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International Charitable Assistance for UNBA



during martial law

Updated report for February-May 2022





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Dear friends!

From February 24, 2022, given the military aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, Ukrainian Parliament voted to impose the martial law regime.

In these extraordinary circumstances, the Ukrainian Bar continues to fulfill its Constitutional mission — to provide professional legal assistance to the citizens of Ukraine, to protect people's rights, to strengthen the foundations of the rule of law in Ukraine in wartime.

Bar self-government and UNBA Representative Offices abroad coordinate both the legal support of temporarily displaced persons and the transfer of humanitarian aid to those who need it. Great resources of our organization – financial, organizational, human, logistical – now involved in helping citizens, advocates, and their families in each region.

Dozens of advocates have joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Unfortunately, the aggressor's weapons killed advocates as well, both during the clashes and during the shelling of civilians in Chernihiv and Kherson.

We contribute to the victory every day.

From the first days of military aggression, UNBA has been strongly supported by the international professional community of advocates. It is with great gratitude that we receive the extensive financial support, which the UNBA Board of Trustees distributed to our colleagues as quickly as possible and within the framework of transparent procedures.

We report about distribution of the said support to all our donors, regardless of the size of donation. The present Report summarizes UNBA's fundraising efforts and the amount of monies transferred by our international partners to the association since the beginning of the military aggression.

I am sincerely grateful to every international organization, Bar Association, every individual advocate for the heartfelt support provided to Ukrainian advocates in these difficult days.

Unfortunately, the military aggression against Ukraine continues. There are more and more advocates that need our help. We are trying to raise as charitable funds as possible to ensure that our fellow advocates are not left one-on-one with their troubles.



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Dear colleagues!



At the meetings of the Bar Council of Ukraine on March 16, 2022, UNBA/BCU Vice-President Valentyn Gvozdiy presented the preliminary results of the support funds donated by UNBA's international partners.

Since the first days of the war, Valentyn Gvozdiy has been coordinating contacts with foreign local and national Bar associations.

With the launch of the large-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainian National Bar Association began active communication with foreign advocates abroad in order to ensure prompt assistance to advocates that suffered from the outcomes of the military aggression. Even in times of martial law, we continue our operations; I personally hold many online meetings with the Bar leaderships from all over the globe, updating them on the situation on the ground and the urgent needs of Ukrainian advocates.

On behalf of the Ukrainian Bar, and the legal community, I convey my deepest respect and honor, extend the gratitude to every one of our partners for your comprehensive assistance and strenuous efforts in aiding Ukraine's struggle against full-scale Russian aggression.

The war affected everyone. Our fellow advocates could not escape it as well; those who suffered from the violent aggressive action across country.

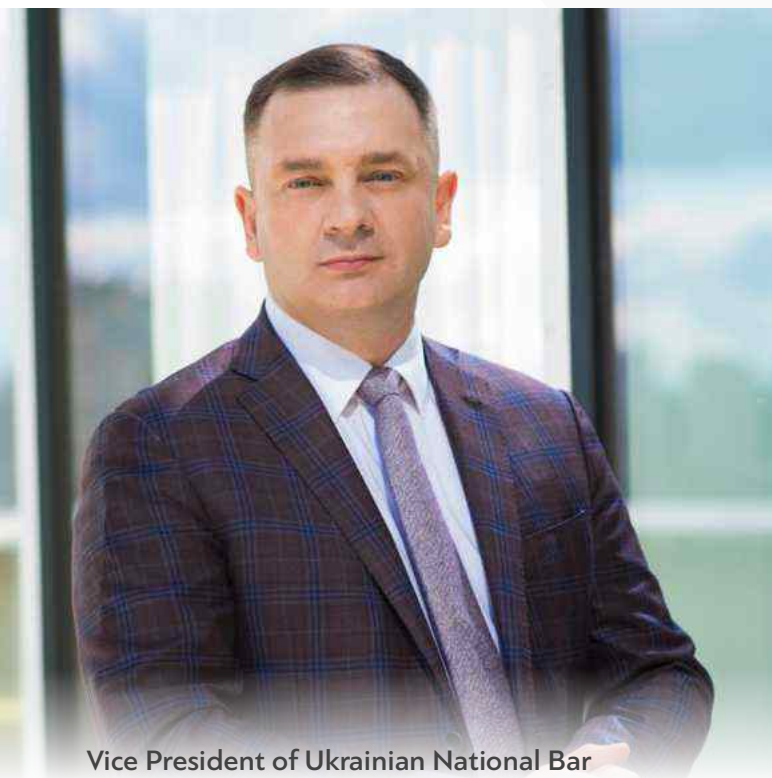
Thanks to your help, we furnish all the affected Ukrainian advocates and their families with everything they currently need in a coordinated, efficient, and comprehensive manner.

