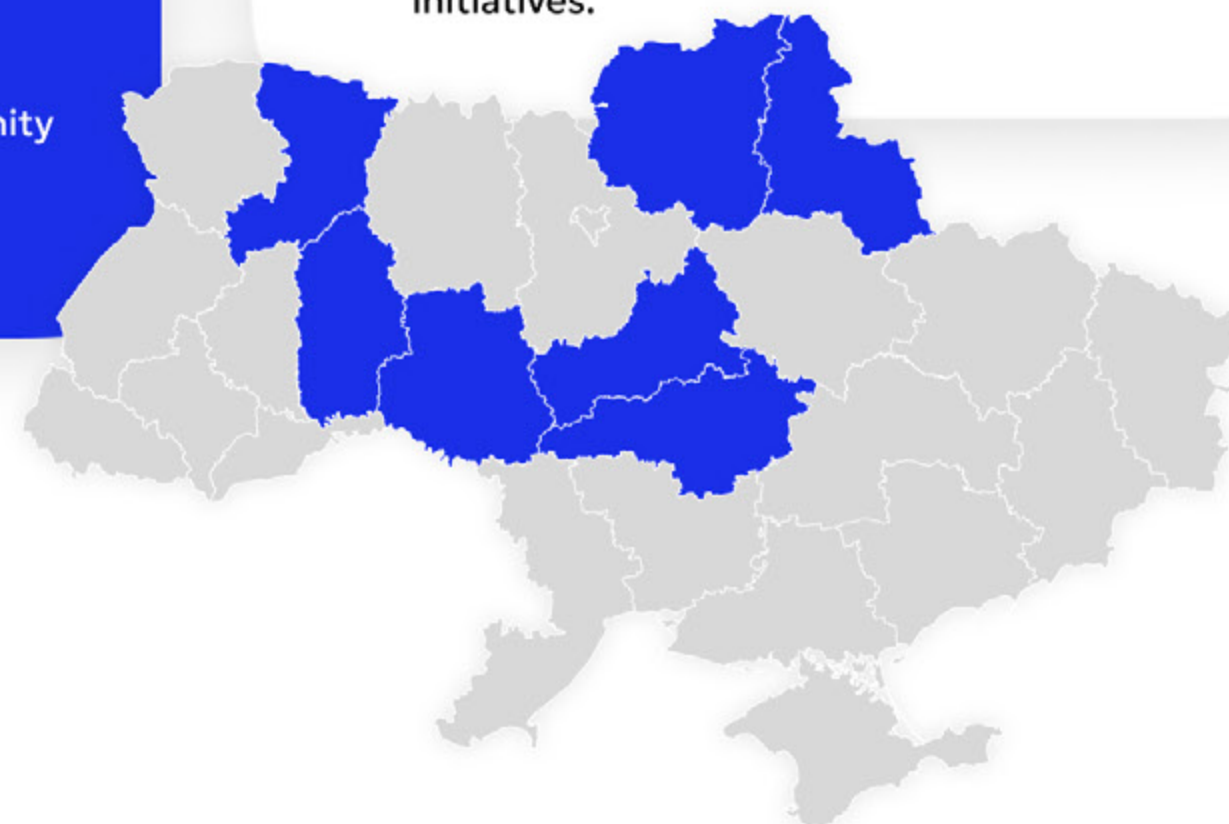
SARNY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

“Participation in the ‘Community Foundations School’ program was not just a stage in our organization’s development — it was a qualitative breakthrough in shaping a new culture of local philanthropy. We received not only financial support but also a strong impetus for growth, both institutionally and in the context of our engagement with the community.

The grant within the School allowed us not only to implement the planned competition for local initiatives but also to rethink our own role in the community: from a participant to a true facilitator of change. We developed our own visual identity, created a recognizable presence in the media space, and established effective communication with partners, authorities, and local activists. This helped increase trust in the Foundation as a transparent and reliable development tool.”



Regions covered in the new Community Foundation School program



HARVEST WAY

The project provides targeted financial assistance to people with backyard plots. These funds can be used to purchase equipment that helps grow vegetables and fruits more efficiently (greenhouses, drip irrigation systems, fertilizers, etc.). This allows people to provide food for their families and sell any surplus.

The project supports food security and operates in areas where community foundations are active.

Support for Community Foundations

Funding

Creating a supportive environment for local philanthropy

PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

- Financial and material assistance totaling 2,175,045.4 UAH was provided; 65 families were supported. 907 applications for grant support were received.
- The most common uses of grant support were motorized cultivators, greenhouses, and irrigation systems.
- 307 seed kits were distributed to project participants. The borscht vegetable mix included beets, tomatoes, carrots, cabbage, peppers, cucumbers, and parsley, totaling 385,428 UAH.
- The project was scaled up from 7 to 10 community foundations; activities now cover over 40 communities in 8 regions of Ukraine.
- Seven local fairs were held in the communities; co-financing of the fairs by local government bodies was introduced.
- Six educational training sessions were held for project participants (approximately 620 participants).
- A pilot cluster model was launched in the Voznesensk community.
- Participants are self-organizing and mobilizing communities; at least seven meetings of gardeners were held in all communities participating in the project.
- Throughout 2025, the project reached approximately 2,000 beneficiaries, including training participants and households that received direct support.
- The project's YouTube channel is growing, where we publish educational videos on gardening. The channel has 500 subscribers.

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FEEDBACK ON TRAINING MATERIALS

“Following the seminars by Rozum and Bykov, I prepared a 10-acre plot for ‘raised garden beds’ of strawberries on a cesspool, adding mineral fertilizers and wood chips produced by a chipper I won in a contest (the ‘Harvest Way’ project—ed.). I created a compost pit for the soil mixture, built a 2x3x2.5-meter room for drying vegetables, fruits, and plants; and renovated a 3x5x2-meter room for making vegetable salads. I look forward to continuing our collaboration and any recommendations for further development. Best of luck to you!”

