



2025 REPORT



ABOUT US



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Key Locations: U.S. office, Anchorage, Alaska; Ukrainian headquarters in Kharkiv; operational hubs in Warsaw in Poland, and Kyiv and Vinnytsia in Ukraine

Donors: from more than 22 countries around the world

WHAT MAKES ASSIST UKRAINE SPECIAL

PROFESSIONALISM, SPEED, LACK OF BUREAUCRACY

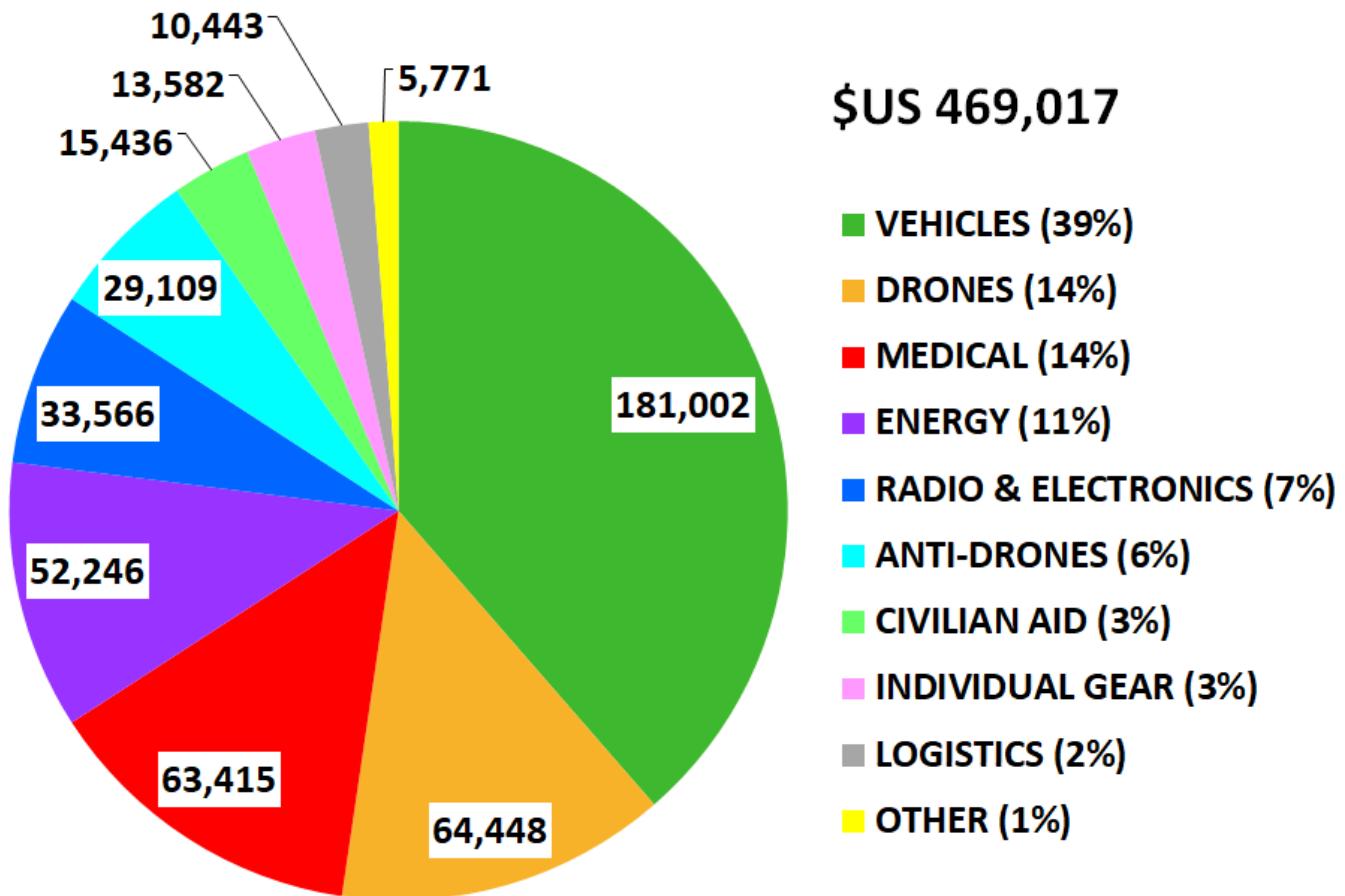
As conditions in the field change, we are constantly learning and adjusting. We listen to frontline defenders and respond to their needs. We research and source the most reliable, cost-effective equipment and supplies, stocking critical items to be able to dispatch them within hours of a request.

