



ONE PROPOSAL



2025



VISUAL REPORT





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Dear friends,

As I present this report on the One Proposal Project, my heart is filled with gratitude and emotion, seeing the path we have walked together.

In these four difficult years since the war in Ukraine began, the Society of Jesus, coordinated by JRS Europe and the Xavier Network, has been able to stand alongside **150,405** people fleeing violence. Behind this number, there are mothers, children, the elderly, and youth; there are **822,948** individual services provided, from a warm shelter to psychosocial support that heals the soul, and education that opens up futures.

Each story you will find in these pages is a testament to resilience and shared humanity. All of this has been possible thanks to your solidarity and the tireless work of so many local partners. In a world wounded by war, I invite you to read this report with an open heart, to discover these stories, and to continue being beacons of hope.

Thank you for your unwavering support. May the desire for peace fill our hearts. May peace reign one day soon.

Peace,

Alberto Ares.



**Main project locations:** Warsaw, Nowy Sącz (+ Gdynia until May 2025)  
**Team members:** 6 staff + 3 volunteers

**Main project locations:** Lviv  
**Team members:** 12 staff + 6 volunteers

**Main project locations:** Trnava  
**Team members:** 12 staff + 59 volunteers

**Main project locations:** Budapest  
**Team members:** 13 staff + 10 volunteers

**Main project locations:** Bucharest, Constanta, Galati, Baia Mare, Brasov, Mangalia, Navodari, Oradea, Ramnic Valcea, Tulcea, Vynnitsa  
**Team members :** 41 staff + 50 volunteers



## The Geopolitical Context: A Conflict of Attrition

As of January 2026, the full-scale invasion of Ukraine is entering its fifth devastating year. What began in February 2022 has evolved into a protracted conflict of attrition, marked by unrelenting aerial attacks and the systematic destruction of critical infrastructure. According to the UNHCR 2026 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP), an estimated **10.8 million people inside Ukraine require urgent humanitarian assistance and protection.**

The human cost remains staggering; while military casualties are strictly guarded, the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine (HRMMU) reported that **2025 was the deadliest year for civilians since the start of the war, with a 31% increase in casualties compared to 2024.** Furthermore, the World Bank reports that **poverty in Ukraine has stabilized at an elevated rate of 36.9%**, with inequality widening as households exhaust their remaining resources.

# FROM EMERGENCY

## Global Displacement: Statistics and Geographical Trends

The humanitarian landscape is defined by **two major axes: internal displacement and external refuge.** As of January 2026, Eurostat data confirms that **4.35 million Ukrainians are living under Temporary Protection status within the European Union.** Germany remains the primary host country, accommodating approximately 1.25 million beneficiaries, followed by Poland (969,000) and the Czech Republic (393,000). Per capita, the Czech Republic maintains the highest

concentration of refugees, with 36 per 1,000 residents. Internally, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) identifies **3.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) within Ukraine.** A significant concern for the 2026 period is the vulnerability of returnees; approximately **325,000 people who had returned to their homes now face a "secondary displacement" risk** due to the destruction of the energy grid and the lack of essential services during the winter months.

# TO INTEGRATION

### Long-term Challenges

As the **Temporary Protection Directive has been extended** by the European Council until March 2027, **the focus of communication and support has shifted from immediate survival to structured social inclusion.** While labor market integration has improved—with roughly 57% of refugees now in employment—significant gaps remain. Recent UNHCR analysis (January 2026) highlights that **Ukrainian refugees are still 22 percentage points behind host-country nationals in terms of employment quality and pay.** The crisis is now characterized by "protracted vulnerability": **40% of children are living in poverty, and gender-based violence reports have surged by 36% since 2022.** Our communication report focuses on this transition, highlighting how support projects are evolving to provide not just shelter, but psychological resilience, skill-matching, and legal pathways to stability.



## The JRS Response: The One Proposal Project

Against this backdrop of protracted vulnerability, **the humanitarian and protection needs of displaced Ukrainians remain as profound and urgent as ever.** Inside Ukraine, the intensified hostilities, frequent air alerts, and severe energy disruptions of 2025 caused ongoing trauma. **In 2025, experiencing one of the hardest winter in years, in Ukraine it was recalled that some people were found dead in their homes for the lacking of heating.**

Simultaneously, **neighboring host countries navigated a complex landscape** of shifting public sentiment, reduced state-sponsored financial support, and the progressive withdrawal of major international agencies.

In response to this evolving reality, the **Jesuit Refugee Service has remained steadfast, continuing to implement the "One Proposal"** project a coordinated

holistic, and multi-sectoral humanitarian framework spanning across Europe.

**This booklet** synthesizes the 2025 Annual Reports from Romania, Ukraine, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary. Together, their stories **illustrate the practical execution of the transition from emergency relief toward comprehensive, long-term integration**, while still maintaining critical lifelines for those most at risk.

In 2025, the total project budget amounted to **€1,456,691.96**, with the largest share - **€686,862.44 - dedicated to the highly needed "Promote & Integrate" axis.** This continued commitment brings JRS's total financial effort in supporting Ukrainian refugees to €11,696,184.67 since the conflict began in 2022.

Across these five nations, the collective impact of the One Proposal project in 2025 was substantial, providing vital assistance to **22,689 unique beneficiaries.**

The demographic composition of these individuals underscores the tragic nature of this displacement crisis. The vast majority of those assisted are women, children, and the elderly, many of whom have endured the trauma of multiple relocations. Throughout the year, **JRS prioritized populations facing heightened vulnerabilities**, including single-parent households, individuals with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities, unaccompanied minors, and marginalized groups such as Hungarian-Ukrainian dual citizens, displaced by the Transcarpathian region, who often find themselves falling through the cracks of state support systems.

**The One Proposal is structured around four guiding pillars. Together, they form a continuous pathway from survival to thriving:**

### To Welcome

Welcoming and protecting displaced families meant that basic assistance remained essential, particularly during the harsh winter months. JRS teams distributed hygiene kits, food vouchers, warm meals, and non-food items to thousands facing severe hardship.

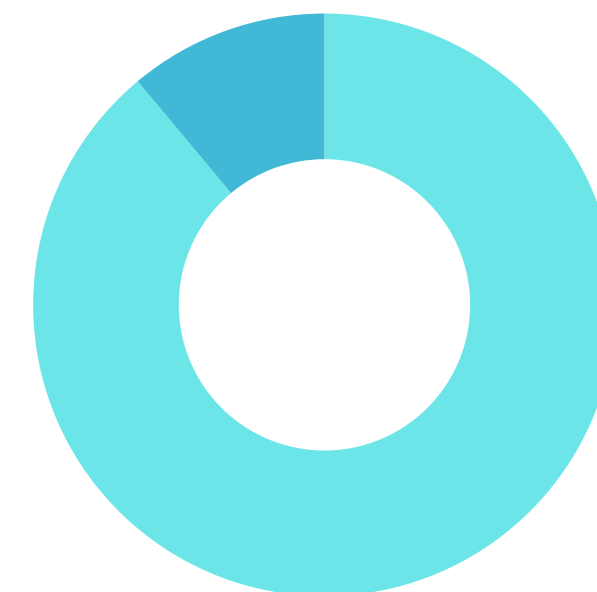
In Ukraine, amid repeated blackouts, power banks and power stations distributed to shelters became literal lifelines. Housing subsidies and long-term shelter support in Lviv and across the network prevented homelessness and stabilized uprooted families.

