

Building Responsive Education: SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR UKRAINIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

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The war in Ukraine has affected lives of millions of young Ukrainians



Malka Gharib. 2022. The war is taking a toll on Ukraine's kids. Psychologists share how parents can help/https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2022/03/21/1087874147/comic-how-children-are-coping-in-ukraine-and-how-parents-can-h elp?t=1654747557139

More than 8 million people are now internally displaced in Ukraine (UNICEF report, 10.05.2022)

- 63 per cent are women,
- with 52 per cent of displaced households reporting at least one child between the ages of 5 and 17, and
- A half of them moved abroad

Massive trauma Separation from family members, friends

Expert community expect that around 20 - 25% of children will experience psychosocial and mental health problems due to the war trauma exposure



implementation of well coordinated evidence based mental health and psychosocial interventions are needed (IASC, 2007)

- able to scale up rapidly
- pricisely targeted on various children's needs that can range from psychosocial support to severe mental health problems
- support not only students, but also school staff and parents
- help to integrate young Ukrainian refugees into educational systems of EU countries



Each SAFE SPACE component is preciselly targeted at special children needs and can be scaled up quickly

High hyperactivity and PTSD scores, as well as emotional and conduct problems not resolved within 1st level SAFE SPACE - 7-8 session group intervention provided by school psychologists in addition to school curricula, though within the school, effectively resolves all problems from the 1st level + significantly reduces hyperactivity and PTSD scores

Trained teachers create emotionally safe class room environment, as a part of their routine activities, that enables better resolving of interpersonal conflicts, helps to settle emotional and conduct problems and to increase prosocial behaviour among children, though does not help with hyperactivity and psychological stress related to trauma 400 school psychologists served around 20 000 children with focused psychosocial support

4000 trained teachers provided support to more then 200 000 children



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A package of methodological materials is developed and approved by MoES in Ukraine





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SAFE SPACE could be successfully adapted to other local contexts

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