Today, the legal front throughout the entire world works in the name of re-establishing the rule-of-law in Ukraine, for the sake victory, peace, as well as protecting freedom and democracy.

I am thankful to the entire legal community of the world for the kind assistance and unequivocal support of Ukrainian Bar, which, in turn, stands guard of the fundamental human rights and freedoms in Ukraine.

Every day we gain absolute understanding of our international partner not only in words, but also in emergency care, which saves the lives of hundreds of Ukrainians.

Together to victory!



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Chair of the Board of Trustees, Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine

Ganna Lazarchuk

Dear donors!

As the Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am infinitely grateful to you for your sincere support during these difficult times.

We appreciate the strong leadership and titanic efforts of UNBA, BCU President Lidiya Izovitova and UNBA, BCU Vice President Valentyn Gvozdiy, which enabled effective operation of the Board of Trustees. Thanks to the far-sighted approach of Mrs. President, the Board of Trustees was established in the first days of Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, and Valentin Gvozdiy immediately began negotiations with international colleagues to secure funding for the Board of Trustees. Since the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, we were vested with an extraordinary mission to help advocates who suffered from the war in Ukraine. All of us Members of the Board of Trustees are doing this work for the first time and trying to do it to the best of our ability.

Emotionally, it is extremely difficult to make every decision to provide charitable funds: we see that behind every call for help there is a complex and dramatic life story, often broken or even lost life of our colleagues and their loved ones.

With the resources to support foreign advocates and professional advocates' organizations, we provide significant assistance to hundreds of advocates from the regions most affected by the military devastation – Mariupol, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Kyiv region. We receive letters of thanks from those whom we helped, which means that the work we are doing together with our international partners is work we are doing together with our international partners is important. With kindest regards, and the warmest words of gratitude to all benefactors from every corner of the world.





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UNBA Board of Trustees

On March 3, 2022, President of UNBA, BCU Lidiya Izovitova established the Board of Trustees to distribute charitable assistance to advocates and their families affected by the war in Ukraine.

According to the order, the funds received to the accounts of Ukrainian National Bar Association as charitable (humanitarian) aid are fully redirected to the account of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Charitable Foundation for Assistance to Advocates".

Valentyn Gvozdiy, UNBA, BCU Vice President, continually coordinates the cooperation between Board of Trustees, UNBA, international partners, donors, and organizations that provide relief to Ukrainian advocates.

The Board of Trustees chaired by Ganna Lazarchuk, Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine



Chair of the Board of Trustees, Member of the Bar Council of Ukraine

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Tales of war

All advocates that turn to the Board of Trustees for help have their own tragic tale of war. Thanks to the support of fellow advocates from abroad and the work of the Board of Trustees, they continue to believe, fight and live.

On February 26, 2022, as a result of hostilities in Kyiv and a rocket directly hitting a high-rise, my own apartment, where I lived with my daughter, was obliterated. Simultaneously with the destruction of the premises, all the belongings of mine were destroyed as well.

At the time of the explosion, my underage daughter and I both were in the middle of the room and miraculously survived...