### To Protect

Protection also meant addressing invisible wounds. Mental Health and Psychosocial Support became a cornerstone of the response, with individual counseling, group therapy, and specialized care for children processing war trauma in safe spaces and bomb shelters.

Legal assistance ensured that refugees could navigate evolving national legislation, including systems such as the CUKR residence card in Poland, securing access to healthcare and maintaining their temporary protection status.

**2025 Expenses**  
**€1,456,691**



**Total Expenses**  
**€11,696,184**

### To Promote and Integrate

True refuge requires more than safety. It requires the restoration of dignity and independence. Because language remains the greatest barrier to social inclusion and employment, JRS organized extensive language courses in Romanian, Slovak, Polish, Hungarian, and English. Educational continuity for children was safeguarded through school accompaniment, online remedial sessions, and kindergarten programs. Livelihood initiatives expanded to foster self-reliance, including projects such as the sewing training club in Hungary supporting women's access to the labor market.

### Institutional Strengthening

Integration was further nurtured through community building. Cultural excursions, youth clubs, art exhibitions, and intercultural celebrations created shared spaces for dialogue and mutual respect. Events such as the celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day in Slovakia brought displaced Ukrainians and host communities together, reinforcing sustainable models of long-term inclusion.



**822,948**

Total activities delivered



**22,689**

2025 Unique Beneficiaries

### Ukraine

Operating in a highly volatile context, JRS Ukraine reached **12,120 beneficiaries**, providing crucial emergency aid and widespread psychosocial support directly to those enduring the immediate horrors of the conflict.

#### L'Arche-Kovcheh

The L'Arche-Kovcheh project supported **24 beneficiaries**, providing long-term shelter and medical access to 8 individuals with special needs, while offering short-term accommodation to 16 people transiting through Lviv.

### Hungary

Reaching **1,030 individuals**, JRS Hungary skillfully addressed complex legal gray areas for dual nationals and provided consistent support to unaccompanied minors at residential homes, balancing psychosocial care with innovative livelihood training.

### Poland

JRS Poland supported **1,712 beneficiaries** by adapting swiftly to funding constraints and shifting regulations. They successfully delivered intensive Polish language training to over 500 refugees and prioritized youth clubs and city tours to anchor families in their new communities.

### Romania

JRS Romania assisted **6,913 individuals**, stepping in to fill urgent gaps left by reduced state support while excelling in educational programming that engaged thousands of children and adults in language and life-skills classes.

### Slovakia

2025 was a landmark year marked by the consolidation of the OPORA Integration Centre. Serving **890 individuals**, the Family Help Center (FHC) leveraged a dedicated in-house Ukrainian lawyer, robust volunteer networks, and large-scale community events to cement a sustainable model of long-term inclusion.

In 2025, JRS Ukraine provided **holistic support to internally displaced persons and vulnerable community members** in Lviv and surrounding areas. The focus was on **meeting urgent needs, protecting the most vulnerable, strengthening psychosocial well being, and fostering social integration.**

**Women with children, elderly people, people with special needs, and individuals living with chronic illness or trauma were prioritised.** Activities included emergency aid, shelter, psychosocial support, education, integration initiatives, legal aid, and advocacy.

A key development this year was the **extension of psychosocial activities beyond the shelter, reaching children in schools and open communal spaces** to ensure wider and more inclusive access.

### Looking Ahead

*In 2026, the Education Centre for adolescents will be further strengthened, alongside new round tables and community events to foster dialogue, belonging, and resilience. New partnerships will support outreach to the most vulnerable and ensure context sensitive and impactful programming.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

**More than 1,600 internally displaced persons and host community members engaged in sports competitions, cultural events, and educational workshops promoting dialogue and social cohesion.**



**12,120**

**unique beneficiaries**

**3,000**

**individuals received psychosocial support**

**1,200**

**non food item packages distributed**

**1,600**

**engaged in integration and peacebuilding**

## Challenges &...

In 2025, the ongoing war created **constant safety and security unpredictability**. Frequent air raids, shifting frontlines, and repeated displacement made **planning and service delivery extremely difficult**. At the same time, changing needs and heightened vulnerabilities **further strained available resources**.

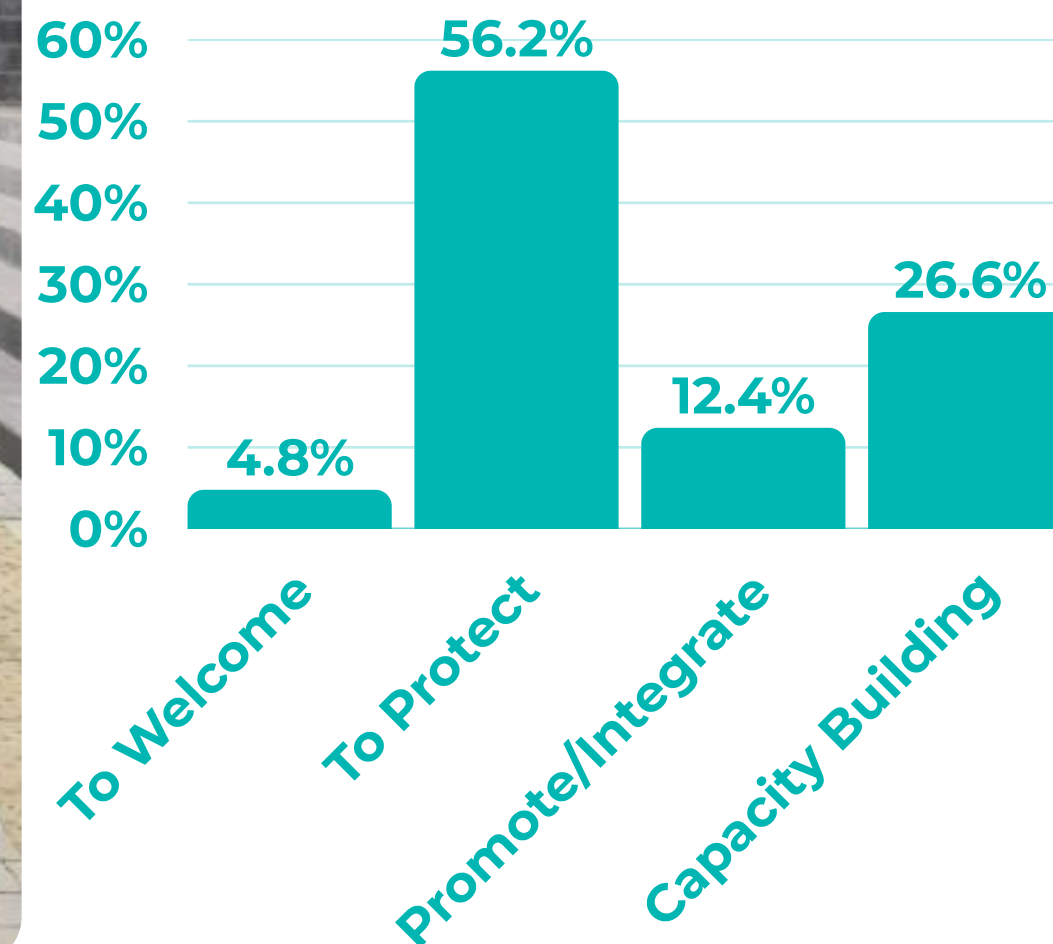
## ...response

JRS Ukraine responded with **flexibility, relocating activities when necessary and prioritising support for the most vulnerable**. Strong coordination with local partners ensured timely referrals and complementary assistance. The experience confirmed that **human centred support, strong partnerships, and ethical service delivery are essential in volatile contexts**.