Yuriy, Bar (Vinnytsia region)



STORIES OF AID RECIPIENTS



In 2014, because of the war, we were forced to leave the Donetsk region. At the time, I was pregnant with Dima. In 2016, we bought a house in the village of Hraniv. The community leader posted about the “Harvest Way” project. We applied for the maximum amount—40,000 hryvnias—for a polycarbonate greenhouse using the Mitlider method. And I won.

For a mom, the most important thing is healthy children. And to ensure our children are healthy, we grow our own vegetables without chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, or other “chemicals.”

Our life is incredible! It seemed as though we had been uprooted and cast aside, but it was simply a new beginning!

Olena Ovchinnikova, Krasnopil community (Vinnytsia region)



We moved from the city of Haisyn to the village of Hraniv, such a beautiful village. I have health problems, and so does my husband. We had no way to earn a living in the city and support our family.

We’d ask a neighbor to plow with a tractor, or wait until someone had a free moment and came over. And we saw that we sometimes couldn’t keep up. Sometimes the harvest wasn’t ready on time, or the land wasn’t tilled on time.

And we didn’t like that either, because so much depends on it. So we took part in this project. We applied for a motor cultivator, and we realized we could also take on something else. Thankfully, there were funds left over for a greenhouse. That was actually my dream, an unattainable one. It provided everything that’s growing in the garden now—practically everything except onions.

Now this heat calls for some new varieties, new approaches. Sometimes it’s hot, sometimes it’s freezing. This spring we lit candles in the greenhouse to warm all the seedlings. But it’s all so touching. When you nurture it from a tiny seed—it grows, it flourishes.

Thank God, you see the fruits of your labor. I dream that all these empty houses here will be occupied by people, young people, so that the village can be revived. This is the land of our ancestors, and we must live and work here.

Svitlana Petrova, village of Hraniv (Vinnytsia region)

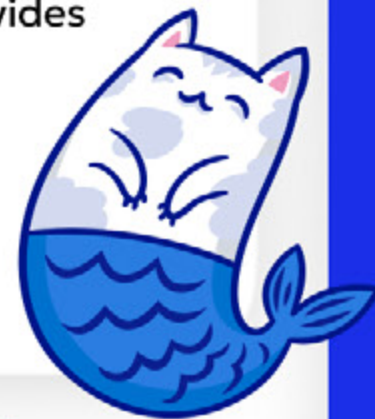
YOUTH BANKS

Youth Banks is a model for developing a community of leaders in small communities across Ukraine by engaging young people in civic activism, supporting their initiatives, and providing them with practical experience.

Youth Banks teams primarily work in collaboration with community foundations. In this way, community foundations engage young people in implementing initiatives and help cultivate a new generation of civic activists.

STAGES OF THE MODEL'S OPERATION:

1. The coordinator assembles the Youth Banks committee, consisting of young people aged 14–25. The coordinator acts as a mentor for the team. They guide their activities but do not control them. This person is crucial for team building and can offer advice or assistance if the youth request it.
2. The Youth Banks committee researches the needs of youth in the community: what is currently lacking for young people in the community? After the research, priorities are identified.
3. The Youth Banks committee (a core team of 5–7 young people) conducts local fundraising and launches an active communication campaign within their community.
4. Conducting a grant competition: the Youth Banks committee organizes and provides financial/consulting support for projects that align with the community's needs, submitted by other active youth in the community.
5. Selecting the competition winners and having the Youth Banks committee monitor and evaluate project implementation.



By developing this project, we help nurture a new generation of civic activists who will go on to work in community foundations or establish their own organizations.



Support for Community Foundations

Capacity Building and Support

PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

- 25 Youth Banks teams (7 new in 2025) — that's about 175 young people aged 14–23 who are active leaders and volunteers in their communities.
- The teams operate in 14 regions of Ukraine.
- 12 Youth Banks operate with the support of community foundations.
- 73 youth projects were supported by Youth Banks in communities through project competitions.
- Philanthropists awarded 1,800,000 UAH to Youth Leadership Communities through a grant program.
- 133,860 UAH was raised independently by Youth Leadership Communities in their communities.
- Youth Banks exchange visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Festive conference for Youth Banks in Truskavets: “Build Yourself and Your Community”.
- Held a coordinators' conference in Khmelnytskyi: “Coordinators' Conference”.
- Partner organization of the All-Ukrainian Forum for Youth Workers: “United by Light: Free and Unbreakable”.
- Examples of youth-supported projects: Sport easy: “Play, Move, Relax!” The main goal is to change students' attitudes toward sports; “Stop and Recharge” relaxation space; “Chessboard” sports and intellectual platform; TeenBusiness Lab: research–analyze–create.

A STORY FROM LUGOVE: HOW A SMALL VILLAGE CREATED ITS OWN LARGE SPACE

Last year, after receiving our first grant, we supported an idea from young people in the small village of Lugove, who applied to renovate the volleyball court. The entire community came together to rake and level the ground, and the youth, for 12,000 hryvnias, replaced the pipes, repaired and painted the benches, and installed a new net. Then they asked for help with the fence, but our funds had already run out. I advised them: “You can contact the local authorities.” But a local council member said rather rudely: “Who gave the kids the money? They bought a very poor-quality net, and that net will tear. Why didn’t you come to me? I would have helped then and done everything better.” I explained to him that this was a grant, that the funds were limited, and that if the net tore, we would buy a new one. I asked him: “Please help them.”