Advocate from Kyiv City



Good day! On March 6, a car with six people exploded on Kyiv highway, killing and injuring the family of a Chernihiv advocate. His wife and son and nephew were in the car. The explosion killed the His son survived, the explosive wave threw him out of the car onto the road. The boy is currently in the children's regional hospital, he has a brain injury and leg fractures.

As a result of the war, the advocate lost all his property, including a house in which he lived near Chernihiv and now needs help.

Please consider allocating assistance from the charity fund.

Advocate from Chernihiv region

28 February 2022 As a result of the Russian invasion of the territory of Ukraine, the Pavlove Pole area in Kharkiv sustained reactive artillery bombardment. My apartment, where I lived with my two minor children, was partially damaged. The windows were broken. Heating was damaged. Currently, I left the City of Kharkiv with my elderly parents and minor children for the village, at least provide my relatives with warm housing.

I have no means to live by...

Advocate from Kharkiv region



On March 13, 2022, I urgently left the city of Rubizhne, Lugansk region, with my family, as it was impossible to stay there due to hostilities. There are lacks tap water, electricity, centralized heating, communications, food. Shells fell near my house, neighboring houses were on fire, windows were broken. Now I find myself in a difficult financial situation.

Advocate from Lugansk region

On March 14, 2022 as a result of the shelling of the city of Rubizhne, Lugansk region, in the area Joint Forces Operation, a direct hit damaged my house. As a result of the shelling, a fire broke out, and fire brigade later arrived. Unfortunately, the house is currently uninhabitable. My two children and I were forced to leave the city and move to the Dnipropetrovsk region, where we are currently residing, and have to rent housing.

I ask you to consider the above circumstances and provide assistance.

Advocate from Lugansk region



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Tales of war

I am asking you to provide financial assistance in connection with the fact that on April 7, 2022, my wife, an advocate, died during the evacuation of our child from the temporarily occupied territory of Kherson region after Russian-operated "Grad" reactive artillery system hit the evacuees. Our child received shrapnel wounds, admitted to hospital and needs further treatment. In this regard, please provide financial assistance.

The husband of a deceased advocate from the Kherson region

After the start of the military invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine, the city of Irpin has become and remains the scene of fierce hostilities. Unfortunately, the high-rise where my apartment is located sustained multiple tank fire and artillery strikes. Currently, the house is uninhabitable due to the nature of the damage and the lack of electricity and water supply. The civilian population was evacuated from the city.

The possibility of restoring the house for further safe residence to be established by the competent authorities after an appropriate survey after hostilities subside. Given the above circumstances, I ask the UNBA Board of Trustees to provide charitable assistance as per established procedure.

Advocate from Kyiv region

I ask the Board of Trustees of UNBA to consider my application for charitable assistance as Category 3, as I am an advocate whose life depends on medication, and I do not have the funds to purchase such drugs as a result of hostilities in Ukraine from 24.02.2022.

In August-September 2021, I underwent hospitalization and diagnosed with the following: grade 2 hypertension and deep vein thrombosis of the left lower extremity.

After being discharged from the hospital, my doctor prescribed continuous antihypertensive (hypertension) and antithrombotic (anticoagulant) medications, as well as consultation with a vascular surgeon.

Now I need to take the following medications daily: xarelto, detralext, nebilet, adenomas and others. The cost of these drugs is now approximately 1,200-1,500 UAH for a week. I ask you to consider providing me assistance for the continuous use of vital medicines, given the lack of income to purchase such medicines.

Advocate from Kharkiv region



On 03 March 2022, at about 13:00, my house in the city of Chernihiv, where my family resides (my husband and I, two young children) as a result of an air strike, Russian plane dropped bombs, one of which destroyed our house and caused damage to our own apartment. It is our only home, which is now rendered uninhabitable. My family was not injured, because we heard a plane flying fast to our house and managed to run into the bathroom at the time of the hit, hiding behind two concrete walls. We were urgently evacuated under the threat of a house collapse. On 16 March in the city of Chernihiv the situation became very dangerous, the city was on the verge of a humanitarian crisis (no electricity, heat, gas, water, food and mobile communications), so we had to leave the city immediately, seeking shelter, without personal belongings, having only documents. As a result of an air strike, our apartment was damaged, we lost our only housing, and now we and our children are in need of help. If possible, please consider giving us help from the charity fund.

