

LOCAL SCHOOL REHABILITATION FOR RESILIENCE



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"With this project, we combined decentralization with the great need to restore education in the most affected regions. Thanks to the existing structure of U-LEAD, we quickly provided support to a wide range of partners across the country. The reconstruction should start from the schools, because children are our future"



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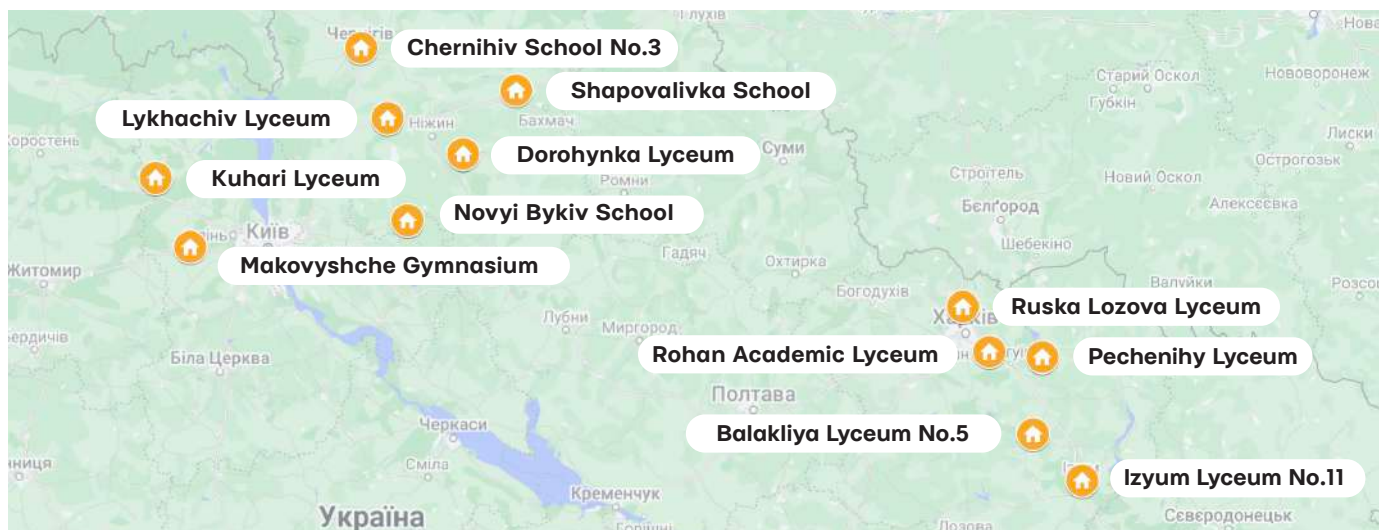
"We strived for making schools better than they were before the war. Together with professional builders and our volunteer community "Brave to Rebuild", we tried not only to repair the damage, but also to modernize the educational space and make it more comfortable for students"

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Brave Foundation is an Charitable organization dedicated to the rebuild cities and villages of Ukraine, affected by Russian occupation. As part of our "Brave to Rebuild" Initiative, since May 2022, we have engaged over 2000 volunteers from Ukraine and more than 100 foreigners. Volunteers have been involved in clearing debris, rebuilding hundreds of buildings in the Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, and Kherson regions.

Brave Foundation also implements projects for documenting the stories of owners of demolished buildings, collecting humanitarian aid, repairing, and delivering used bicycles from Europe to de-occupied communities, and organizing events for the volunteer community. Currently, there are branches operating in the Kharkiv and Chernihiv regions. We are expanding the activities of the projects in the Mykolaiv, Odesa regions.





The Project **Local School Rehabilitation for Resilience** aimed to provide support to 12 selected communities affected by the war. Throughout the year 2023, Charitable Foundation “Brave” implemented this project within the School Initiative of the U-LEAD with Europe Programme, with financial support from the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) of the European Commission.

As part of the Project, schools affected by the Russian invasion were renovated in three regions of Ukraine: Chernihiv, Kyiv, and Kharkiv. The restoration was guided by the principles of Build Back Better. In addition to direct repairs of damages, we improved the school space, equipped inclusive areas. Decision-making involved discussions with teachers and students.

Schools were renovated by professional architects, builders, as well as volunteers from our “Brave to Rebuild” Initiative. The involvement of communities and residents in the school restoration process was particularly crucial. Collaboration with the SavED Foundation, also an implementer of the School Initiative project under the U-LEAD with Europe Programme, was also important in the school renovation efforts.