We operate out of Kharkiv, 19 miles from the Russian border; and coordinate with other NGOs, which makes us more effective. Our aid is direct, going directly from our hands to those who need it. Founders cover all overhead.

We have provided more than **\$2,750,000** (USD) in lifesaving aid to thousands of defenders in more than 70 units, to more than a thousand orphaned children, and to innumerable civilians in need.

Distinguished British military historian Patrick Bishop has cited Assist Ukraine for, “*its straightforward and heartfelt approach to delivering aid: It’s small, but it’s effective and it’s heartfelt — the best kind of charity.*”

FUNDS SPENT IN 2025



SUMMARY OF AID DELIVERED, 2025



20 vehicles: jeeps, vans, pick-up trucks, buses, a motorcycle, and an ambulance; spare parts, new tires, mechanical repairs, and retrofitting of cars for rescue missions

16 drones and 12 thermal vision drones, DJI Mavic 3 and Matrice series

41 generators, 1-6 kW

32 Starlink internet modems, some as customized automobile versions

42 high-capacity power stations (up to 2.4 kWh) **and 151 power banks** (up to 0.5 kWh)

9 Motorola radio stations

7 night vision monoculars: 2 professional and 5 amateur

17 tablets, laptops, and desktops

3 GoPro cameras for plane pilots—Shahed drone hunters

1 remotely controlled super-zoom camera for high-tech reconnaissance

80 batteries for drones and radio stations

10 radio-electronic drone jammers and 5 drone detectors

2 anti-Shahed planes with thermal cameras (made in Ukraine)

Anti-drone nets, 4,500 sq m (i.e. 48,000 sq ft), to protect positions and trenches

Metal sheets and frames for building safety anti-drone cages over vehicles

50 anti-drone ponchos that mask soldiers' heat signatures

Hundreds of thermal clothes, hand & food warmers and sleeping bags

Individual protection: helmets, sapper protection set, armored vests and plates

Other aid: cables, antennas, equipment for Starlink and drone systems, tools, and construction materials for building trench shelters

Tactical medicine: 1500 CAT-7 and 300 Dnipro tourniquets, 800 chest seals, 300 emergency trauma dressings, 40 active thermal blankets, evacuation stretchers, hemostatic bandages, drugs and other critical first-aid

Civilian aid: shelter renovation for displaced elderly who lost their homes and (through Ukrainian organizations) assistance to orphaned children

Logistical assistance: distribution of humanitarian aid supplied by other international charities, including the delivery of vehicles and many tons of anti-drone nets, food, clothes, hygiene items and medical equipment

VEHICLES (39%)



- ✓ 20 vehicles: jeeps, vans, pick-up trucks, buses, a motorcycle, and an ambulance; as well as spare parts, new tires, mechanical repairs, and retrofitting of cars for rescue missions

In 2025, fiber-optic drones, which are not vulnerable to electronic jamming, were introduced to the front. This new technology, used by both Russians and Ukrainians, led to an increase in casualties and tremendous losses of vehicles. Reliable vehicles are crucial both for success on the battlefield and to evacuate the wounded.



In keeping with government resolution #1235, Assist Ukraine provides vehicles to trusted defenders engaged in logistics, medical evacuations, and anti-drone operations.



DRONES (14%)



- ✓ 16 drones (DJI Mavic 3 and 3 PRO models), and 12 thermal drones (DJI Mavic 3T and DJI Matrice 4T models)

In this war, drones control the front line. Some are precise weapons. Others, including the kinds Assist Ukraine provides, are saving thousands of human lives by providing reconnaissance, medical evacuations, delivery of food and water to defenders (who often cannot leave their positions for weeks at a time) and dropping medical supplies and instructions for self-aid to the wounded when timely evacuation is not possible.

