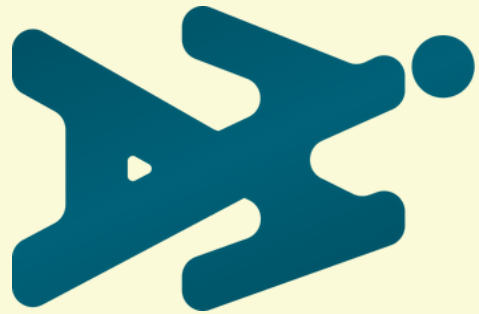


THE REPORT



OF PUBLIC
ORGANIZATIONS

AGENCY
OF CITY
INITIATIVES

2024

ABOUT US

AGENCY OF CITY INITIATIVES

We have evolved from a volunteer initiative in 2015, which organized city improvement campaigns in Chernihiv and advocated for the rights of public transport passengers, into a non-governmental organization in 2017.

We work with communities in the Chernihiv region, engaging with local self-government bodies and active citizens.

Our areas of activity include urban development, good governance, community development, education, and social projects.

MISSION — TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-SUFFICIENT, TRANSPARENT, COHESIVE, INFORMED, AND INTEGRITY-DRIVEN COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN UKRAINE, AWAKENING A PASSIONATE CIVIL SOCIETY.





TETIANA ROMANOVA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
AGENCY OF CITY INITIATIVES

IN 2024

LAUNCHED 7 PROJECTS

1

A safe space at the Center for blind children and children with visual impairments was created in Chernihiv

with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine and financial assistance from the European Union, provided within the framework of the project «EU4Recovery – Empowering Communities in Ukraine».

2

Monitored the reconstruction and restoration of social infrastructure facilities (compliance with inclusion principles)

3

Monitored procurement for the reconstruction and restoration of social infrastructure facilities in the Chernihiv region

Both projects were implemented within the subgrant component of the «Recovery Spending Watch» project, carried out by the Center for Economic Strategy, the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, and the NGO «Technologies of Progress» with the support of the European Union.

4

Developed Comprehensive Recovery Programs for four communities in the Chernihiv region

with the support of ISAR Ednannia within the framework of the project «Initiative for Sectoral Support of Civil Society in Ukraine». The project is implemented by ISAR Ednannia in consortium with the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) and the Center for Democracy and Rule of Law (CEDEM), with the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

5

Created five public spaces in communities of the Chernihiv region

as part of the grant competition «Enhancing Civic Engagement in Early Recovery Processes in Liberated Territories», administered by ISAR Ednannia with the support of the Partnership Fund for a Resilient Ukraine, funded by partner countries.



6

Started documenting cultural sites destroyed by the war in the Chernihiv region

as part of the «Engage!» Civic Engagement Promotion Program, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Pact in Ukraine.

7

Launched a project to enhance psychological resilience among residents of the border areas of the Chernihiv region

in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), funded by the Government of Germany through the German Development Bank (KfW) and the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



CREATED A SAFE SPACE AT THE CENTER FOR BLIND CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS IN CHERNIHIV



Due to the lack of a fire alarm system, the Center was at risk of being closed until the issue was resolved. "Agency of City Initiatives" could not stay aside from this situation, as more than 90 teachers could lose their jobs, and nearly a hundred pupils could be left without inclusive education.



- Installed a fire alarm system, notification, and evacuation system;
- Renovated a classroom and equipped a safety class;
- Conducted a series of educational activities for the teaching staff, boys, and girls.



MONITORED THE RECONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION OF SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH INCLUSION PRINCIPLES



The monitored facilities are located in Chernihiv, Ivanivska, Honcharivska, Novobasanska, Ichnyanska, Nosivska, Desnyanska, and Talalaiivska communities—a total of 28 facilities.



Analysts from NGO ACI used a methodology based on a document developed by Transparency International Ukraine with the participation of other members of the RISE Ukraine - Coalition for Reconstruction.

DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY PROGRAMS FOR FOUR COMMUNITIES IN THE CHERNIHIV REGION



Mykhailo-Kotsiubynska, Ripkynska, Koropska, and Ladanska communities

The NGO ACI team worked to ensure the real participation of community residents in the decision-making process regarding reconstruction.

Conducted training for local government representatives on the development and implementation of civic engagement tools. Provided trainings for civil society organizations on how to use these tools effectively.



Organized public events to teach community members how to use electronic and public consultations and improve communication among themselves.

Engaged all stakeholders (authorities, communities, and experts) in the development of Comprehensive Recovery Programs.