Advocate from Chernihiv region

On February 24, 2022, a shell hit the staircase of my house during air strikes from enemy fighters and helicopters, and we had to leave our homes without any belongings, documents, fleeing away from missile and bomb explosions. My family is now left without work and livelihood.

As of yesterday, I was informed by neighbors from our building, that there is a checkpoint operated by Kadyrov troops next to the building, all the apartments in our house have been looted, partially mined, and it is still unknown how many. Bucha is literal hell.

Some of my neighbors are being held captive by Kadyrovites, some were released, some have been killed, some have been raped and killed....

It is a miracle that I am alive!

Documents attached: advocate's certificate of right to practice law, travel passport, real estate documents, one car (under the building), laptops, cash, valuables – all this was in the apartment. Of course, it's all looted.

I am currently in a financial hardship, and without a home, without basic necessities, sheltered by our compatriots in Zakarpattia, providing a room in their house.

I am asking you to provide me with financial assistance as a person who lost his job and housing as a result of the war and forced to stay outside the town of Bucha, where I used to live.

Advocate from Kyiv region

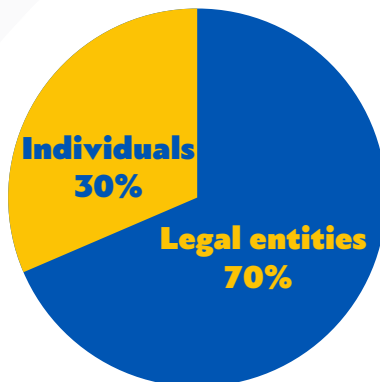
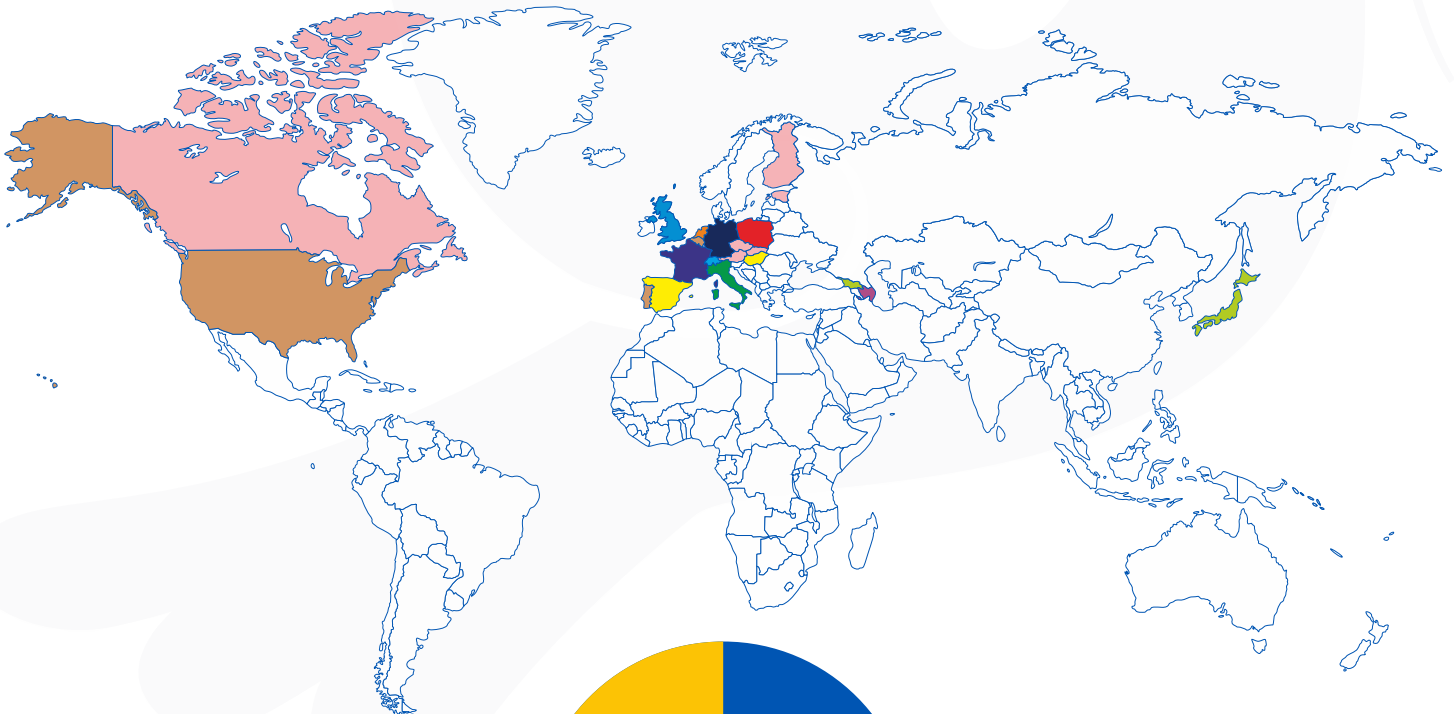