The thermal vision drones provided by Assist Ukraine are particularly for night-time rescues and in winter, when it's cold and dark most of the day.



MEDICAL AID (14%)



500 CAT-7 and 300 Dnipro (Ukrainian-made) tourniquets, 800 chest seals, 300 emergency trauma dressings, 40 thermal blankets, as well as evacuation stretchers, hemostatic bandages, drugs, and other critical aid for combat medics

The quality of tactical medical equipment and supplies on the battlefield is critical. When poorly made tourniquets fail, people die from the loss of blood. If cheap chest seals fail to stop air from entering the chest cavity, a lung can collapse. When poor-quality, hemostatic bandages don't stop the bleeding, someone dies.

Assist Ukraine provides only internationally-approved and proven tactical medical supplies. Since 2022, Oleksandra Gulla, our medical partner and founder of *Medicine For Ukraine*, has been studying tactical medicine, staying in close touch with hundreds of combat medics, and carefully choosing the most reliable manufacturers.

The decrease in our medical expenses in 2025 compared to 2024 is due to a relative improvement in tactical medicine supplied by the official army channels. Nonetheless, military bureaucracy continues to be extremely slow. Assist Ukraine stands behind our combat medics ready to quickly re-supply them in case of emergency.



ENERGY (11%)



Under "ENERGY" we mean devices that provide electric power or heat to defenders

- ✓ **41 generators, 1-6 kW; 42 high-capacity power stations , up to 2.4 kWh; 151 power banks, up to 0.5 kWh; 13 diesel and gas heaters**

In a 21st century war servicemen and civilians simply cannot survive without electricity. Assist Ukraine provides generators in remote areas near the battlefield where there are no power lines. Power stations provide defenders with electricity when a silent mode is a must. Smaller power banks are lighter and more portable options that keep crucial devices like radios and phones charged.

For drone crews and medical evacuation teams, Assist Ukraine provides inverter generators, which produce cleaner, more stable power through an electronic process (AC to DC and back to AC), making them safe for sensitive electronics. They are significantly quieter and have better fuel efficiency.



High-capacity power stations substitute for generators in the places where silence is a must. For a number of hours, a power station can provide electricity for a very power-demanding drone jammer, or run a Starlink internet modem and charge smaller electronics. Assist Ukraine purchases power stations from a Kharkiv manufacturer (<https://mpb.kh.ua>), which produces solid and simple models and provides a free service.

Power banks are smaller portable charging devices that usually fit in a backpack pocket. Assist Ukraine buys a variety of models of different capacity and voltage. Some are used only for phones and radios, while others can charge laptops, and even run a Starlink for 5 hours if connected via a 220V inverter.

Diesel and gas heaters: Diesel heaters are a simple and relatively cheap (100-130\$) solution to keep people warm, when the use of wood stoves is very limited (visible smoke!). They heat the cars, trench shelters, and abandoned houses that serve defenders as a temporary base.



RADIO AND ELECTRONICS (7%)



- ✓ **32 Starlink internet modems**, some as customized automobile versions; **9 Motorola radio stations**; **7 night vision monoculars**: 2 professional and 5 amateur; **17 tablets, laptops, and desktops**; **3 GoPro cameras** for plane pilots—Shahed drone hunters; **1 remotely controlled super-zoom camera** for high-tech reconnaissance; **80 batteries** for drones and radio stations.

Ukrainian defenders depend on Starlink Internet modems. Real-time streams come from reconnaissance drones to the headquarters where tactical decisions are made. All voice communications are conducted via encrypted military radios. The interactive maps in special secure software are read from tablets and laptops. In certain conditions, stationary super-zoom cameras can substitute dangerous human recon operations. Go-pro cameras on helmets serve to record combat operations for further analysis and improvement of tactics.



ANTI-DRONES (6%)



- ✓ **10 radio-electronic drone jammers, 5 drone detectors, 2 anti-Shahed planes with thermal cameras (made in Ukraine); 48,000 sq ft of anti-drone nets, to protect positions and trenches; metal sheets and frames for building safety (anti-drone) cages over vehicles; 50 anti-drone ponchos that mask soldiers' heat signatures**

Drones are responsible for 70-80% of the losses of equipment and lives. All means of protection against drones, from regular fishing nets to super high-tech devices, are currently used on the front lines. Drone warfare technology is evolving at an incredible speed, and so does anti-drone technology.