## Financial transparency

Total Expenses  
**217.126**  
€  
"for the 2025"



BENEFICIARY VOICE

After leaving Kherson in January 2023, Olena found shelter and support through JRS in Lviv. **The shelter provided** housing, food, hygiene items, and psychological **support during a very difficult period.**

Shortly after her displacement, she faced severe health complications. She was

hospitalized with kidney problems and pneumonia, and soon after suffered a stroke. During this time, **JRS continued to accompany her.**

After leaving the hospital, being invited back to the shelter helped her follow medical advice to walk regularly and slowly regain strength.

She cares for flowers, sews, and participates in activities that give structure and meaning to her days. While she has built connections in Lviv, **her deepest wish remains to return home to Kherson when it is safe.**

– *Olena 68*  
*Kherson, Ukraine*



**THE SHELTER GAVE US SAFETY AND STABILITY. SINCE THEN, I HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES THERE.**



**WE ARE UNITED BY SOMETHING COMMON – WE ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO SEEK SAFETY, STABILITY, AND UNDERSTANDING.**



Since June 2023, Ivan has supported the One Proposal project through logistics, procurement, and transportation. In his daily work, **he encounters families facing displacement, housing insecurity, and psycho emotional distress.**

He recalls assisting a mother of three who stayed in the shelter and later transitioned to

independent housing with continued support.

**Over time, he has seen beneficiaries become calmer, more open, and more hopeful** as stability gradually returns. Despite limited resources and the emotional toll of ongoing war, Ivan emphasizes that **the program’s greatest achievement has been ensuring stable and**

**continuous support.**

For him, the essence of the project lies in **recognizing the dignity of every person** and accompanying them not only to survive, but to rebuild a meaningful life.

– *Ivan Dovhan*  
*Logistician, JRS Ukraine*

STAFF VOICE

The **L'Arche-Kovchek project** in Ukraine provides **crucial accommodation and basic needs assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** fleeing the ongoing war. Operating throughout 2025, the initiative specifically **focuses on vulnerable families who have members with psychological or physical disorders**, utilizing its barrier-free facility in Lviv.

Despite the fourth year of the full-scale conflict bringing frequent power outages and increased attacks on critical infrastructure, **the project successfully maintained a safe haven for those in need.** The core mission is to alleviate the financial and emotional burdens on these families by offering free shelter and food, allowing them to focus on necessary medical treatments.

Throughout the reporting period, the project served a total of **24 unique beneficiaries.** This included providing long-term shelter to three families from the occupied territories of Donbas and Kharkiv, each caring for a family member with special needs. Additionally, short-term shelter was provided to 16 individuals passing through Lviv. **Beyond housing, the project actively assisted with the medical transport of injured and immobile IDPs to local hospitals and helped three individuals secure employment.** Ultimately, the L'Arche-Kovchek project met its core objectives by fostering a **supportive community to help displaced individuals cope with the stress of separation and the loss of their homes.**

## BENEFICIARY VOICE

At L'Arche House in Lviv, Mrs. Olena found more than shelter. She found a community. People who had lost their homes, survived bombings, and fled with almost nothing began building a shared life together.

Life in the house quickly became structured around small daily rituals. On Sundays, everyone gathered for borsch prepared by Mrs. Lyuba. Evenings were spent sharing coffee, discussing news, remembering loved ones, and making plans for the future. During air raid alerts, residents stayed together in the living

room, supporting one another. Each person contributed to the life of the house. Residents cleaned together, carried out small repairs, and supported those with disabilities or injuries. Volunteers and staff from L'Arche and JRS helped create a space where people facing profound loss could find stability and dignity again.

For Mrs. Olena, what matters most is not only the roof over their heads, but the sense of belonging that has made life brighter despite uncertainty.



**“ RUNNING AWAY FROM WAR, WE DID NOT JUST FIND FRIENDS. WE BECAME ONE FAMILY.”**

In 2025, JRS Hungary **strengthened its holistic support model** by expanding livelihood activities alongside social assistance, education, and mental health support. **A key priority was the development of labour market integration** through sewing training, in which **participants learned practical skills and produced household items.**

Educational and psychosocial support remained central, including **twice weekly Hungarian as a Foreign Language classes, creative workshops** for children and families, and **developmental interventions** for children with special needs.

**Community life was reinforced** through the celebration of JRS Hungary's tenth anniversary and a Christmas event attended by more than 130 refugees, where **winter support packages were distributed.**

### Looking Ahead

JRS Hungary will strengthen livelihood activities and access to professional training, alongside skills based initiatives that enhance employability and autonomy.

The long term goal remains sustainable integration by reducing anxiety and equipping beneficiaries with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate Hungarian society with confidence.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**A total of 167 psychosocial support group sessions and community events, such as spiritual workshops, music therapy, community baking, workshops, were organized, reaching 423 beneficiaries.**

**1,030**

**unique beneficiaries**

**256**

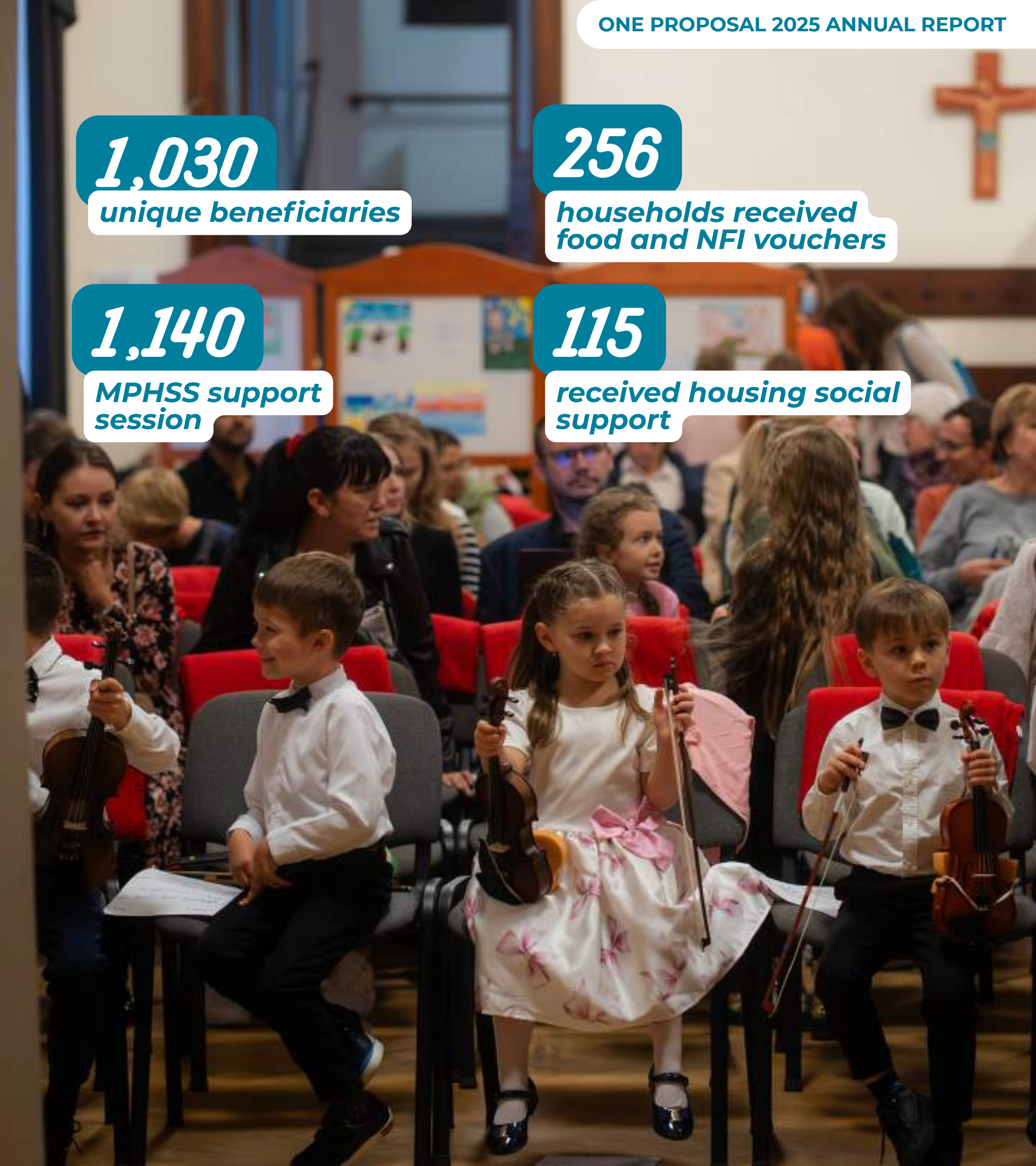
**households received food and NFI vouchers**