This is exactly where the power of the Youth Banks model came into play. Despite the skepticism of the authorities, who often say, “Don’t touch it; you don’t know how,” the teenagers were able to implement the project on their own and gain their first experience. They even bought the balls with their own money and sent me a personal receipt for reimbursement, not knowing that the grant requires official payments. We reimbursed them using funds from fundraising and explained the rules. The field turned out great, and the young people are now playing there.

Oksana Dukhan, Youth Bank Coordinator in Kolblevo



A STORY FROM KHARKIV: HOW WORKING IN A YOUTH BANK HELPS CHANGE APPROACHES TO YOUTH WORK

I always thought that if I work with students, then I’m basically involved in youth work. But my work in Youth Banks, as well as the training sessions for coordinators, showed me that this is not the case – teaching and youth work are completely different things.

What has my experience as a Youth Banks coordinator given me?

I’m learning to trust young people, to listen to them, to let them make mistakes, and to learn from their own experience. I like that feeling when I can entrust them with doing something on their own, and it becomes their area of responsibility. Sometimes I still want to decide for myself how and what to do out of habit, but I’m learning to listen to my Youth Banks team. It’s a completely new and interesting experience for me. Now, in my work at the university, I also try to be more of a facilitator than a teacher.

Kateryna Lozenko, Youth Bank Coordinator in Kharkiv



PHILANTHROPY HOUSE

Support for Community Foundations

Since 2024, this initiative has been promoting research and raising awareness of philanthropic culture in Ukraine.

Through this project, we help community foundations secure the necessary resources to address humanitarian needs in their communities.

 Creating a supportive environment for local philanthropy

PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

1. Conducted two studies—“[Ukrainian Philanthropy 2025: Who gives, How and Why](#)” and “[Partnership Across Borders: How the Diaspora and NGOs Are Shaping New Models of Cooperation](#)”.
2. We developed and published the course “[Philanthropy in Action: How to Help Effectively](#),” which attracted over 1,000 registrants.
3. We created the travelling exhibition “[The Gene of Ukrainian Philanthropy](#),” dedicated to historical figures active in the field of philanthropy.
4. Published 12 stories about Ukrainian philanthropists.
5. Participated in the exhibition on Ukrainian patrons “[To/Nation](#)”.

WE RESEARCH

- We conduct annual surveys on the level of public awareness of philanthropy.
- We identify and analyze historical cases of philanthropy in Ukraine.
- We document the current state of philanthropy in Ukraine.



WE PROMOTE:

- We challenge stereotypes about philanthropy.
- We highlight everyday examples of philanthropy.
- We organize events on the topic of philanthropy.
- We run campaigns to raise awareness about philanthropy.
- We share information about Ukrainian philanthropy abroad.

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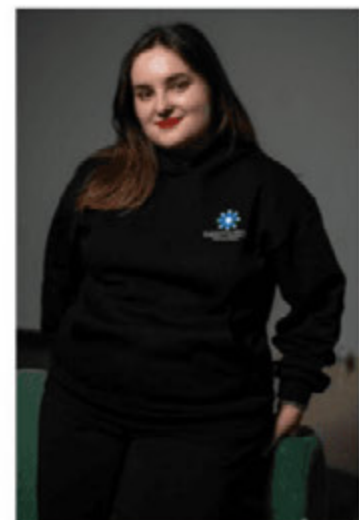


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Over 'community foundations' (aka streekfondsen) in oorlogstijd. Must read by Viktoriia Zablotska van het National Network of Local Philanthropy Development in Oekraïne.

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Community Foundations in Ukraine: Resilience in Times of War

Despite the ongoing war, Ukrainian community foundations continue to play a crucial role in supporting local populations, adapting to new challenges, and fostering resilience. Viktoriia Zablotska from the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development shares insights into their efforts, highlighting the experiences of three foundations operating under extreme conditions.

Viktoriia Zablotska,
Fundraising consultant &
Partnership manager,
NNLPD

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Thanks to [Daria Rybalchenko](#) and the team from [National Network of Local Philanthropy Development](#) for such a thought provoking and deeply interesting webinar 'Ukrainian Philanthropy and Community Foundations under Fire: Lessons for the world'

A lot to think about but also a lot to be heard.

Like all [UK Community Foundations](#) we strive to connect to, and learn from, each other, so it is especially important to remind ourselves to do the same with our colleagues in CF's all over the world.

It goes without saying we cannot truly understand or always relate precisely to what other Community Foundations are going through but sharing our experiences, listening and learning from each other is so very valuable.

[Jenny Hodgson](#) from [The Global Fund for Community Foundations](#) reminded us of the power of Community Foundations, no matter where are & what we do best:

- 🔥 We have the understanding of our local need
- 🔥 We have the ability to harness communities to strengthen social cohesion
- 🔥 In moments of crisis, we are often the first responders
- 🔥 We don't just invest money, help & leave...we are committed for the future
- 🔥 We are innovative & kind, sometimes under extreme circumstances
- 🔥 Trust is our currency

The research that the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development carried out reinforced to international partners & donors...

- 👉 Recognise the true added value that CFs offer
- 👉 Focus on long term locally led community development
- 👉 Support core costs to allow charities to do what they do best
- 👉 Engage with CFs as future cost recovery leaders
- 👉 We are all philanthropists- simply by giving-any amount of money any amount



Conducted training for community foundations on working with corporate foundations and engaging local businesses in collaboration, and issued 6 grants to support activities aimed at establishing partnerships with businesses.

STATISTICS FOLLOWING THE TRAINING ON CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

6 collaborations with businesses in various formats.

14 650 UAH

was raised by the Boyarka Community Foundation during a meeting with local businesses.

4 potential collaborations currently in the negotiation phase.