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Assistance received*: **\$347,117**



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Assistance provided*: \$269,906

In total, since the beginning of March 2022, when the Board of Trustees was established, more than 350 applications from advocates affected by the war in Ukraine have been considered. Thanks to the active donations of our foreign colleagues-advocates

the Board of Trustees, for three months now, has been meeting several times a week and equitably distributing assistance to each advocate, each family of an advocate, that submitted application to the Board of Trustees.

In the period from March 3 to June 1, 2022, the Board of Trustees approved

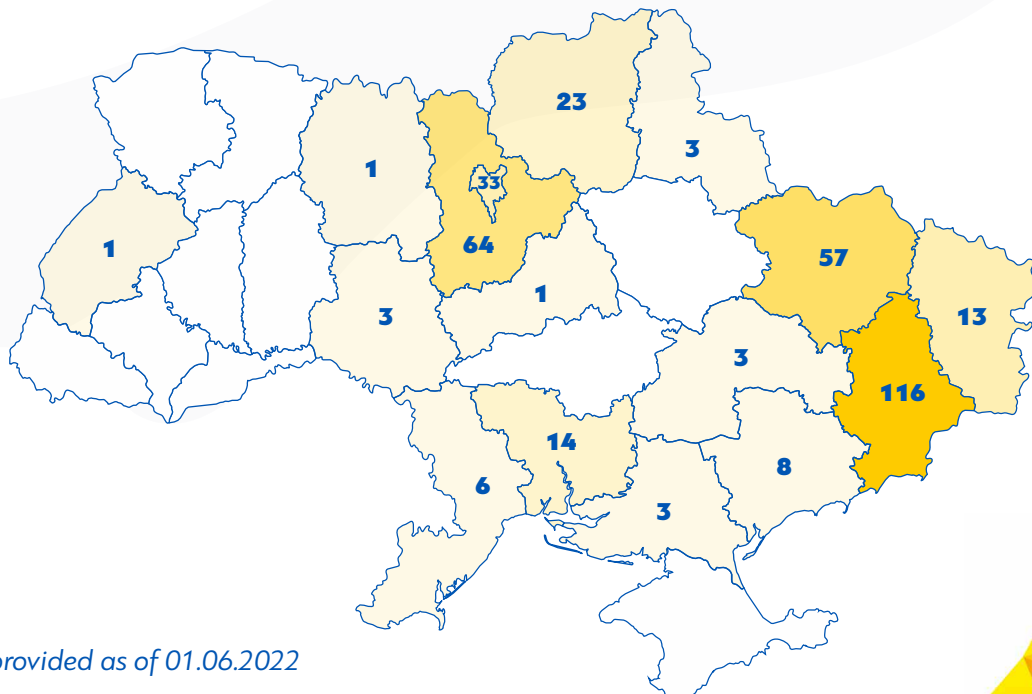
361
decisions

320 ↘
decisions
granting charitable
financial assistance

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decisions
on refusal to grant due to non-compliance with the
established criteria