**1,140**

**MPHSS support session**

**115**

**received housing social support**



## Challenges &...

In 2025, JRS Hungary faced the **challenge of balancing the introduction of new livelihood elements with growing demand for social assistance** among the most vulnerable refugee households. **Funding shifts and resource reallocations increased pressure**, while housing support, healthcare access, and financial counselling needs continued to rise.

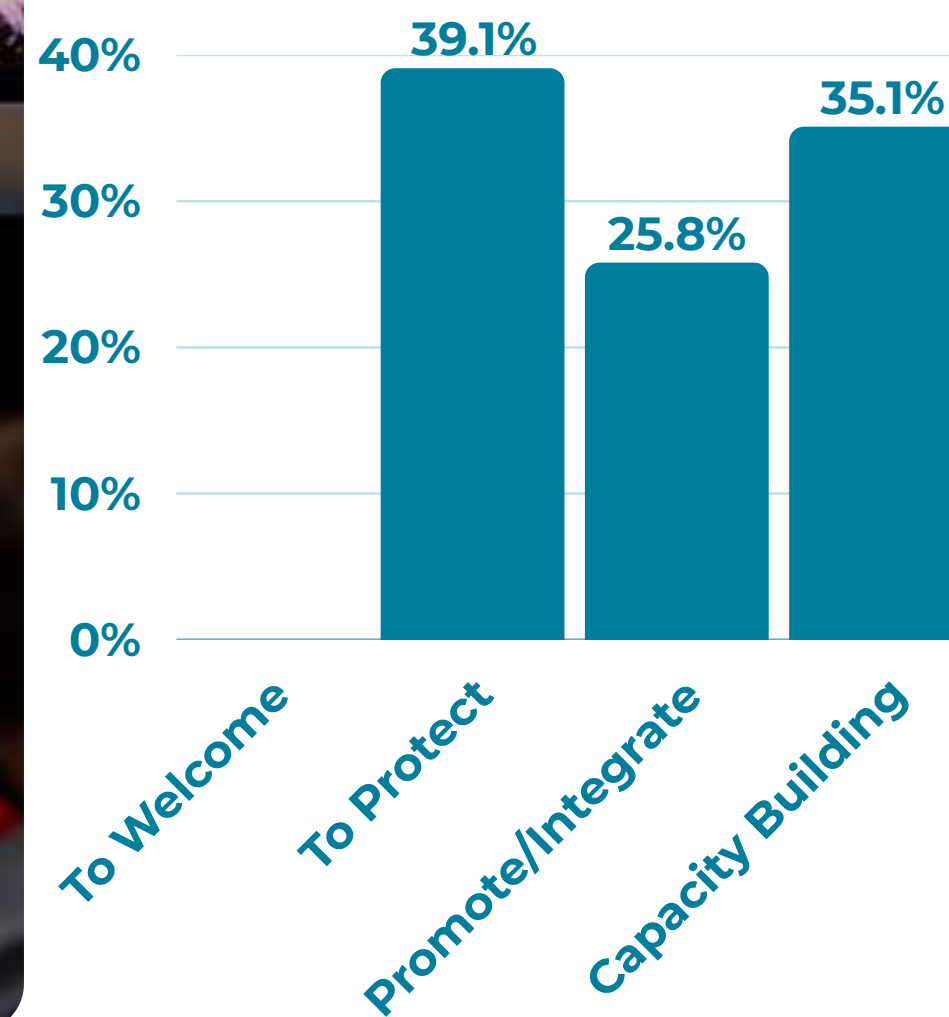
## ...response

The team **strengthened coordination across social work, education, and mental health to respond more effectively to complex needs**. Urgent cases were prioritised and referral pathways clarified. **Expanding livelihood and community activities reduced pressure on individual casework and reinforced the importance of flexible teamwork and trust based support.**



## Financial transparency

**Total Expenses**  
**88.854**  
 €  
 "for the 2025"



BENEFICIARY VOICE

After being forced to leave Ukraine, Iryna\* had to rebuild her life in Hungary. Beyond the immediate practical challenges, **she needed and confidence, connection.**

Through **Hungarian language classes and community activities** organised by JRS Hungary,

**she gradually regained stability.** Participating in programmes **helped her feel listened to and respected**, while meeting others in similar situations reduced her sense of isolation.

For Iryna, **the most meaningful change** was not only receiving assistance,

but **becoming part of a supportive community.** Step by step, **she rebuilt confidence, strengthened her independence, and began to look to the future** with renewed hope.

– I. 41  
Sumy, Ukraine



HERE I FOUND NOT ONLY HELP, BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

*\*Name changed to protect the privacy of the beneficiary.*



THIS WORK IS NEVER ABOUT NUMBERS, INDICATORS, OR BUDGET LINES, BUT ABOUT HUMAN DESTINIES.



Since March 2022, Emőke has coordinated projects supporting refugees from Ukraine.

Drawing from her own **experience of rebuilding life across borders, she accompanies families facing uncertainty and complex needs.**

As national coordinator

of the One Proposal project, **she oversaw the expansion and reorganisation of the team amid fluctuating funding and growing demand.**

She describes **community programmes as small islands of safety where people can process loss and restore relationships.**

Despite the emotional weight of the work, **moments of progress and renewed confidence among beneficiaries give meaning to her daily efforts.** For her, accompaniment is rooted in **care, dignity, and solidarity.**

– **Takács Emőke**  
Project Coordinator, JRS Hungary

STAFF VOICE

In 2025, JRS Poland accompanied refugees in Warsaw and Nowy Sącz, **combining education, integration, psychosocial support, emergency assistance, and legal aid.** The work followed the Ignatian approach to accompany, serve, and advocate, **offering highly personalised and multi sectoral support.**

**Polish language education remained central,** with three semesters delivered across multiple locations. **Integration activities fostered community belonging** through cultural events, regular city tours, and intercultural meetings.

