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Cluster

Report for 2023

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Working for
the Victory



Lviv Defense Cluster – is a professional volunteer organization created at the beginning of the full-scale russian invasion in 2022.

The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine appointed Lviv Defence Cluster as the **main coordinator of the volunteer movement for the production of bulletproof vests.**

Since February 2022, LDC has **manufactured and handed for free** about **100,000** certified bulletproof vests to the Defense and Security Forces of Ukraine.

Mission, Vision and Values

MISSION – is to protect those who defend Ukraine.

VISION – is to provide warriors, police officers, rescuers, medics and other professionals working near the front line, with appropriate personal protection.

VALUES:

RESPONSIBILITY

We produce high-quality protection in accordance with state standards from the very first day. We manufacture each batch of ballistic elements specifically for this purpose.

EXPERTISE

Our team consists of experts with 10 years of experience in the production of protection equipment for the military and civilians; business-practitioners of Ukrainian and international companies.

PRODUCTION

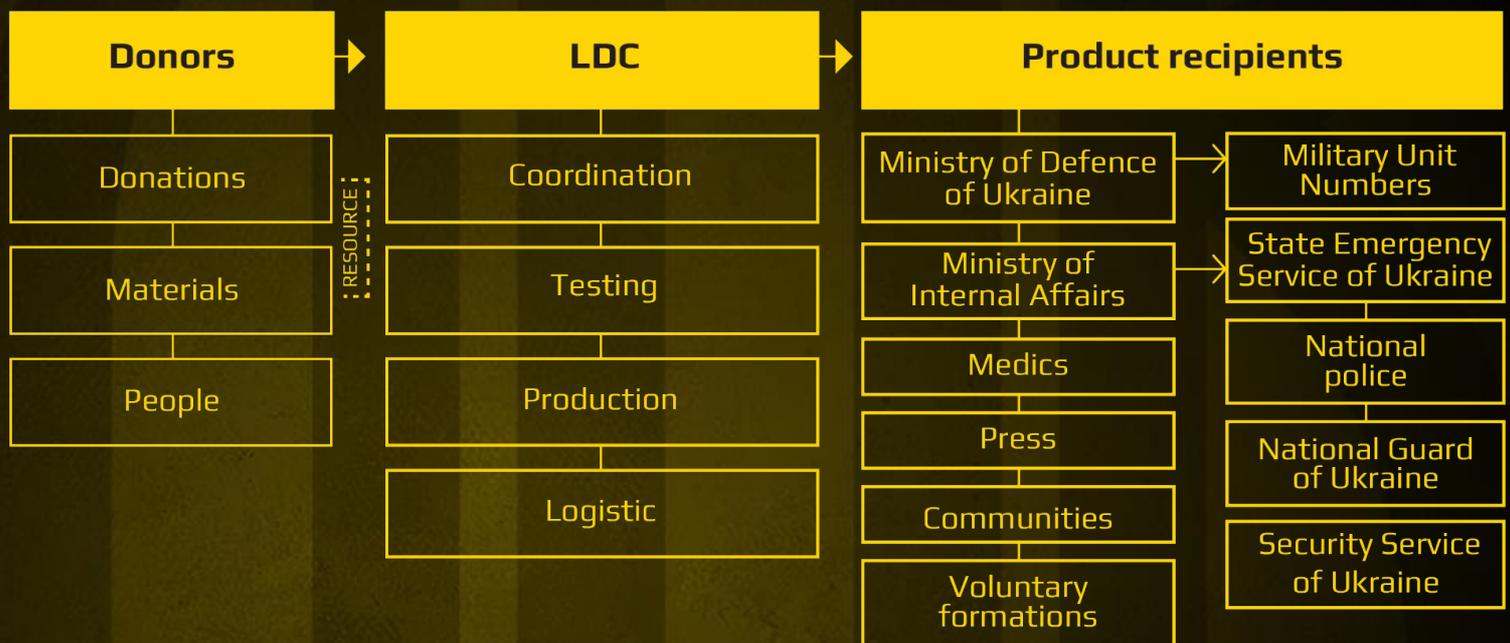
At the request of the military and government agencies, we have organized and coordinated the production of personal protective equipment in Ukraine. This enables cluster companies to save jobs and support the economy.

OPENNESS

Sharing technology and helping other volunteer organizations.

LDC structure, work principles

LDC works at the expense of donors from all over the world and donates final products free of charge.



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Projects that started in and continued in 2023



Anti-debris vests for medics

01.

1st class of protection. Made for the needs of ambulance crews and disaster medicine services.



Children evacuation kits

02.

(vests+helmets). 550 kits are used by National Police units to evacuate children from the frontline areas.



Rehabilitation center “Children of war” at the OHMATDYT.

03.

National Specialized Children's Hospital. The center will have a 24-hour hospital for children injured as a result of hostilities.

