

Press release

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UNOPS Repaired 21 Educational Facilities in Kharkiv Region, Ukraine, with EU Support

Russian aggression has caused significant damage to the educational infrastructure in the Kharkiv region: dozens of schools, kindergartens, and vocational institutions were destroyed or damaged, making in-person learning impossible for thousands of children and forcing them to continue their studies online.

To accelerate the recovery process and return children to safe learning environments, **the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), with funding from the European Union, is implementing the “School Repairs in Ukraine” project**. As part of the project, **21 educational facilities in Kharkiv city and Kharkiv region have already been restored**, ranging from kindergartens and schools to vocational colleges. Most of these facilities have been equipped with shelters, where children and staff can stay safely and comfortably in case of emergencies.

Overall, the project has restored **65 facilities in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, and Sumy regions**. More than 70 educational facilities will receive support under the project. **The total project budget is €28 million**.

“In-person learning does more than provide education – it gives children a sense of stability, opportunities for social interaction, and emotional support. This is why helping to restore schools and equip them with safe shelters remains one of the European Union’s key priorities,” said Marianna Franco, Head of the EU Humanitarian Aid Office in Ukraine.

Each facility underwent a detailed technical assessment to determine the extent of damage and the necessary repair work. Restoration activities included the replacement of windows and doors, roof repairs, facade insulation, heating system upgrades, and refurbishment of classrooms, sports halls, corridors, and restrooms. Thanks to the restored shelters, some schools are now able to conduct lessons safely, contributing to the stabilization of community life and a return to normal daily routines.

“We are deeply grateful to the European Union for its consistent support in restoring educational infrastructure. This support goes far beyond rebuilding physical structures – it is about restoring stability, predictability, and hope for thousands of families. It is about rebuilding life and the future,” said Marysia Zapasnik, acting Director for UNOPS Ukraine and East Europe.

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