



CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION “TRANSCARPATIAN REGIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ‘BLAHO’”

Annual Activity Report
for 2025



Foreword by Eleonora Kulchar



The year 2025 became a **period of significant challenges and important internal transformations for our Foundation**. We reviewed key internal processes, strengthened the quality standards of our work, and renewed our team to better respond to the growing needs of the people we serve.

Despite challenging circumstances, we were able to maintain and expand support for those who needed it most. **Hundreds of women and families** received psychological, social, and humanitarian assistance, which became a critically important resource for many during a period of loss, uncertainty, and forced displacement.

A dedicated and ongoing focus of our work remained the support **of internally displaced persons** who found refuge in Zakarpattia. We provided comprehensive assistance, including basic humanitarian aid, individual case support, professional consultations, and facilitation of social integration. This enabled many families to gradually regain stability and rebuild their lives in a new environment.

Another important component of our activities was **the implementation of educational programs for Roma children**, which continue to create new opportunities for learning, social inclusion, and personal development. We view this area of work as a long-term investment in equality, empowerment, and the future of communities.

We sincerely thank our partners and donors for their trust and continued cooperation. Your support enables us not only to sustain our work but also to improve its quality and effectiveness. We deeply value this trust and recognize the responsibility that comes with it.

The year 2026 is unlikely to bring fewer challenges. **One of our key priorities** will be the completion of a large-scale shelter construction project. This will enable us to continue supporting **internally displaced persons** by providing temporary accommodation and comprehensive assistance, including psychological, social, legal, and humanitarian support.

We remain confident in our capacity, the resilience of our team, and the importance of our mission. **We will continue to support women, children, and families facing difficult life circumstances, helping them rebuild stability, dignity, and hope for the future.**



About the Charitable Organization “Transcarpatian Regional Charitable Foundation ‘Blago’”

The “Blago” Foundation is an active organization that has been working **for over 20 years** to improve the lives of vulnerable groups and all those in need of support and assistance. Founded in 2003, the Foundation has become a reliable source of support for those who require it most. In particular, it works with **large and low-income families, women, girls, children, internally displaced persons, as well as Roma communities**. We create a space of opportunities for people facing social challenges and do so with unwavering energy and deep care for each individual. We work for the benefit of people, helping to change lives for the better.



Mission:

To ensure equal opportunities for access to education and social benefits.

Vision:

The “Blago” Foundation strives to build a society in which **every person**, regardless of life circumstances, **has access to high-quality psychological, social, and legal support, feels their rights are protected, and has opportunities for recovery and personal development.**

Organizational Goals:

- To improve access to quality education and social services **for Roma families, children, large families, and low-income households, and to increase the number of Roma children enrolled in Ukrainian schools.**
- To prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV) and provide support to Roma women and girls who require special protection.
- To expand the scope and impact of the activities of the Zakarpattia Regional Charitable Foundation “Blago”.

Values:

Our work is based on responsibility, transparency, and trust — both within our team and in our engagement with the community. We believe in the power of cooperation and sustainable solutions that create real and lasting change.

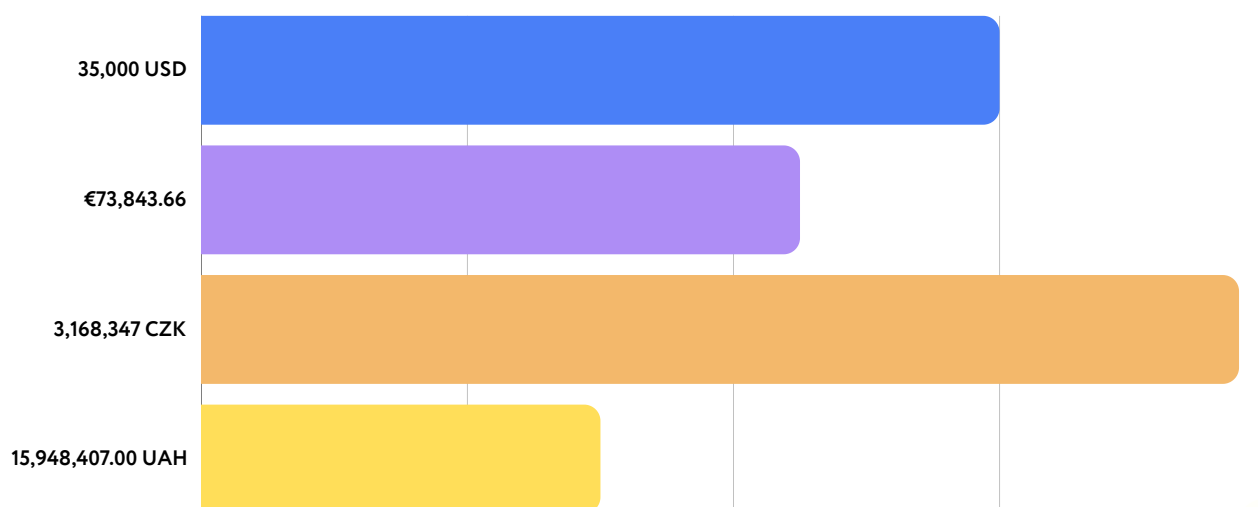




Our Projects

In 2025, the “Blago” Foundation implemented **13 projects**.