Despite the closure of the Gdynia office due to reduced funding, services continued in remaining locations, ensuring **continuity of long term psychological and educational support alongside immediate assistance.**

### Looking Ahead

*In 2026, JRS Poland will support refugees in navigating the new legal landscape, including assistance with the CUKR card system, while continuing Polish language education and integration activities.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

**JRS Poland organised 10 monthly city tours around Warsaw in 2025, gathering a stable group of around 30 participants each time to explore Polish culture and history.**



**1,712**

**unique beneficiaries**

**526**

**completed Polish language courses**

**49**

**refugee supported with long-term shelter**

**622**

**participated in integration programmes**

## Challenges &...

In 2025, **reduced donor funding led to the closure of the Gdynia office.** At the same time, **new legal regulations**, including the CUKR card system, **created uncertainty around healthcare access, social benefits, housing, and child support.**

Growing **public polarization** further affected the integration environment.

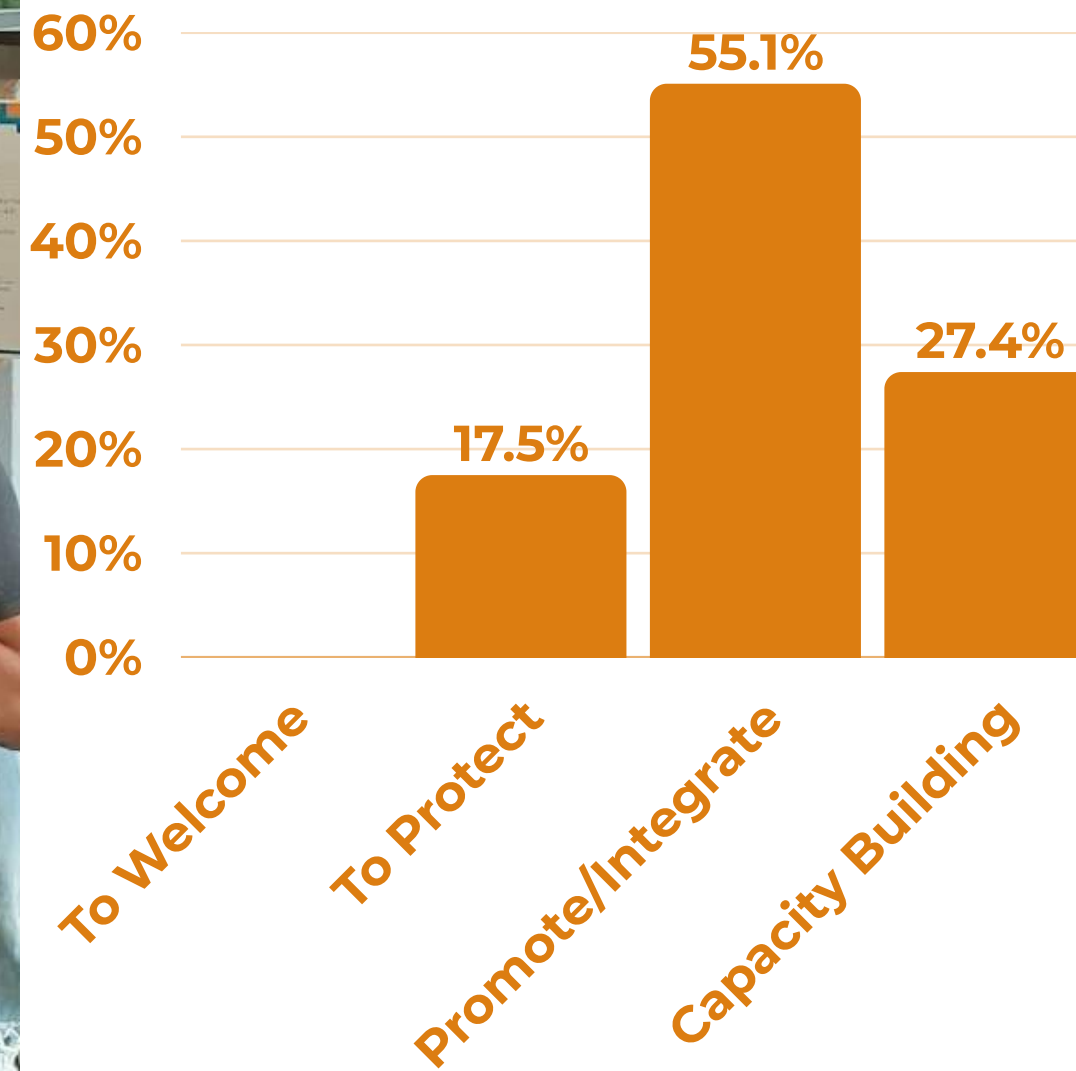
## ...response

Services continued in Warsaw and Nowy Sącz, with **strengthened legal support and clear guidance on regulatory changes.** The team adapted to evolving needs while maintaining education, psychotherapy, emergency assistance, and integration activities. The experience reinforced the **importance of flexibility and sustained psychosocial and cultural support to foster lasting integration.**



## Financial transparency

Total Expenses  
**369.336**  
 €  
 "for the 2025"



BENEFICIARY VOICE

Anhelina lives in Warsaw with her husband. A psychologist by profession, she is currently involved in volunteer work while rebuilding her life in Poland.

After arriving, the **most difficult challenge was finding housing and maintaining close ties** with her family.

Through other Ukrainians, she learned about JRS and enrolled in intensive Polish language courses. The five-month programme gave her more than grammar skills. It allowed her to become independent in daily life and **gradually feel part of Polish society.** The trust she experienced encouraged her to propose

her own volunteer initiative, **“Space for Peace,”** offering psychological support to other Ukrainian migrants.

Today, Anhelina continues learning, volunteering, and planning to establish her own organization.

– **Anhelina, 48**  
*Kharkiv, Ukraine*



**INTEGRATION MEANS NOT FORGETTING THE PAST, BUT BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH HOPE.**



**SOMETIMES PEOPLE ONLY NEED ENCOURAGEMENT AND REASSURANCE THAT SOMETHING IS POSSIBLE.**



For over two years, Katya has supported Ukrainians in Warsaw through language courses, social assistance, and integration events. As a Ukrainian herself, **she understands how difficult it can be to rebuild life in a new country.**

One of the biggest challenges she encounters is supporting middle-aged and elderly people who

struggle with language barriers and exclusion from the labor market. **Many arrive with strong professional experience but lack the linguistic tools to realize their potential.**

For Katya, **the greatest achievement of the project is fostering integration** rooted in dignity, solidarity, and mutual support. Working at JRS has

deepened her understanding of both the strengths and vulnerabilities within the Ukrainian community. Despite ongoing uncertainty, she believes that **steady accompaniment and discreet support help people** regain confidence and build a future in Poland.