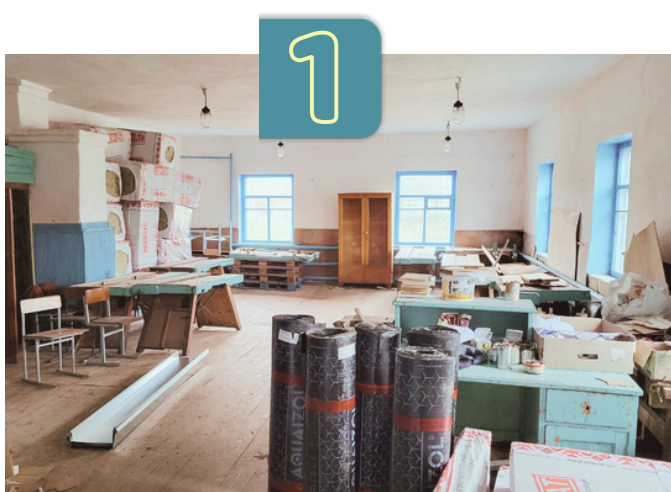
CREATED FIVE PUBLIC SPACES IN COMMUNITIES OF THE CHERNIHIV REGION



Tupychiivska (Vykhvostiv village), Kyinska, Honcharivska (Smolyn village), Sosnytska (Chornotychi village), and Novobasanska communities.

- Studied the needs of residents regarding the functionality and purpose of the spaces/
- Developed the design of the future public spaces.
- Organized community clean-up events that brought people together.
- Engaged local government representatives in the process.

Public Space in Vykhvostiv Village



The project symbolizes the unification of residents around a common goal and the creation of conditions for the further development of the community. Life is already thriving in these spaces—people gather, organize events for different age groups and social groups, fostering community cohesion.

Public Space in Chornotychi Village



STARTED DOCUMENTING CULTURAL SITES DESTROYED BY THE WAR IN THE CHERNIHIV REGION



The sites are located in various parts of the Chernihiv region.

There are around 100 damaged cultural buildings in the Chernihiv region, including 40 architectural monuments of national and local significance.

These sites—cathedrals, churches, bell towers, monasteries, cinemas, and other cultural landmarks—were severely damaged or destroyed due to Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine.



These cultural sites held great importance for their communities, serving as central gathering places.

Now, many stand abandoned, awaiting restoration.

Planned to Create profiles for each damaged cultural site. Develop an online brochure documenting the destruction. Produce short films (with English translations) to raise awareness internationally.

LAUNCHED A PROJECT TO ENHANCE PSYCHOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AMONG BORDER AREA RESIDENTS



Mykhailo-Kotsiubynska, Prylutska, Nizhynska, Horodnyanska, Koropska, Koriukivska, Honcharivska, and Tupychiivska communities.

- Assessment of the needs of target community residents (focus group studies and interviews) to understand people's demand for psychological resilience programs.
- Implementation of psychosocial support activities.
- Training for specialists in helping professions (helpers) from target communities.
- Experience-sharing forum.

Helpers are doctors, psychologists, teachers, educators, social workers, and other professionals who interact daily with a large number of people, providing them with support and assistance.

A focus group study with youth in Nizhyn was conducted.



CREATING AND UNITING!

AGENCY OF CITY INITIATIVES



CO-FOUNDERS OF THE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION «BALSANKA»

CO-FOUNDERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ASSOCIATION «UNION OF INITIATIVES OF CHERNIHIV REGION» (SICH)



MEMBERS OF THE CIVIC PARTNERSHIP «FOR TRANSPARENT LOCAL BUDGETS»

PART OF THE VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE CHERNIHIV REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATION



ATTRACTED 10,8 MILLION UAH FOR PROJECTS IN CHERNIHIV REGION

OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION «AGENCY OF CITY INITIATIVES»