PHILANTHROPY HOUSE

KEY FINDINGS FROM THE STUDY: “UKRAINIAN PHILANTHROPY 2025: WHO GIVES, HOW AND WHY”



The ability of Ukrainians to distinguish between philanthropy and charity has increased significantly. Philanthropy is often perceived as a long-term, systematic endeavour, whereas charity is viewed as assisting in emergency situations.

Compared to 2024, Ukrainians aged 26–35 have begun to identify themselves more actively as philanthropists (22% in 2024 and 27% in 2025).

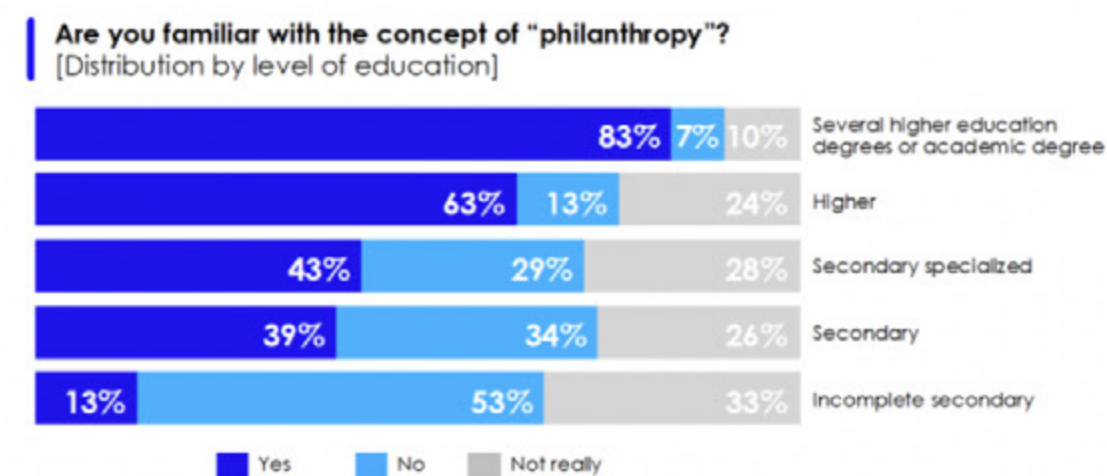
The same trend is observed among Ukrainians aged 36–45 (27% in 2024 and 29% in 2025).

Ukrainians are also beginning to better distinguish between philanthropy and charity.

The primary motivation for philanthropic activity remains the desire to help others and the belief in the significance of one’s own contribution.

In 2025, the highest-income group showed an increased willingness to make regular small contributions.

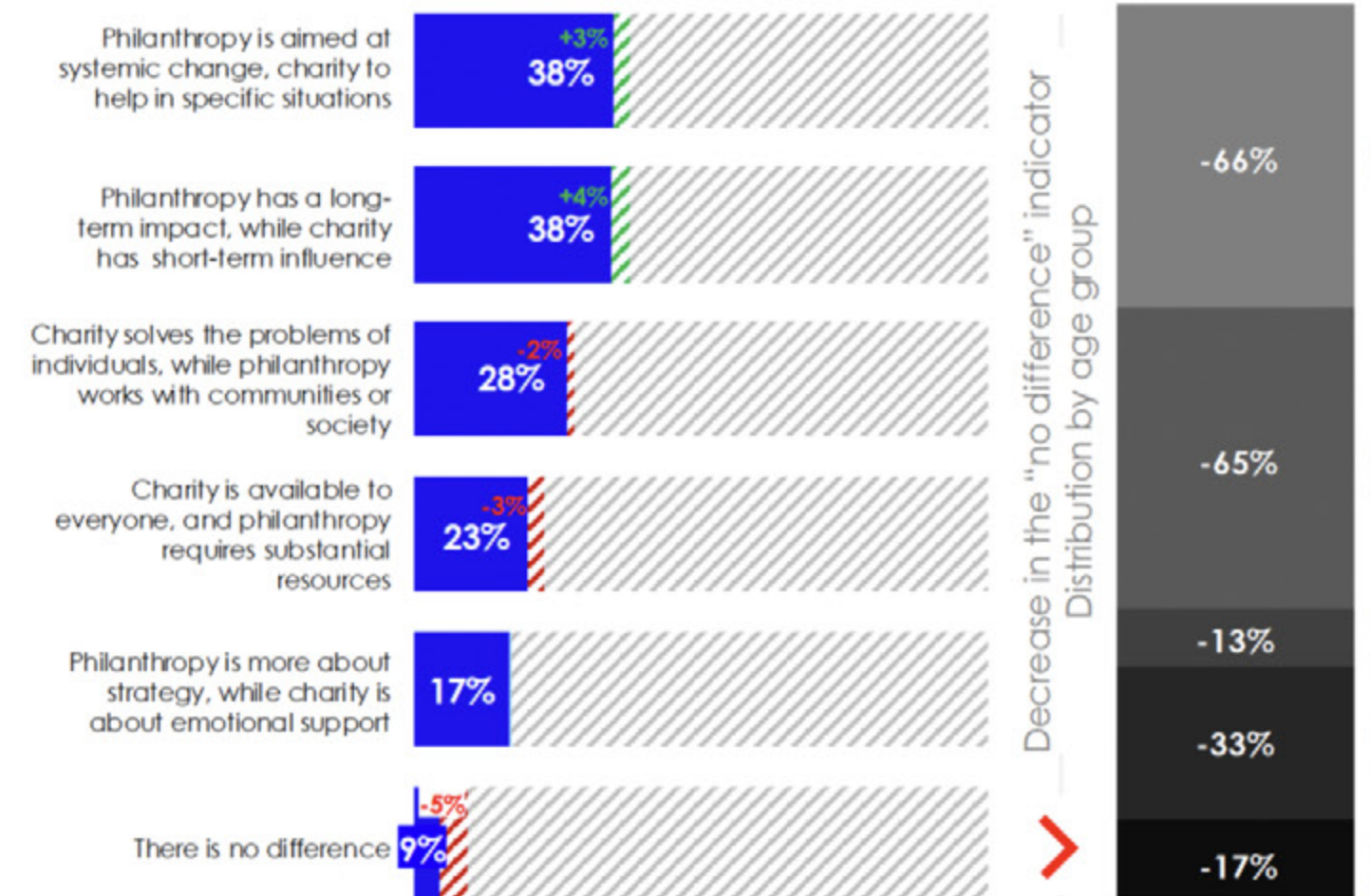
Awareness of philanthropy is linked to education and overall human development. More than half of the respondents say they are familiar with the term “philanthropy”.