– **Katya**  
*Project Officer and Social Worker, JRS Poland in Warsaw*

STAFF VOICE



In 2025, JRS Romania provided comprehensive support across multiple cities, prioritising educational **inclusion, emergency assistance, healthcare access, and integration pathways.**

The project served **7,053 unique individuals**, including **6,440 Ukrainians**, host-community members, and third-country nationals. Activities ranged **from emergency aid and shelter to psychosocial support, vocational training, and advocacy.**

Special attention was given to **elderly people, unaccompanied minors, people with disabilities, and single-parent families.**

Through strong coordination with national authorities, international agencies, and local partners, **JRS Romania addressed both urgent protection gaps and long-term integration needs.**

### Looking Ahead

*Recognizing that access to stable housing and economic inclusion are currently among the most critical needs, JRS Romania is implementing the "SMART UA" project. This complementary, EU-supported action under the ESF+ program is specifically designed to tackle these two vital issues head-on.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

**2,532 children, 36% of all beneficiaries, received support through education, life-skills programmes, kindergarten, afterschool, and psychosocial services.**

**6,913**

**unique beneficiaries**

**29,961**

**in-person attendances**

**1,677**

**individuals received psychosocial support**

**2,659**

**beneficiaries supported through education**



## Challenges &...

The assistance environment deteriorated significantly in 2025, with **major agencies reducing or closing programmes while needs remained high**. State financial support and UNHCR cash assistance were discontinued, increasing pressure on vulnerable families. **Donor fatigue and reduced funding further constrained available resources.**

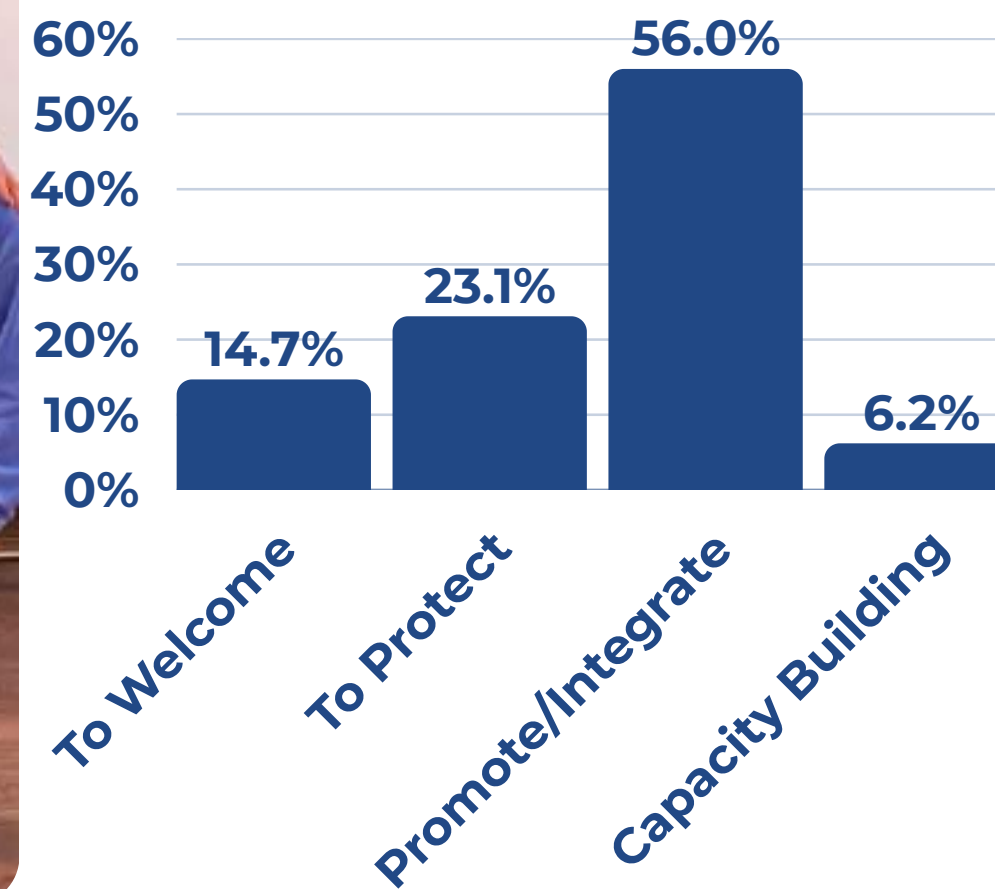
## ...response

JRS Romania maintained a **holistic response**, bridging services across different funding streams **to prevent gaps in assistance**. A key lesson was the **importance of flexible funding** to avoid rigid eligibility criteria excluding vulnerable people. **Diversifying funding sources and strengthening advocacy emerged as strategic priorities.**



## Financial transparency

Total Expenses  
**731.121**  
 €  
 "for the 2025"



BENEFICIARY VOICE

After leaving Ukraine, Kateryna’s main concern became finding proper support for her son Tymofii, who received his first autism diagnosis during displacement.

**JRS Romania provided structured therapy** with Ukrainian-speaking psychologists and speech

therapists. Even if the first sessions were difficult, Kateryna continued, trusting that consistency was essential.

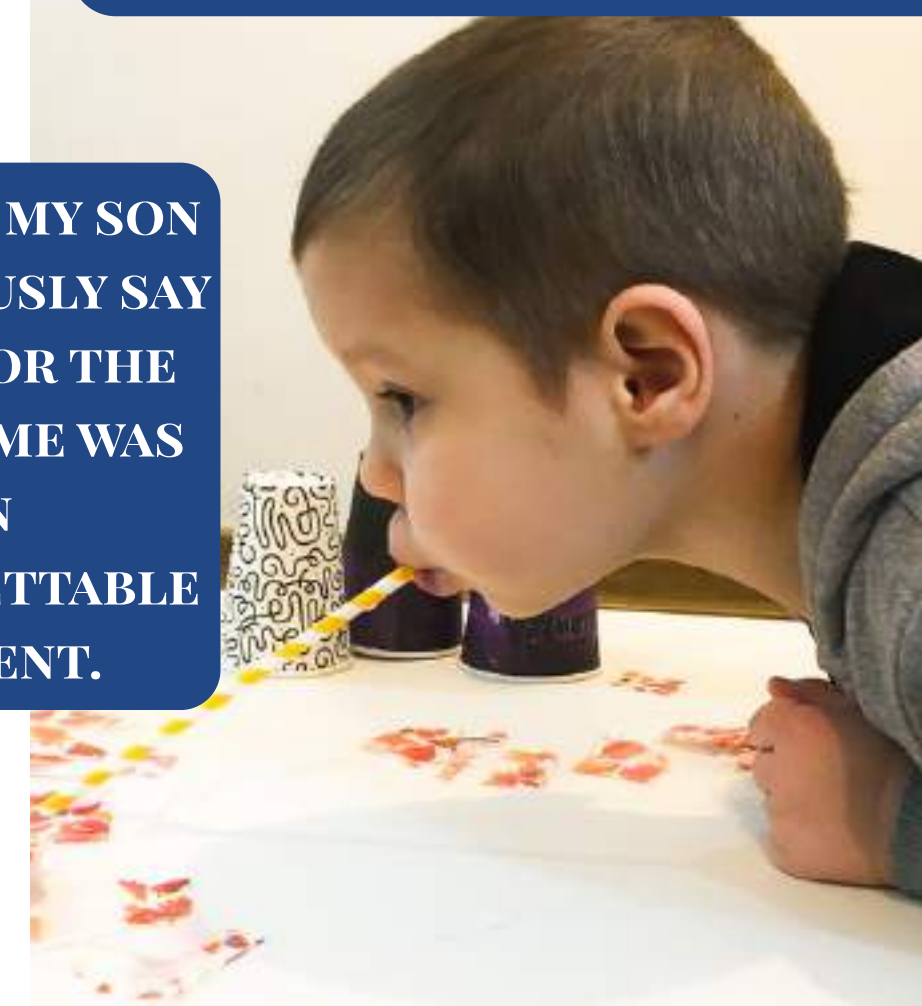
Gradually, with steady professional support, Tymofii improved his daily communication. After months of medical evaluations and

documentation, **he received official disability status in Romania.**

**Financial benefits help the family survive,** she explains, but therapy offers her child a real opportunity for growth and inclusion.