Total project budget:



These projects were aimed at **protecting the rights and well-being of children, expanding educational opportunities for Roma women and internally displaced women in Ukraine, as well as creating safe living conditions for IDP families through the arrangement of shelter facilities.**

An important area of activity was **addressing the psychological consequences of the war** among Roma children and children from internally displaced families in Zakarpattia, as well as **ensuring preschool preparation for Roma children to support their successful integration into the education system.**

The Foundation provided **support to Roma girls and women from families of military personnel, veterans, fallen defenders of Ukraine, prisoners of war, and missing persons**, contributing to their social adaptation, psychological resilience, and personal development.

Separate projects were focused on **restoring life opportunities for internally displaced persons through housing support, livelihood assistance, and the creation of new opportunities for self-realization.**

At the same time, the **development of an integrated social, educational, recreational, and sports center of the Zakarpattia Regional Charitable Foundation “Blago”** continued, intended to become a modern space for support, learning, and development for children, youth, and families in the community.

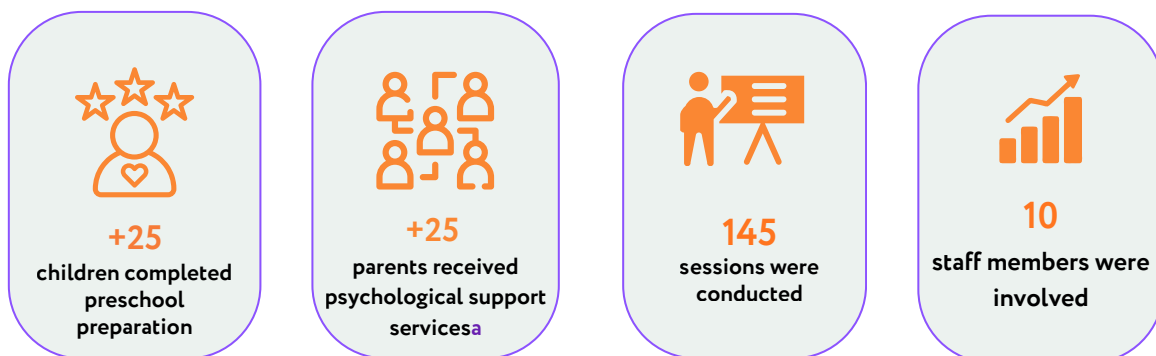


Education is the key to the future.

Our goal is to provide Roma children with the opportunity to receive preschool preparation necessary for a successful start at school. In addition, our programmes include active engagement with parents, helping them understand the importance of education and providing tools to support their children.

The project "Preschool Preparation for Roma Children for School Entry, aged 6 and above" was implemented according to a unique curriculum that took into account the specific features of Roma children's upbringing and included the development of basic behavioural skills, hygiene, and understanding of hierarchy and social interaction. Within the project, classes in reading, writing, and mathematics were conducted, along with group and individual psychological consultations. Special attention was given to working with parents through training sessions aimed at improving their understanding of their rights and responsibilities in child upbringing. In addition, group art therapy sessions were organized for both children and adults, contributing to emotional support and strengthening the internal resilience of families.

Project results for 2025:



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The team implemented key activities aimed at **supporting children’s adaptation to the educational process** and developing basic academic and social skills. In the period from April to September 2025, **25 Roma children (15 girls and 10 boys)** were involved in the project, attending daily classes from Monday to Friday at the ZOBF “Blaho” center.



Sessions lasted 3–3.5 hours per day. Educators created conditions for **communication, play, visual arts, household and practical activities, cognitive and exploratory learning, and health-preserving practices**. School readiness support was provided, along with an environment that enabled each child’s personal development, taking into account their interests, abilities, and individual psychological and physical characteristics.

All children also **received hot meals on a daily basis**, which served as an important form of support for families in difficult economic conditions.

A notable achievement was that 14 children (8 girls and 6 boys) who participated in the programme successfully enrolled in the first grade in September 2025.

Humanitarian Assistance and Social Initiatives

The “Blaho” Foundation actively provides **humanitarian assistance to Roma communities, families facing difficult life circumstances, defenders of Ukraine, individuals, internally displaced persons, as well as organizations and institutions**. Support includes food products, clothing, medicines, and other essential items necessary to ensure dignified living conditions.