“In general, it seems to me that in Ukraine, the term “philanthropist” is not popular or widely used...”
Marta, 19 years old, Lviv Oblast

“Very often, people do not understand the meaning of a particular term. However, here again, another question arises: should we seek equivalents in the Ukrainian language, or should we leave the foreign word as it is?”
Natalia, 51 years old, Chernihiv Oblast

What’s the best way to describe the difference between “philanthropy” and “charity”? [Multiple Choice]



MEDAID

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The project's goal is to equip hospitals and social institutions and to provide residents of Ukraine with essential medical equipment, medicines, and emergency support supplies for medical facilities in local communities where Ukrainian community foundations are active.



Thanks to funding from the special-purpose fund, grants were provided to Ukrainian community foundations, and equipment is being purchased for hospitals based on requests from communities across Ukraine for medical supplies.

5 grants were provided to community foundations, totaling 421,670.6 UAH.



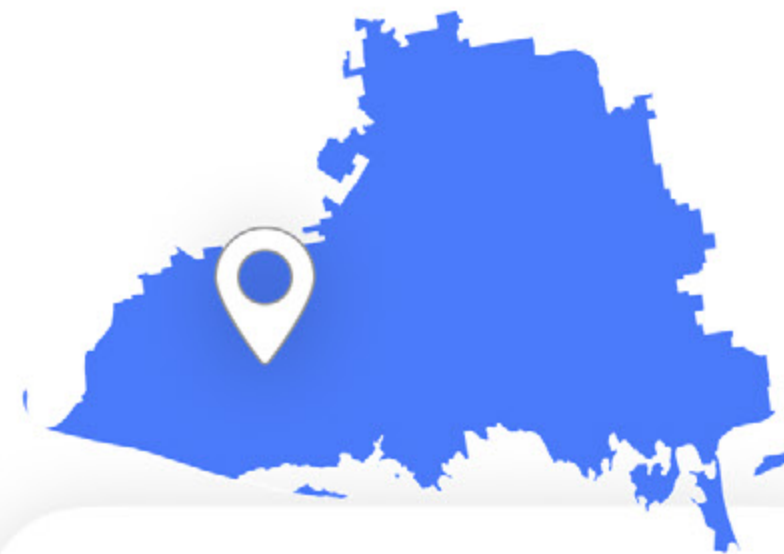
KHARKIV

1. The medical oxygen system in the pediatric intensive care unit of the Kharkiv Regional Clinical Perinatal Center was restored.
2. A stable and uninterrupted supply of oxygen was ensured in the neonatal intensive care unit.
3. The Institute of General and Emergency Surgery received 7 items of modern equipment (including accessories).



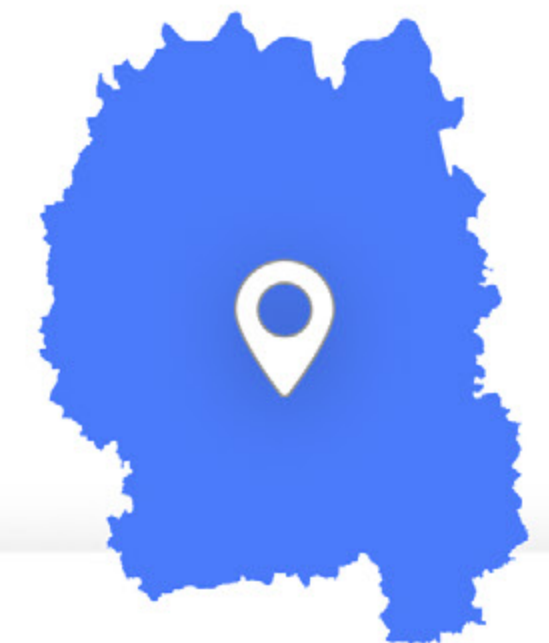
BEREZAN

Basic needs for the operation of the medical clinic in the village of Rudnytske were met.



KHERSON

Purchase of a desktop computer to ensure uninterrupted operational work at the Kherson Regional Blood Service Center.



ZHYTOMYR

A BI6600-3 Holter, 24-hour ECG recorder with software, was purchased and delivered to Municipal Enterprise "Hospital No. 1" in Zhytomyr. The equipment enables high-quality diagnosis and monitoring of patients with cardiac conditions, which will significantly improve the work of the cardiology department as the number of such patients increases.

GIVE THE POWER TO UKRAINIAN NGO

This is an advocacy project that began in August 2022 with an open letter to international organizations and donors operating in Ukraine, following the UN OCHA announcement that only 1% of UN funds are directed directly to local organizations and volunteer groups.

The open letter gathered over 300 signatures, so we decided to make our efforts more strategic to support community foundations and other local organizations addressing the consequences of the war.