– **Kateryna & Tymofii**  
*Odesa, Ukraine*

“**HEARING MY SON CONSCIOUSLY SAY ‘MOM’ FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT.**”



**THIS TRANSITION FROM SURVIVAL TO INTEGRATION IS ONE OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL CHANGES WE OBSERVE.**”

Since 2022, Olena has accompanied displaced Ukrainians navigating housing instability, employment challenges, legal uncertainty, and emotional fatigue. Over time, she has seen a gradual shift in the questions beneficiaries ask.

**At the beginning, families sought emergency accommodation and urgent financial** 18

**assistance.** Months later, many began asking about Romanian language courses, diploma recognition, and school opportunities for their children.

For Olena, **the greatest achievement of the project has been creating a stable bridge between displaced families and Romanian society.**

Beyond material aid, the

work has strengthened dignity, agency, and long-term integration pathways. Seeing former beneficiaries become volunteers, employees, or community leaders confirms that **structured support can transform crisis into opportunity.**

– **Olena Zinkevych**  
*Ukrainian team coordinator, JRS Romania in Bucharest*

STAFF VOICE

In 2025, the One Proposal project in Trnava focused on **strengthening the integration of Ukrainian refugees through language education, volunteer engagement, and individual accompaniment.** Particular attention was given to women with school age children and elderly women at risk of social isolation.

**Slovak language courses remained central,** especially for women seeking workplace and daily communication skills.

The project also reinforced **institutional partnerships,** including cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Slovakia

and local cultural institutions, while **expanding activities within the Integration Centre OPORA** to ensure continuity and sustainability of support.

**Looking Ahead**  
*New initiatives include participation of Ukrainian women in a fashion showcase at the Women’s Conference, continued cooperation with the Ukrainian Embassy, engagement in the City’s Strategy for Foreigners, and the launch of “Studio of the Soul” with the City of Trnava, offering art therapy and creative activities as a safe space for connection.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**59 high school volunteers are actively engaged in the project, providing regular tutoring support to 57 Ukrainian children and fostering meaningful connections between Slovak and Ukrainian youth.**



**890**  
unique beneficiaries

**59**  
high school student volunteers engaged

**340**  
received personal legal assistance

**333**  
supported through the eco-wardrobe

## Challenges &...

One of the main challenges in 2025 was delivering activities during **infrastructure reconstruction works**, including urgent sewerage repairs, under improvised and adverse conditions. At the same time, **increased administrative demands linked to ESF funded** activities placed additional pressure on staff capacity.

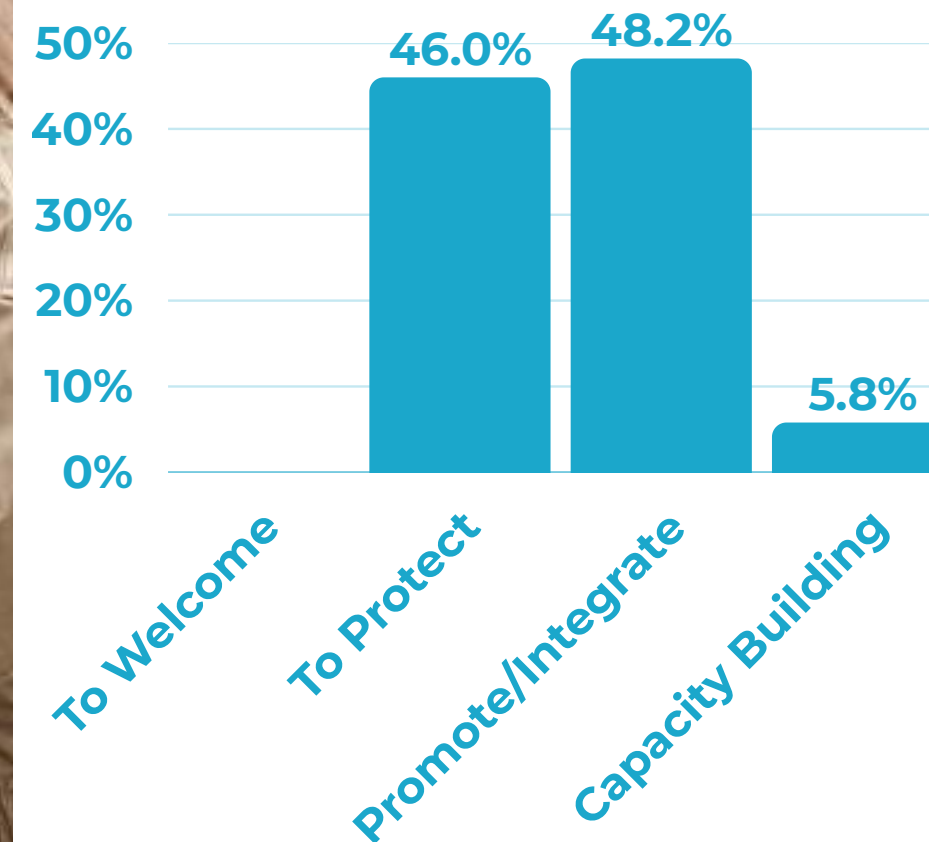
## ...response

The team maintained service continuity through **flexibility, strong internal cohesion, and solidarity with beneficiaries**. Despite operational constraints, activities continued and infrastructure improvements resulted in **higher hygiene standards, a new kitchenette, and improved working conditions**. The experience reinforced the **importance of investing in infrastructure** as part of quality and sustainable service delivery.



## Financial transparency

Total Expenses  
**50.252**  
 €  
 "for the 2025"



For seven months, **Liudmyla lived under occupation without a pension.** Her journey to safety led through Russia and several other countries before **she reached Slovakia in August 2022.**

Today, **at 81,** she remains active and engaged. **She attends Slovak and English language courses,**

**communication clubs, and occupational therapy activities** at the Family Help Centre in Trnava. Reading, visiting libraries, and participating in community life give rhythm to her days.

Although **she still dreams of returning home, the moral and psychosocial support she received helped her** navigate a new

environment with greater confidence. For Liudmyla, **JRS represents safety, acceptance, and dignity,** a place where she feels seen and respected.

– *Liudmyla Pohorelova, 81*  
*Kupjansk, Kharkiv Region, Ukraine*



I REALIZED THAT SOMEONE HERE KNOWS ME, THAT I AM NOT INVISIBLE. I FELT THAT I WAS NO LONGER ALONE HERE.



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE CAN BE PRESENT WITH PEOPLE, PROVIDE THEM WITH CONCRETE HELP, AND CREATE A SAFE SPACE.



As a social worker and coordinator of the Eco Social Wardrobe, **Silvia accompanies displaced families through practical assistance, counselling, and integration support.**

Many arrive with uncertainty, fear, and complex administrative challenges.