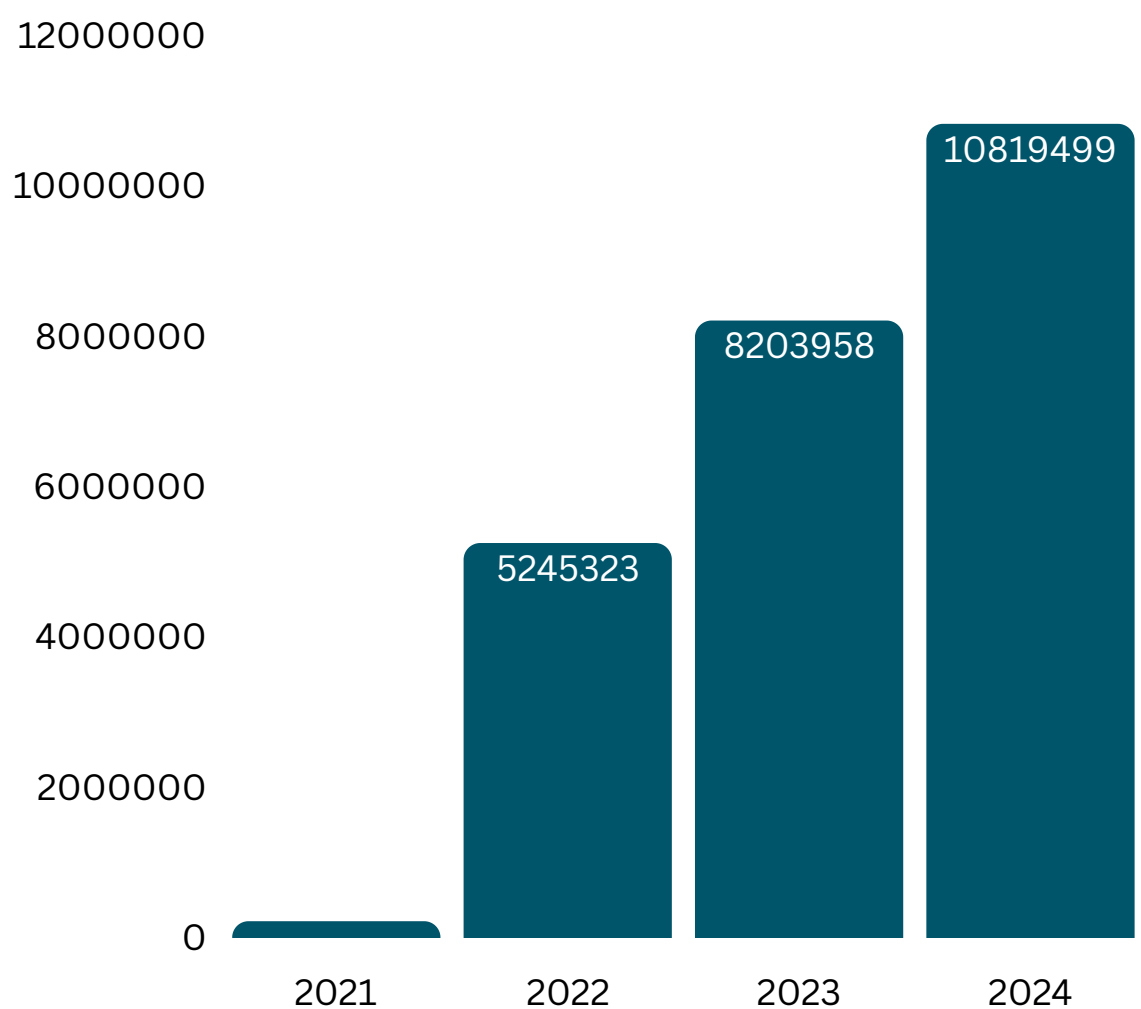
HAS RAISED MILLIONS OF HRYVNIAS TO SUPPORT THE RESIDENTS OF CHERNIHIV REGION

2021 – 216,000 UAH

2022 – 5,200,000 UAH

2023 – 8,200,000 UAH

2024 – 10,800,000 UAH



WORKED WITH COMMUNITIES OF CHERNIHIV REGION:

- Kyseleivska
- Olyshivska
- Novobasanska
- Novobilouska
- Honcharivska
- Ponornytska
- Kyinska
- Novoselivska
- Ivanivska
- Honcharivska

- Chernihivska
- Nizhynska
- Prylutska
- Horodnyanska
- Semenivska
- Snovska
- Koriukivska
- Tupyshivska
- Mykhailo-Kotsiubynska
- Novhorod-Siverska

- Ripkynska
- Ladanska
- Ivanivska
- Kulykivska
- Sosnytska
- Ichnyanska
- Nosivska
- Desnyanska
- Talalaiivska
- Koropska

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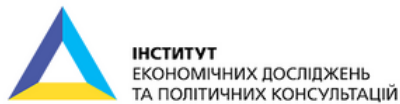
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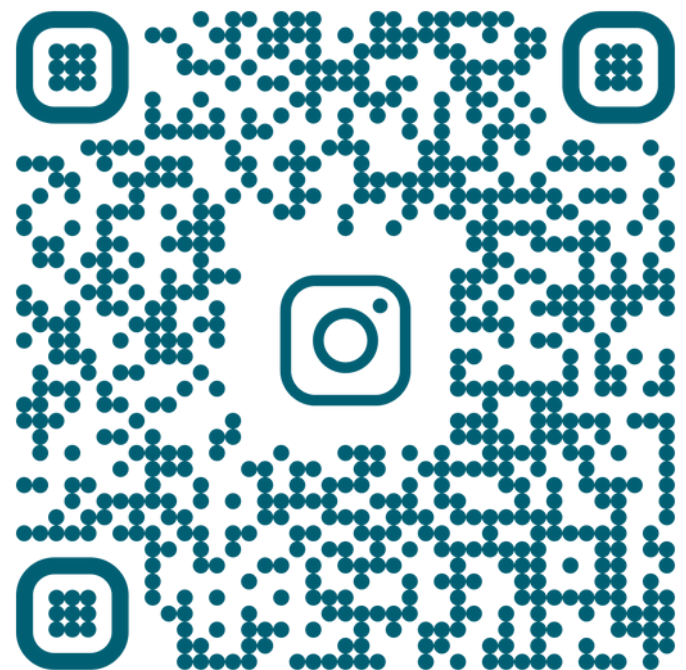
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