Radio-electronic jammers are still being used, but with recent increase in use of the fiber-optic FPV drones, which are not “sensitive” to jammers, the less technologically sophisticated means remain the only effective ones: anti-drone nets cover roads, positions, check-points and hidden equipment. Vehicles are protected with metal cages, sometimes, with a layer of rubber plates. Soldiers are exploring ways to bring down these drones using regular hunting rifles with shrapnel, net-throwers etc. An important warning device is a drone detector. Recent models intercept the video signal from the FPV drone, i.e. you see the same picture as an enemy drone operator. For example, if you are in a car, and you see your car on the screen of the drone-detector, it means you have to jump out immediately.

Different models of drone radio-electronic jammers:



Anti-drone nets and metal cages for vehicles:

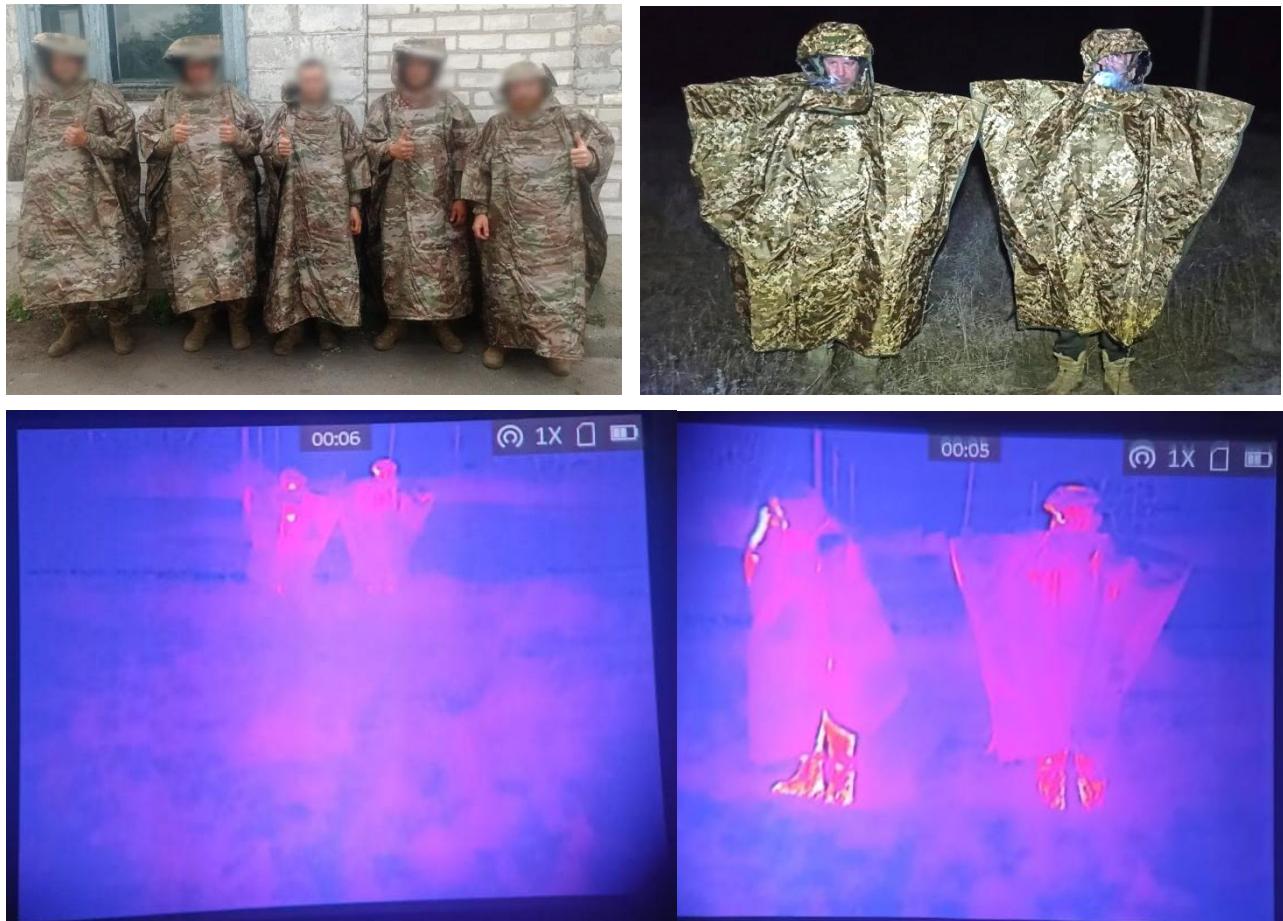


Drone detectors:



Drones are increasingly being equipped with thermal cameras and operate at night. Defenders on the ground need to conceal the heat of their bodies. Anti-drone ponchos are made with special low thermal conductivity material; and from a distance of a couple hundred meters, the soldiers become invisible to the low-sensitivity thermal cameras of enemy FPV drones.

Anti-drone ponchos and tests from short distances (thermal camera images):



Assist Ukraine recognizes the importance of ALL possible FPV-drone strike prevention measures. We thus provided a plate-throwing machine with several hundred plates for the training center, as well a net-throwing complex for a Mavic drone.

To protect the civilian population of Kharkiv from destructive Shahed drones we purchased two anti-Shahed planes equipped with thermal cameras for interception at night, and the accessories for the pilots. (Photos of those items are unavailable, aircraft design – classified information).

CIVILIAN AID (3%)



- ✓ **Shelter renovation for displaced elderly who lost their homes, and assistance to orphaned children through Ukrainian organizations**

Until February 2025, Assist Ukraine supported an orphanage in Tchernivtsy, western Ukraine, which we helped to establish in 2022. By 2025, most children were relocated to other places. Through the *Ukrainian Congress Committee of America* (UCCA), we supported displaced Ukrainian children. In Kharkiv, Olga Shpak, director of Assist Ukraine, co-founded a Charitable fund *Fort Goodville*, which specializes in development and education of children from de-occupied towns and provides a safe underground location for the children from a local orphanage. Olga's efforts are covered by Assist Ukraine co-founders.



In 2025, Assist Ukraine began helping a Kharkiv shelter for elderly persons, Velyka Rodyna, or Big Family. People who live here have lost their relatives or homes in the war or were left behind when their families evacuated with small children in the beginning of war. Half of the residents are bed-ridden.

We purchased a large, much-needed air-conditioner, paid for construction materials to repair the leaking roof, and renovated a room damaged by a Shahed drone strike. We also provided these elderly people with medical supplies, hygiene, and clothes provided to us by other charities.



In 2025, Assist Ukraine also helped an animal shelter, purchased a treadmill for an amputee, who could not afford regular travels to the Kharkiv rehabilitation center. We delivered medical supplies and equipment provided by other charities to Kharkiv hospitals and medical facilities near front lines.



For the New Year 2024-2025, we purchased, packed a delivered over a hundred gift packages to the frontlines, which raised the spirits, and gave the servicemen the feeling of being-not-forgotten, and brought smiles to the faces of our people. The gifts were purchased from the funds provided by our donors specifically for that purpose.



INDIVIDUAL GEAR (3%)



✓ Protection gear: helmets, sapper protection, armored vests and plates



Pictures. Top left – helmets; top right – vests; bottom left – armor plates; bottom right, a sapper in a protection set.

While the Ukrainian Army provides essential equipment, personal body protection is often of insufficient quality, inappropriate for certain tasks, or is too heavy for the defenders with back problems. If the personal protection is destroyed, it often takes weeks before the defender is issued a new set.

With its focus on saving lives, Assist Ukraine does everything it can to provide the personal protection needed to protect defenders.

✓ Hundreds of thermal clothes, hand and food warmers, and sleeping bags



When the weather is cold and a shelter is hit, the defenders cannot wait until their group is re-supplied by the government. A sleeping bag and warm clothes are needed on the same day, not in a couple of weeks. We know where to find good quality inexpensive gear, and we are ready to help our people stay warm. Our donors and partners also send us US and UK surplus military clothing and footwear that excels in quality and comfort.