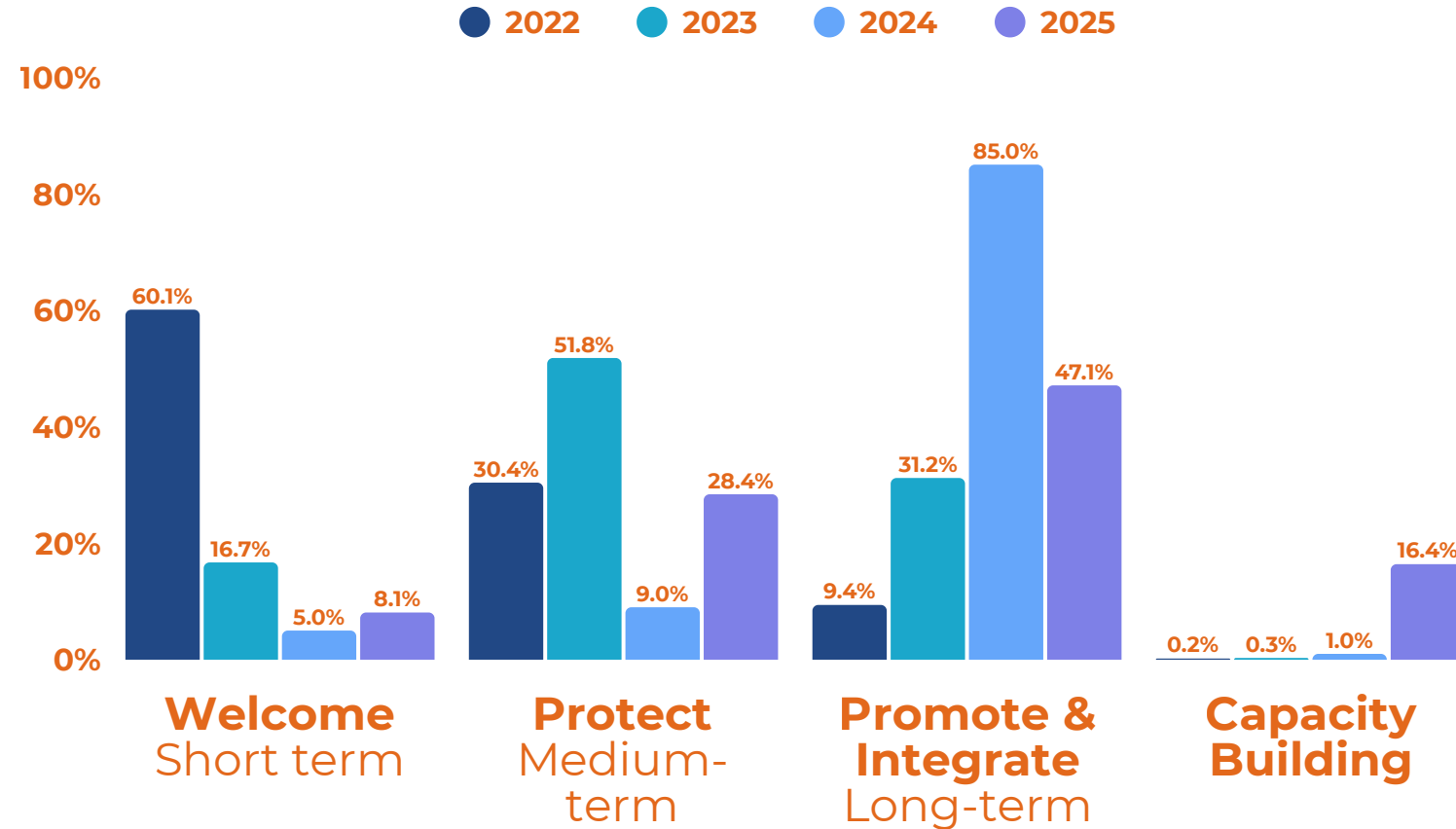
Over time, **she sees people grow in confidence, build new friendships, and regain a sense of inner balance.**

Through systematic and professional support, **the project has ensured continuity and quality in responding to the needs of Ukrainian refugees.**

For Silvia, **the most meaningful change is witnessing clients integrate,** become independent, and manage everyday life with renewed strength.

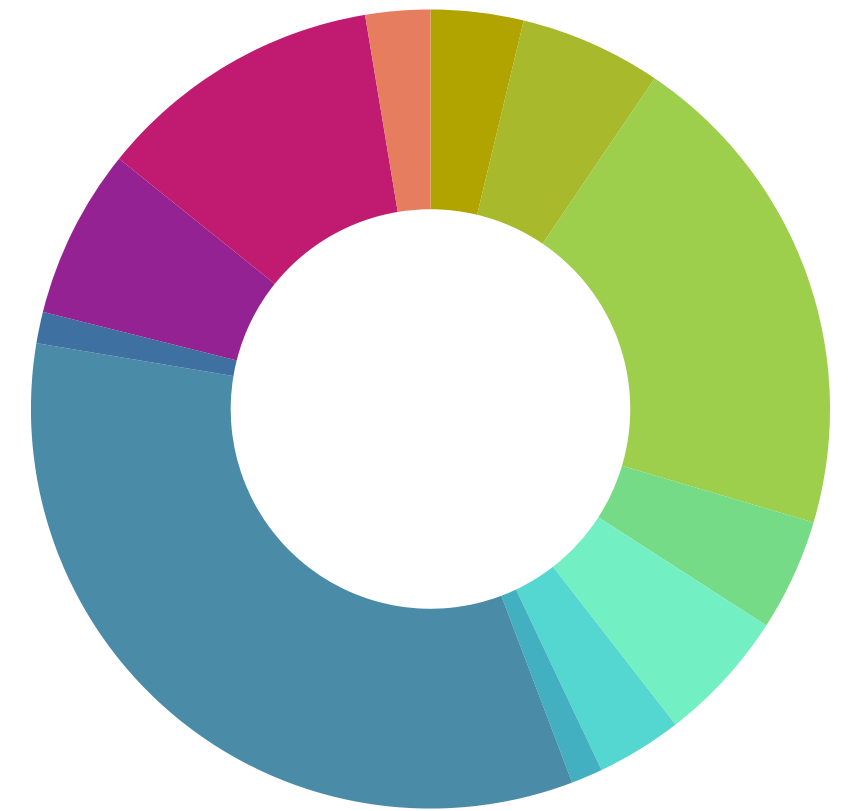
– *Silvia Hlušková*  
*Social worker and coordinator of the Eco Social Wardrobe Family Help Centre, Trnava*

# Activities overview



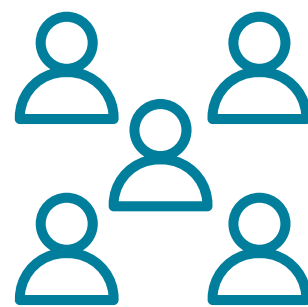
# Financial overview

- 47,2% Education
- 16,4% Capacity building
- 9,7% Integration
- 7,6% MHPSS
- 6,4% Non-food items
- 28,4% Long-Term Shelter
- 4,9% Health
- 3,7% Advocacy / Awareness
- 8,1% Short-Term Shelter
- 5,3% Emergency aid
- 1,8% Livelihood
- 1,8% Legal Assistance



**€11.6m**

Total Expenses



**150,405**

Total Unique Beneficiaries



**822,948**

Total activities delivered

A special thank you goes to our partners, donors, staff, and volunteers. Your support provides the foundation that allows JRS and the Xavier Network to translate solidarity into tangible results. Together, we do more than provide material relief in Ukraine: we are restoring autonomy, dignity, and practical tools to thousands of people forced to leave their homes. Thank you for being the driving force behind our shared achievements.



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