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PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

JOINED ADVOCACY WORKING GROUPS:

1. Measurement what matters
2. Working group on pooled funds and due diligence at the Alliance of Ukrainian CSOs
3. Membership in Start Network
4. Participation in the HLF grant committee

ATTENDED ADVOCACY CONFERENCES:

1. CHA Conference 2025
2. “Localization as a Strategy for Change: Ukrainian Leadership in the Humanitarian Sector!”
3. Café Kyiv in Berlin

WHAT DO WE ADVOCATE FOR?

1. Increasing the percentage of direct funding for local organizations from international donors.
2. Reducing bureaucracy in funding and reporting processes, ensuring access to flexible funding, and covering administrative costs for local organizations.
3. Equal partnerships and risk-sharing.
4. Transparency in the work of donors and international organizations.
5. Strengthening the voice of Ukrainian NGOs in the international community.
6. Establishing local community foundations to ensure flexible funding for local initiatives.

By developing this project, we help community foundations gain greater visibility among international donors who understand the local context and are ready to collaborate with local organizations.

WORK WITH THE ALLIANCE OF UKRAINIAN CSOS

In 2023, we became co-founders of Alliance UA CSO—a platform that unites civil society around the localization of humanitarian aid and systemic changes in the international aid system.

In 2025, together with the Alliance, we were able to participate in key humanitarian events and strategic dialogues in Geneva, help shape a common agenda for Ukrainian CSOs during the localization conference in Kyiv, and collaborate with international organizations on research and recommendations for localization policies and practices.

Together with the Alliance, we participated in the creation of a working group that developed methods for innovative financing and due diligence, and together with other Alliance organizations, we are developing the Ukraine Pooled Fund.



In this line of work, we have created two separate projects that help advance localization and promote the interests of community foundations and local organizations—“Meeting for Change” and the Ukraine Pooled Fund.



GIVE THE POWER TO UKRAINIAN NGO

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATED:

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**DCA REPORT
CARITAS EUROPA REPORT ON RISK
SHARING IN UKRAINE
STORIES FOR CHANGE**

**PRINCIPLED COMPROMISES OR
COMPROMISED PRINCIPLES? A REVIEW
OF PRINCIPLED HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE IN UKRAINE**

**BASELINE ON LOCALIZATION
NGO RC**

MEETING FOR CHANGE

Meeting for Change is a networking event where local organizations can meet new partners for their projects. Networking takes place in a “world café” format: international organizations and donors take seats at tables marked with their organization’s logos, and local organizations can approach and talk to their potential partners in a free-flowing manner.

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PROJECT RESULTS FOR 2025

1. We held an event for the Western and Northern regions of Ukraine. We engaged 118 participants from these regions.
2. We organized an event in Kyiv in partnership with the Platform of Humanitarian NGOs in Ukraine. The event was attended by 94 participants.
3. Among them were 51 representatives of local organizations and 42 from international ones.

POPULAR FORMATS OF COOPERATION AFTER THE EVENT:

1. Joint project implementation. The most common form is jointly launched projects that have received funding.
2. Grant agreements and contracts.
3. Strategic agreements and advisory support. Some organizations have received invitations to advisory boards or to participate in strategic meetings



Survey results from 38 local organizations and 16 international donors and NGOs (March 17, 2025 – April 24, 2025) on the effectiveness of the event “Meeting for Change” and questions regarding partnership engagement

WHAT PREVENTED LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM FORMING PARTNERSHIPS

- Lack of feedback from donors and NGOs
- Changes in donor priorities
- Irrelevance of focus areas and lack of thematic alignment
- Lack of resources for follow-up contact or support
- Superficial connections
- Competition among local organizations

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surveyed local organizations are already implementing partnership projects, are officially in the process of preparing or submitting an application, or have received a clear response regarding the possibility of future cooperation.

7 of 16

surveyed international organizations directly reported existing cooperation; 5 partners expressed interest and had preliminary discussions but did not proceed to a final launch; 4 partners did not implement any partnerships for various reasons.

FEEDBACKS:

We are an international organization; we are not a donor. We are a partner. And through our communication with you, we know exactly what the needs are on the ground. Because no one can tell us about these needs better than you, the local organizations. We then have the opportunity to design our programs based on these conversations.

Olga Korneva, Mercy Corps

I met so many different people.

I even found the support I so desperately need right now.

Kateryna Chernova, “World2Ukrainians” Charitable Foundation

UKRAINE POOLED FUND

This is a program designed to facilitate networking and provide financial support to local and national civil society organizations involved in humanitarian response that have undergone due diligence.

The Fund's goal is to create a sustainable, unified funding mechanism that will support local and national organizations through transparent and effective grant distribution procedures.

Through this project, we highlight the experience of community foundations in developing and supporting local initiatives through grant funding and create additional opportunities for access to funding.

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KEY METRICS FOR 2025

1. 16 projects and 17 participating organizations supported.
2. 15 regions of Ukraine and 30,000+ beneficiaries reached.
3. 18739682,15 million UAH allocated to support projects.
4. Nearly \$500,000 mobilized for the following year.
5. 100% of funding was directed to Ukrainian organizations.
6. The local leadership model was strengthened through a consortium of 5 national organizations working together for large-scale impact.
7. 4 new international partners were engaged: Christian Aid, CAFOD, Center for Disaster Philanthropy, Fonds Pour l'Ukraine.
8. Areas supported: humanitarian aid, psychosocial support (MHPSS), early recovery, and capacity building for local CSOs.
9. Assistance was directed toward those most affected by the war: internally displaced persons (IDPs), children and youth, older adults, women, people with disabilities, as well as communities in frontline regions.
10. A significant proportion of the projects have been implemented in frontline and IDP-hosting communities, where needs remain acute and access is often difficult.