Particular attention was given to supporting **educational institutions in Uzhhorod and Zakarpattia region** by providing furniture, supplies, and stationery, as well as assisting social institutions, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers in response to their needs. In addition, our activities are aimed at supporting the military and contributing to Ukraine’s victory.

Within our activities in 2025, assistance was provided to approximately **35 organizations and more than 3,000 beneficiaries**.



Distribution of Assistance 2025

Reporting Month	Volume of assistance, kg
January	7620
February	15336.247
March	19036.405
April	1157.895
May	-
June	4569.428
July	4556.21
August	5531.43
September	816.785
October	15006.873
November	-
December	11656.922



Distribution of Humanitarian Aid Among Recipient Organizations

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- Charitable Foundation "Planet of Kind People"
- Municipal Utility Institution "New Life"
- Zakarpattia Regional Charitable Foundation "Edelweiss"
- Religious Community "Christian Church 'New Jerusalem'", branch of the religious community "Christian Church 'Reconciliation'"
- Religious Community of the Christian Evangelical Church "Living God"
- Charitable Foundation "I Embrace You"
- Religious Organization "Religious Community of the Christian Church of Evangelical Faith 'Revival'"
- Charitable Organization "Charity Foundation 'For the Future of Roma'"
- Religious Organization "Religious Community of the Christian Church of Evangelical Faith 'Church of God of Ukraine' 'Church of Salvation'"
- Religious Community of the Christian Church "Word of Life", Poltava
- Religious Community of the Christian Evangelical Faith Church "God's Church 'Road of Life of Ukraine'", Kholmok village, Uzhhorod district
- Religious Community of the Christian Church "Victory", Zaporizhzhia
- Charitable Organization "Charity Foundation 'Promise'"
- Municipal Non-Profit Enterprise "Uzhhorod City Multidisciplinary Clinical Hospital" of Uzhhorod City Council
- Municipal Institution "Social Rehabilitation Center of Serednie Settlement Council, Uzhhorod District, Zakarpattia Region"
- Municipal Higher Education Institution "Academy of Culture and Arts" of the Zakarpattia Regional Council
- Separate subdivision "Pride" branch of the NGO "Equestrian Federation of Mykolaiv Region"



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- Scandinavian Lyceum of Darnytskyi District, Kyiv
- Territorial Center of Social Services, Berehove City Council
- Municipal Non-Profit Enterprise "Volovets Central Hospital" of Volovets Settlement Council
- Municipal Non-Profit Enterprise "Regional Psychiatric Care Facility, Berehove" of Zakarpattia Regional Council
- Municipal Non-Profit Enterprise "Uzhhorod City Multidisciplinary Clinical Hospital" of Uzhhorod City Council
- Regional Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children and Youth with Disabilities
- Uzhhorod Lyceum "Lider" of Uzhhorod City Council, Zakarpattia Region
- NGO "Turianska Mriia"
- Zakarpattia Regional NGO of Disabled Cancer Patients "Amazonky Zakarpattia"
- Charitable Organization "Charity Foundation 'Faith Hope Love'"
- Charitable Organization "International Fund for Health and Environment Protection 'Carpathian Region'"
- Velykobereznianskyi Lyceum with Enhanced Military and Physical Training
- NGO "MRZh Roma Sun (Romano Khekhham)"
- NGO "RC 'Uzhhorod'"
- Municipal Institution "Mukachevo Psychoneurological Boarding Home No.1"
- Stavne Secondary School (Grades I–III) of Stavne Village Council
- NGO "Future of Roma, Berehove"
- Private individuals
- 33rd Separate Mechanized Brigade (33 OMBR)
- 128th Separate Mountain Assault Brigade
- 156th Separate Mechanized Brigade (156 OMBR)

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This work was made possible through broad international cooperation, particularly with partners from the **United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Israel**, who systematically provide humanitarian assistance to residential institutions, social centers, and healthcare facilities in the region.

At the same time, the Foundation is actively engaged in volunteer initiatives supporting Ukrainian defenders, joining efforts with other organizations.

Activities of the Shelter for Internally Displaced Persons

In 2025, the ZOBF “Blago” shelter completed its operations after **four years of activity**, having been launched at the beginning of the full-scale invasion in February 2022. This temporary housing project for internally displaced persons provided refuge to **more than 3,700 people** who were forced to leave their homes.

Residents received comprehensive support, including:

- three meals per day;
- legal assistance;
- psychological support;
- access to medical services;
- child-focused activities and art therapy sessions.

In addition, beneficiaries were provided with essential items such as clothing, footwear, and hygiene products, ensuring a basic level of comfort and dignity in extremely difficult living conditions.