RESTORED:



6 ROOFS



140 DOORS



378 WINDOWS



45 PREMISES



7 TOILETS



**925 ELECTRICITY
POINTS**





KUKHARI LYCEUM

The school was located on the collision line. Explosions damaged the school cafeteria, kitchen and assembly hall. Due to combat actions, the school's roof burned out. Without a roof, classrooms and corridors were destroyed by precipitation. Volunteers from the "Brave to Rebuild" community actively participated in the school's renovation.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Rebuilt the entrance group with an inclusive ramp
- ✓ Renovated the library class
- ✓ Replaced doors in all first-floor premises
- ✓ Completely renovated the toilets
- ✓ Equipped the dining room and assembly hall in the lobby
- ✓ Equipped with new furniture

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 60
 Now offline - 44
 Now online - 5
 Now IDPs - 0
 Inclusive education - 3

OFFLINE LEARNING



IVANKIV HROMADA, KYIV REGION



MAKOVYSHCHE GYMNASIUM

The village of Makovyshche was occupied by the Russian troops. The gymnasium's windows and roof were damaged by enemy hailstorms. The assembly hall and biology classroom were severely damaged. Volunteers from the "Brave to Re-build" community participated in the school's renovation.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Repaired the roof
- ✓ Renovated the assembly hall and biology classroom
- ✓ Renovated the entrance hall and wardrobe
- ✓ Restored wiring and lighting system
- ✓ Equipped an inclusive area

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 130
 Now offline - 139
 Now online - 11
 Now IDPs - 12
 Inclusive education - 12

OFFLINE LEARNING





LYKHACHIV LYCEUM

The Lyceum was affected by shelling in March 2022. The school, built in 1927 using ancient Ukrainian wattle and daub technology, was reconstructed using the same method. Over 70 volunteers from the "Brave to Rebuild" community and more than 30 residents left their handprints on the Lyceum's walls.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Restored the external clay walls
- ✓ Replaced the damaged roof, windows, electrical system
- ✓ Built an entrance group with an inclusive ramp
- ✓ Repaired the library, classrooms, corridor, hall
- ✓ Equipped classrooms with furniture, equipment, exercise machines
- ✓ Painted a mural on external walls
- ✓ Renovated the recreation area, flower beds, bus stop

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 94
 Now offline - 83
 Now online - 4
 Now IDPs - 2
 Inclusive education - 1

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MRYN HROMADA, CHERNIHIV REGION



NOVYI BYKIV LYCEUM

In spring 2022, Novyi Bykiv was on the front line. Due to shelling and direct hits, the school's facade, classrooms, corridors, windows, walls, and roof were severely damaged. The school staff was eager to resume classes as soon as possible. Volunteers from the "Brave to Rebuild" community took part in the renovation of the school.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Repaired 2 classrooms
- ✓ Renovated the central hall and all corridors
- ✓ Restored panoramic windows
- ✓ Renovated walls, ceiling, wiring, and lighting
- ✓ Restored staircases and railings

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 220
 Now offline - 195
 Now online - 0
 Now IDPs - 3
 Inclusive education - 1

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DOROHYNKA LYCEUM

The school suffered heavily from shelling. Occupiers damaged the roof, walls of the gym, and tank hits caused a fire in two classrooms and a laboratory. In the place of destroyed premises, it was decided to arrange 3 renovated classrooms: for studying English, Ukrainian, and for the extended day group.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Repaired three burned classrooms
- ✓ Installed electrical and heating systems
- ✓ Repaired the sports hall damaged by an explosion
- ✓ Renovated the entrance group
- ✓ Replaced 56 old doors with new plastic ones
- ✓ Renovated plumbing in the dining room
- ✓ **SavED Foundation furnished the restored classrooms**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 136
 Now offline - 126
 Now online - 5
 Now IDPs - 7
 Inclusive education - 1

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SHAPOVALIVKA LYCEUM

The school was under occupation for over a month. Russian invasion caused significant damage to windows and the power supply system. Sockets and switches became unsafe to use. Some old wooden windows had huge cracks and needed urgent replacement.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Repaired the entrance group
- ✓ Replaced windows in all classrooms and the kindergarten
- ✓ Arranged external and internal slopes
- ✓ Replaced damaged lighting throughout the school
- ✓ Replaced all sockets and switches

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 111
 Now offline - 106
 Now online - 4
 Now IDPs - 6
 Inclusive education - 5

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RUSKA LOZOVA LYCEUM

The Lyceum in Ruska Lozova suffered severe damage during the hostilities and occupation. All windows were shattered, and walls were pierced. A bomb hit the Lyceum's roof but did not explode. The school itself was looted by occupiers. Volunteers from the "Brave to Rebuild" community and residents of Ruska Losova participated in the school's renovation.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Replaced 144 windows and repaired window slopes
- ✓ Repaired the central hall
- ✓ Replaced some radiators
- ✓ Repaired the entrance group
- ✓ Repaired the roof
- ✓ Established an inclusive ramp