Currently, the project is being implemented by a consortium of Ukrainian non-governmental organizations, including the NGO My City, the Ukrainian Educational Platform, the NGO Philanthropy in Ukraine, the NGO Ukrainian Evaluation Association, and the National Network of Local Philanthropy Development, which acts as the administrative team.

The NNLPD team engages with the community of participants, administers funding mechanisms and grants, provides support and consultancy to organizations, reviews reports, coordinates communications, manages finances, and ensures project documentation and promotion.

UKRAINE POOLED FUND

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RESTORING A SENSE OF SECURITY IN KHERSON | PARTICIPANTS OF THE UPF – PEACEFUL SKIES OF KHARKIV

Svitlana Leonidivna is an elderly woman living alone in Kherson who remained in the city throughout the full-scale war. As a result of shelling, her home was damaged and became unsafe to live in, and due to her age and lack of support, she was unable to repair the house on her own.

As part of the emergency repair program, a mobile team carried out works to preserve the home and restore safe living conditions. This allowed the beneficiary to return to her own home and continue living in her hometown.

FINANCIAL REPORT

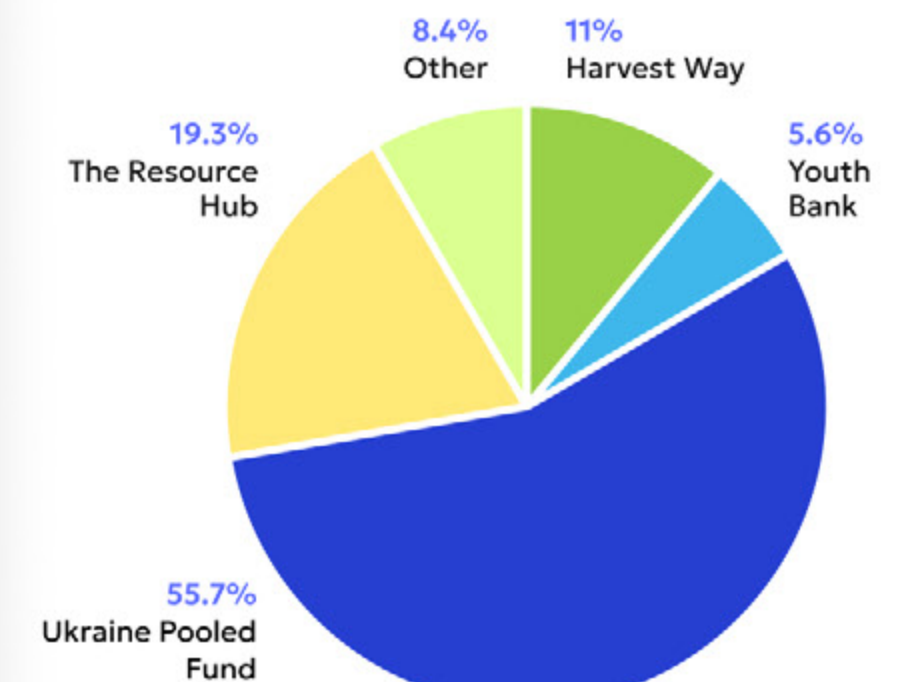
REVENUE IN UAH

Money left from previous year	₴ 20 880 184,35	Donations	₴ 20 551,64
Philanthropy In UA	₴ 3 060 228,69	Robert Bosch Stiftung	₴ 582 158,40
Global Giving	₴ 6 557 318,93	FONDATION DE FRANCE	₴ 6 382 905,60
GFCF	₴ 1 799 050,73	CHARLES STEWART MOTT FOUNDATION	₴ 2 075 038,00
Razom for Ukraine	₴ 1 646 498,10	ISAR Ednannia	₴ 600 000,00
SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND	₴ 15 841 919,14	Lightful Ltd	₴ 260 073,50
FONDS POUR L UKRAINE	₴ 742 356,00	NGO "Modern Format"	₴ 60 000,00
Refunds/ reimbursements	₴ 8 775,34	Membership fees from community foundations	₴ 129 000,00

EXPENSES IN UAH

Project grants	₴ 32 642 604,89
Team expenses	₴ 8 821 285,32
Local coordinators	₴ 2 744 132,00
Office equipment	₴ 569 809,06
Conferences and exchanges	₴ 3 644 046,34
Team travel	₴ 1 073 467,17
Team training	₴ 1 219 416,18
Consultants	₴ 506 459,70
Communication expenses	₴ 868 407,81
Expenses for other projects (public events, research, procurement)	₴ 3 198 617,16
Training sessions	₴ 11 400,00
Total expenses	₴ 55 299 645,63

PROJECT GRANT EXPENSES



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

We contributed to the creation of Ukraine's profile on the Philea network.

We participated in the development of the report "The Role of Community Foundations in Ukraine in a time of war" by the Global Fund for Community Foundations.

We co-organized a conference in Naples for youth workers at community foundations.

Team international trips in 2025

TEAM DEVELOPMENT:

- Supporting the team's mental well-being — psychologist and coach.
- Individual team training.
- The entire team completed facilitation training.
- A leadership structure was implemented within the team.
- The strategy was updated in collaboration with community foundations.



WORK STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

01

Developing and implementing a model of financial sustainability for community foundations and Philanthropists

Developing a financial sustainability model for community foundations.

Certification of fundraisers for the sector.

Introduction of social enterprises as a model of financial sustainability for the network and community foundations.