“Each family is a separate story. Some were able to leave abroad and start life anew. Some returned home as soon as it became a little safer. And some stayed here in Zakarpattia—in Uzhhorod, Mukachevo, Berehove—and today are part of the local community. Our shelter was not just a place to sleep. For many, it became a temporary island of calm at a time when the world around them was falling apart,” said Eleonora Kulchar.

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International Cooperation

The "Blago" Foundation closely cooperates with leading international organizations, including the World Childhood Foundation, founded by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, as well as reputable partners such as the International Renaissance Foundation, ISSA, War Child, Mennonite Central Committee, Diakonie, UN Women in Ukraine, and the UN Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF).

This cooperation enables the Foundation to apply best international practices and expand its programmes, ensuring that a greater number of people receive high-quality assistance.

We sincerely thank our partners for their trust, support, and shared commitment to improving people's lives. Thanks to this cooperation, we are able not only to respond to current challenges but also to create long-term opportunities for development, safety, and a dignified future for our beneficiaries.





Cooperation with Authorities, Local Self-Government Bodies, and Civil Society Organizations

Cooperation and interaction are a key resource of the “Blago” Foundation’s activities; therefore, special attention is given to the development of partnerships, networking, and the establishment of both horizontal and vertical linkages.

Effective cooperation with local self-government bodies and regional authorities is reinforced through the signing of memoranda of cooperation. In particular, in 2025, four new memoranda of cooperation and partnership were concluded. Our long-term partners include:

- Department of Education and Science, Youth and Sports of the Zakarpattia Regional State Administration.
- Zakarpattia Regional Center for Social Services.
- Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of the Turiye-Remety Rural Council.
- A new partner is the NGO “Association of Roma Women ‘Voice of Romni’”

An important area remains cooperation **with local NGOs and communities**. In particular, in partnership with charitable organizations, support is provided to Roma families who find themselves in difficult life circumstances.

Our trusted partners:

- “Carpathian Region” NEEKA
- Charitable Foundation “Development”
- Charitable Foundation “New Life of Roma”
- NGO “Romano Lungo Trajo”
- NGO “Romani Cherkhen”
- NGO “Association of Roma of Uzhhorod”
- Zakarpattia Regional Roma Congress
- NGO “Roma Women’s Initiative” (local branches)
- NGO “Association of Roma Women ‘Voice of Romni’”
- Roma youth initiative groups and local NGOs in Uzhhorod, Mukachevo, Berehove, and Vynohradiv





Plans for 2026

On March 27, 2026, the “Blago” Foundation launched its most ambitious project, the development of which began in 2024 and continued throughout 2025. This is the **opening of the Integrated Social, Educational, Developmental and Sports Center – the “Blago” Hub.**

The purpose of the Center is to create a modern space for support, development, and self-realization for children, adolescents, youth, and adults. It is a place where everyone can receive necessary assistance, acquire new knowledge, develop their abilities, and find opportunities for personal growth.



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Within the Center, a **computer class, an early intervention classroom for children, and a preschool preparation classroom have been established.** Preparations are currently underway for the launch of these work areas, including the development of educational programs and the formation of a team of specialists. A dedicated space has also been created **for training sessions, workshops, consultations, and group activities.**

One of the key directions of the Center's work will be providing **psychological support to children, military personnel, youth, and adults affected by the consequences of war, forced displacement, and other life crises.** It is planned to conduct individual and group counseling sessions, art therapy classes, life skills development trainings, non-formal education courses, and activities aimed **at social integration and community strengthening.**

The “Blago” Foundation has ambitious plans for the further development of the Center. In the long term, the hub is expected **to become a strong regional center for social support, education, and development, bringing together children, youth, parents, educators, social service professionals, and civil society representatives.** Expansion of services is planned, including new educational programs, sports sections, creative studios, youth initiatives, and professional development courses. The Center is intended to become a place where every person, regardless of age, social status, or life circumstances, will have the opportunity to receive support, learn, develop, and build their own future.



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- Education for Roma children, including preschool preparation.
- Early childhood development programmes (ages 2–5) implemented in cooperation with parents.
- Developmental clubs and educational activities for children and adolescents.
- Integration of modern IT technologies into the learning process.
- Resource room (library and computer class with internet access).
- Children’s space with educational games for leisure and informal learning.
- Support for women and girls, promoting gender equality and leadership.
- Psychosocial support for children, adolescents, and adults.
- Art therapy for children and adults as a form of emotional recovery.
- Legal consultations for the protection of rights and social justice.
- Training and educational programmes, including career guidance, prevention of violence, gender equality, fundraising, motivation, and community development.
- Sports ground and gym to promote physical and mental well-being.
- Provision of social and humanitarian assistance to vulnerable families and communities.
- Shelter for internally displaced persons.



Contacts and Social Media

CSocial media pages are a real opportunity for the “Blago” Foundation **to become closer and more accessible to everyone who needs our support.** They also reflect our commitment to being open, transparent, modern, and responsive.



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