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 376
 Now offline - 0
 Now online - 389
 Now IDPs - 124
 Inclusive education - 10

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DERHACHI HROMADA, KHARKIV REGION



BALAKLIYA LYCEUM NO.5

After the enemy missile hit the schoolyard, the roof, windows, and classrooms were damaged. Rainwater leaked into the classrooms, causing mold. The school library suffered significant damage. Volunteers from the "Brave to Rebuild" community participated in the school's renovation.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Completely replaced the roof covering
- ✓ Repaired the hall and corridors on the first floor
- ✓ Updated the washroom area near the dining room
- ✓ Replaced doors in classrooms with modern ones
- ✓ Repaired the library
- ✓ **SavED Foundation arranged the Educational Center "Vulyk" in the renovated basement**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 280
 Now offline - 0
 Now online - 222
 Now IDPs - 15
 Inclusive education - 3

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BALAKLIYA HROMADA, KHARKIV REGION





PECHENIHY LYCEUM BY H. SEMYRADSKYI

Pecheniyh were not occupied, but were in front of the very front line, protected by a large reservoir on the Siverskyi Donets River. The only lyceum in the city was badly damaged by shelling. Almost all the windows were broken, the roof and the porch were destroyed by rockets.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Completely replaced the roof over the entire school
- Repaired the places where the missile hit
- ✓ Arranged a modern entrance group
- ✓ Replaced all damaged windows and double-glazed windows
- ✓ **SavED Foundation arranged the Educational Center "Vulyk" in the renovated basement**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 448
 Now offline - 0
 Now online - 437
 Now IDPs - 23
 Inclusive education - 11

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ROHAN ACADEMIC LYCEUM (DOKUCHAYEVSK)

Active hostilities took place near the school, with missiles and shells landing nearby. The roof was damaged by debris, and the plaster on the walls was cracked and crumbling due to explosions in the corridors. Old wooden doors in the classrooms and the heating system were severely damaged.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Repaired the second-floor corridor
- ✓ Replaced heating radiators and pipes
- ✓ Replaced electrical wiring in the corridor
- ✓ Replaced damaged doors with modern aluminum ones
- ✓ Repaired cracks and painted the walls
- ✓ Installed suspended ceiling
- ✓ Repaired the roof

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 461
 Now offline - 0
 Now online - 406
 Now IDPs - 12
 Inclusive education - 3

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CHERNIHIV SCHOOL NO.3

On August 19, 2023, a Russian missile hit the Chernihiv Regional Academic Theater. The powerful blast wave shattered dozens of windows in Chernihiv's largest school, located a hundred meters from the theater. The "Brave" Foundation, in coordination with U-LEAD with Europe, rapidly assessed the damage and carried out urgent restoration.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Installed 33 new windows to replace the damaged ones
- ✓ Replaced 12 broken double-glazed windows
- ✓ Adjusted old windows additionally
- ✓ Cleaned the school from debris and construction waste

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 1902
 Now offline - 1781
 Now online - 116
 Now IDPs - 38
 Inclusive education - 26

OFFLINE LEARNING

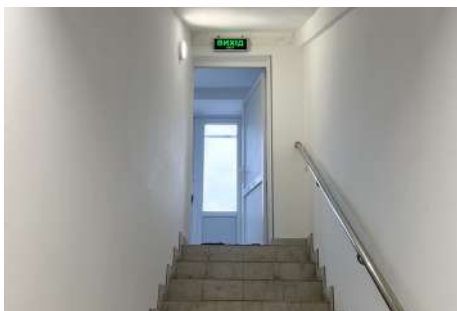


CHERNIHIV HROMADA, CHERNIHIV REGION



IZYUM LYCEUM NO.11

The Lyceum suffered significant damage during the occupiers' stay – broken doors, damaged floor, and electrical system. Computers and Ukrainian books were stolen. The occupiers wanted to hand over the batteries for the scrap metal, they cut them all, but couldn't take them out due to the rapid counteroffensive by the Ukrainian Armed Forces. This is one of the two surviving schools in Izyum.



WHAT WE DID:

- ✓ Renovated a classroom in the shelter
- ✓ Installed electrical and ventilation systems
- ✓ Installed toilets, sinks, and a boiler in the bathrooms
- ✓ Constructed new concrete stairs in the protected basement
- ✓ Replaced all doors in the basement
- ✓ Repaired the entrance group and the area in front of it
- ✓ **SavED Foundation arranged the Educational Center "Vulyk" in the renovated basement**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS:

Before 24.02.2022 - 811

Now offline - 0

Now online - 735

Now IDPs - 369

Inclusive education - 6

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IZYUM HROMADA, KHARKIV REGION



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