 <p>Category 1 \$145,910 received assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocates whose homes were completely destroyed; • severely injured advocates; • senior advocates; • families of deceased advocates 	 <p>Category 2 \$111,723 received assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocates whose homes were partially destroyed; • advocates with moderate injuries; • advocates – single parents 	 <p>Category 3 \$12,273 received assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advocates in dire need of medication and have no means to purchase them
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Map showing the number of requests for assistance from different regions of Ukraine



* information provided as of 01.06.2022



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Words of gratitude from advocates of Ukraine

UNBA expresses its profound gratitude and appreciation to all foreign colleagues for donating to support Ukrainian advocates that suffered as a result of hostilities in Ukraine.

Thanks to you, Ukrainian advocates and their families in need remain hopeful for a brighter and peaceful life. We kindly ask you to continue supporting them; we believe, that Ukraine will emerge victorious very soon!

I'm eternally grateful for your prompt response to my call for charitable assistance in connection with the loss of housing. Given that everything was burned and destroyed, help is very important and timely.

Glory to Ukraine!

Advocate from Kyiv region

Good day!

Thank you very much for your charitable assistance. I am very happy that you did not leave my family hanging in the hard times.

Peace and goodness to you!

Advocate from Kherson region

I am sincerely grateful to the Board of Trustees and the entire legal community for providing financial assistance during this difficult time for me and my family. It is very nice to feel the support and care of the colleagues!

Advocate from Donetsk region

Good afternoon) I am sincerely grateful for the help provided upon decision of the UNBA Board of Trustees. For me now, this is a very significant support. Thank you again and I wish everyone health and peace of mind. Let's hold on! Everything will be Ukraine!

Advocate from Kharkiv region

Dear colleagues! Thank you very much for your charitable help. You have almost no idea how timely your helped me in this difficult time for all of us. Once again, I sincerely thank you and wish us all a speedy victory and a peaceful sky over our heads.

Advocate from Donetsk region

Dear colleagues! Thank you very much for your timely financial assistance. I wish everyone health and peace of mind!

Advocate from Kyiv region



Dear UNBA team, I sincerely thank you for your help, support and for your painstaking daily work for the benefit of the legal profession!!!! Your help is vitally important to me during this terrible time. I never asked for money and did not expect to be heard, because now it is difficult for almost everyone... now I believe that miracles happen – the main thing is to believe that the world is full of good people.

Advocate from Kyiv region

In such a difficult time of war, when my husband and I were again left homeless, unable to work and provide for ourselves, when my husband is doing his military duty, I am very grateful to the Charitable Foundation for material assistance!

Advocate from Donetsk region

Dear colleagues! Dear Members of UNBA Board of Trustees!

With this letter I would like to express my gratitude to you for the help and support you provided in such difficult times. Looking at this, I am overwhelmed with pride for our incredible people, and I am proud to be a part of our Great Nation.

Ukraine is each one of us. And this is exactly why we will endure; the victory will soon be ours. Because we are one and we will not let anyone break us!

This situation did not break us as the enemy wanted, but once again hardened (me personally, at least) us and made us even stronger.

Victory for us! Glory to Ukraine!

Advocate from Chernihiv region



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How to donate to the legal community of Ukraine

Dear colleagues,

We highly appreciate the indispensable support that many of you continually provide in these terrible and difficult times for Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine is still going on, and we keep raising funds to help our fellow advocates that are in dire need of financial support. Inflation, currency devaluation, food and fuel shortages seriously complicate daily life in Ukraine.

Ukrainian National Bar Association created [special charity project](#) thru [Benevity Causes](#) portal.



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