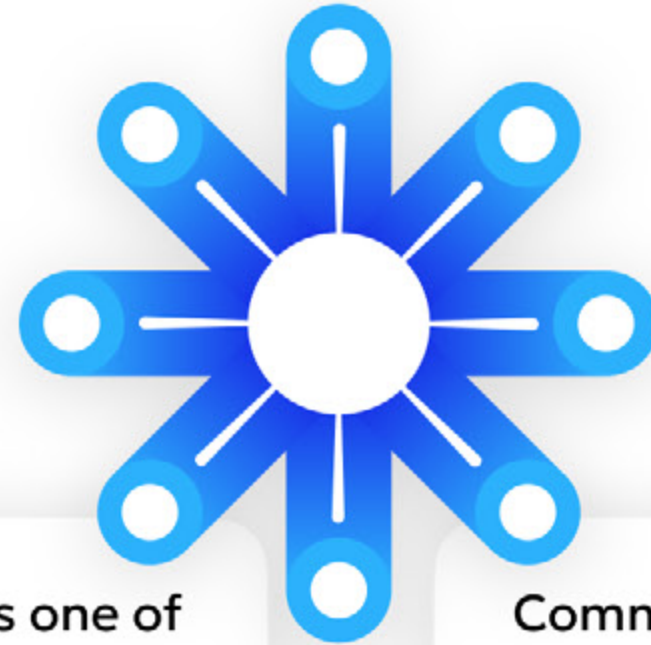
Facilitating the creation of corporate foundations.

The network's physical space as one of the endowment models.

Working on an endowment model for community foundations.

CSR for business—community foundation services for local businesses.

Ensuring financial and resource stability for the NNLPD team.



02

Ensuring recognition of community foundations as a leading model of local leadership and sustainable development in Ukraine

Community foundations' participation in national events.

Presentation of Ukrainian community foundation practices to an international audience through case studies, articles, and collaborative materials.

Participation of the network and community foundations in national alliances and working groups.

Building the capacity of the community foundation communications community.

Presenting Ukrainian community foundation experience at international events, as well as world-class educational and cultural events.



03

Ensure the systematic growth and institutional maturity of community foundations as key agents of sustainable development and local leadership in Ukraine

Support local initiatives as part of the community foundation's role as a grantmaker.

Ensure the qualitative expansion of community foundations' presence in every region of Ukraine.

Development of a Leadership Model

Community building: internal (communities, leaders, community foundation teams) led by>NNLPPD

Peer-to-peer learning (internal and external exchanges).

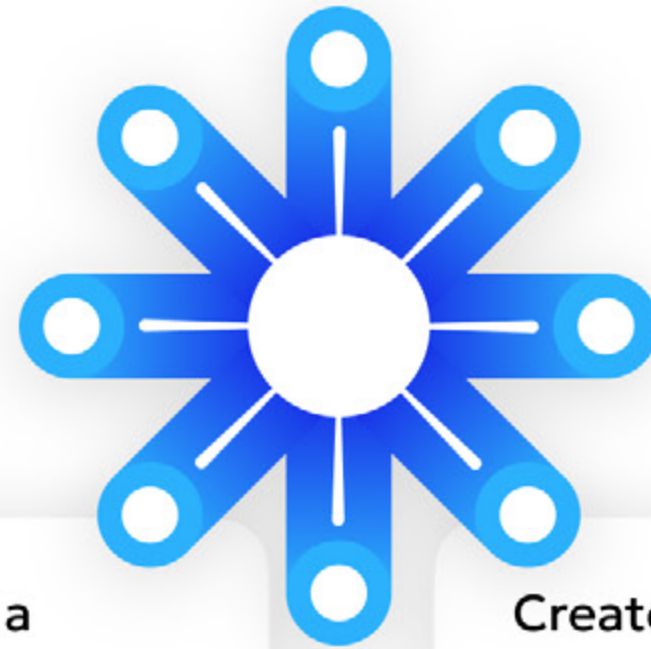
By the end of 2027, implement a system for evaluating community foundation criteria.

By 2028, ensure full coverage of the network through an evaluation and training system based on a local leadership model.

Create and disseminate a model for anchor community foundations

Grants to Support Organizational Capacity

Community Foundation School



04

Promote local philanthropy as a key instrument of sustainable community development by recognizing community foundations as its institutional leaders in Ukraine and on the international stage

Create an enabling environment for the development of philanthropy and the activities of community foundations by influencing policies, regulatory frameworks, and practices for engagement with state and international institutions.

Increase the visibility and public understanding of philanthropy by showcasing community foundations as key agents of change and sustainable development at the local, national, and international levels.

Conduct an annual study.

Engage in the creation of new PIOs.

Create cultural products.

Map sector actors.

Generate and systematize knowledge about local philanthropy and the role of community foundations as institutional leaders of sustainable community development in Ukraine and in the international context.



HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH US

JOINING THE NETWORK OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Registered civil society organizations and charitable foundations may join the network when a call for proposals is announced. We consider organizations that:

- operate in accordance with Ukrainian law;
- meet mandatory criteria (territorial focus, independence, transparency);
- fulfill the established criteria (local resource mobilization, assessment of community needs, development of local initiatives, appropriate governance structure).

COLLABORATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

We offer opportunities for partnerships with>NNLPD in the following areas:

- advocacy for the localization of humanitarian aid and philanthropy;
- conducting research;
- developing and implementing joint international projects.

VOLUNTEERING

NNLPD team invites volunteers who share the values of local philanthropy and seek professional development. Volunteers join the team's work, receive mentorship support, access to events, and involvement in projects.

COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Higher education institutions can collaborate with>NNLPD through:

- student internships and practicums;
- joint research in the fields of local philanthropy, community development, and volunteering;
- access to expert materials, statistics, and case studies.

COLLABORATION WITH THE MEDIA

We are open to working with Ukrainian and international media, offering:

- expert commentary and analysis;
- interviews and original content;
- support in creating media campaigns;
- organization of video reports in communities.



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