LOGISTICS (2%)



- ✓ logistics and distribution of humanitarian aid supplied by other international charities, including the delivery of vehicles and many tons of anti-drone nets, food, clothes, hygiene items, and medical equipment

Unfortunately, there is not enough space here to talk about all our non-material activities, including consultations, psychological support, and building horizontal connections between units. Suffice to say, communication and logistics take up a lot of time and effort. We do our best to optimize it. And we are proud that it only amounts to 2% of Assist Ukraine expenses. Items bought overseas are often brought by volunteers or our partners, who cover the travel expenses themselves.



Almost everything we buy in Ukraine is shipped from the sellers via *NOVA Post* service. We also use *NOVA Post* extensively to mail aid to defenders. Sometimes, *NOVA Post* provides "humanitarian aid bonuses", and we ship **FREE**. When we pay, it costs an equivalent of 6-8\$ to send a 30 kg box to any village near the frontline. And it is **FAST**. Most parcels arrive on the next day, and if the destination is remote – within 2 days. *NOVA Post* is like *Fedex*, but impeccable. They have offices even in the remotest places. When the frontline approaches and a town becomes lifeless, their service is among the last to close.

Within Kharkiv, we buy aid and deliver it using a car. We also have a tiny warehouse (an office room) paid for by a Kharkiv company. Sometimes, when the items are really voluminous, or expensive, we drive the aid to the frontline villages where our defenders are stationed. Thanks to Assist Ukraine's Palo Alto community of donors, Olga now has her own transport, and the car she had been using went back to the National Guard to serve their needs.



OTHER AID (1%)



✓ cables, antennas, equipment for Starlink systems, tools, construction materials for building trench shelters and hundreds of other needed items

The full range of other things that Assist Ukraine supplies is nearly impossible to describe. In responding to requests that are verified and urgent, we provide food, wet wipes, dry showers, wood stoves, metal detector, multitool knives, chain saws, drills, axes, spades, car tool boxes, a turning lathe, nails, cable ties, polyethylene film rolls (for the walls in trenches), fire-extinguishers, tow ropes, construction sacks (to fill them with sand); Soviet-era military trampoline tents (some have miraculously survived in garages); gas tanks, masking covers for Starlinks; packing tape etc. We even print maps.



OUR PARTNERS



We are thankful to our partners, international and Ukrainian NGOs, our army of private donors and volunteers. Here is the list of our partners in 2025. Some organizations or individuals prefer to help or raise funds for us anonymously.

UKRAINE: *International Charity Fund MAYBUTTYA* (Kyiv, our major partner); *Medicine For Ukraine* initiative by Assist Ukraine Medical partner Oleksandra Gulla, Vinnytsia; *Fort Goodville, Through the War, Velyka Rodyna*, Catholic Church (Ft. Anatoly), Kharkiv; *Sustain Ukraine, Ukrspetsimport*, Kyiv; *Victor Bachinsky*, Lviv; many private supporters

USA: *Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)*; *Rotary Club Palo Alto*; Palo Alto community of donors (Assist Ukraine's driving force!); *Mission for Ukraine*; *Dignitas Ukraine Fund*; *AKC Fund*; a writer *Andrea Pitzer* and her readers; many individual donors and volunteers, friends, who dedicated their money, time and effort to help Ukraine

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SWEDEN: Maciej Zaremba

We are deeply grateful to all named and unnamed supporters, to all people on different continents who donated to or otherwise helped Assist Ukraine. We are committed to continue our work in 2026, and hope to do it shoulder-to-shoulder with our donors and partners



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM DEFENDERS



“Assist Ukraine has delivered a car faster than other volunteers procure socks” – Victor, Unit 3017, National Guard of Ukraine



“In a world where people talk a lot, Assist Ukraine just gets things done. And they do it on time” – Vlad, the 225th Regiment



“Assist Ukraine responds quickly and accurately. Their assistance is not a formality, but a concrete result on the ground”

– Max, Omega special purpose unit 3073, National Guard of Ukraine



“Assist Ukraine became our irreplaceable and critically important partner where we can consult with each other and answer question each in our area of competence, knowledge and capabilities. That exponentially expanded our ability to help” – Olena Urmey, Dignitas Ukraine