Projects that started in and continued in 2023

HANDOVER OF BULLETPROOF VESTS of 4-th class of protection

**State Emergency
Service of Ukraine –
HEROES without
WEAPONS**

Kherson regional SES
received about 600
bulletproof vests.

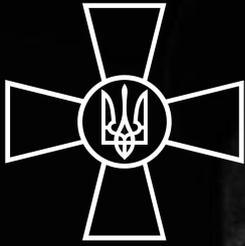
(In the picture: handover of
"armor" to the Kherson regional
SES, August 2023)

Donetsk regional SES
received about 800
bulletproof vests.

(In the picture: handover of
"armor" to the Donetsk region
rescuers, July 2023)



Handover of **bulletproof vests of
the 4th class of protection** to the
Defense Forces and the Security
Forces of Ukraine.



Projects that continued in 2023

Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU)

For Freedom!
For Ukraine!

Bulletproof vests are supplied to the **Armed Forces of Ukraine** on a regular basis.



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Handover of **bulletproof vests** to the AFU

Marines

Always faithful

Marines are one of the most capable units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The need for bulletproof vests for marines remains to this day.

(In the picture: handover of 2,500 vests, March 2023)



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Handover of **bulletproof vests** to the AFU

Territorial Defense Forces (TDF)

Ready to resist

Territorial Defense Forces of Ukraine were formed in 2022.

During the first month of russian full-scale invasion to Ukraine, more than 110,000 soldiers joined the ranks of the TDF of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.



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Handover of **bulletproof vests** to the MIA

**National
Police (NPU)**

**To serve and
protect**

The National Police,
along with the Armed
Forces, defends the
country on the frontline,
rescues our citizens and
maintains order and law.



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Handover of **bulletproof vests** to the MIA

**National Guard
of Ukraine (NGU)**

**Honour.
Courage.
Law.**

National Guard of Ukraine was formed in 2014 with the beginning of russia's armed aggression. **The National Guard** - is an important part of Ukraine's defense.





Handover of **bulletproof vests** to the MIA

State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGS)

First with honour

The border guards were the first to meet the enemy.



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Projects that continued in 2023

Anti-debris **medical vests**

Are essential for the work of emergency medical professionals who, together with rescuers, are the first to arrive in areas of shelling and destruction.

A large number of medics were killed or injured during the full-scale war.

In 2023, with the help of our partners: the RDI Foundation, the Latvian Foundation "Help for LDC", DATA Group and Nova Poshta and the people of Latvia, LDC managed to produce and deliver more than 3,000 more bulletproof vests.



Humanitarian mission of LDC team to Zaporizhzhia and Dnipro



Delivery of **anti-debris** vests to Ukrainian medics



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LDC's anti-debris vests have been **delivered to medics** in Luhansk, Kherson, Kharkiv, Sumy, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovs'k, Chernihiv, Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv regions etc.

And also — **Kyiv hospitals: "Okhmatdyt"** (whose doctors take part in the evacuation of seriously injured children from the frontline areas) and the **Heart Institute of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine** (whose specialists regularly visit the de-occupied territories and settlements most affected by the hostilities).

Delivery of **anti-debris vests**
to Ukrainian medics

**Delivery of anti-debris vests
in Kyiv and Kharkiv**



Projects that continued in 2023



Mission to Kherson and Sumy



Delivery of **anti-debris vests** to Ukrainian medics



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LDC developed special bulletproof vests to evacuate children from the war zone.

This project was **the world's first** mass production of bulletproof vests for children. The vests, along with helmets of the required size, were handed over to the **Juvenile Prevention Unit of the National Police of Ukraine**. Since then, children have been evacuated in these protective kits.

In particular, in the Donetsk region, each police **evacuation crew "White Angels" is equipped with children's protective kits.**

Specialists from **Lviv Defense Cluster**, constructors from the **Kharkiv Plant of Personal Protection Equipment** and **military expert Kalin Dimitrov** were involved in the development and production of the children's bulletproof vest.

We were able to respond to the request as quickly as possible thanks to the donors who supported the project – **Ukrainians**, as well as **people from the United States of America, Canada, Britain, Poland, Luxembourg, Japan and other countries.**

The Embassy of Ukraine in Japan and Ambassador Sergiy Korsunsky and The Renew Democracy Initiative Foundation provided special assistance. **The Pomagam.pl and Unifers foundations** also contributed to the project. **TEDIS Ukraine** provided logistical support. We are also grateful to **Vasyl Bohdan** (Head of the Juvenile Prevention Department), **Vira Zamilyukhina** and **Torben Swane** for their assistance.

Bulletproof vests for children: "Safe evacuation"



Handover of **drones, cars** and **pouches**



Total amount of transferred drones - 58
cars - 9
pouches for AK - 3500



The need for UAVs at the front is and remains enormous. LDC together with the International Relief and Rehabilitation Center have delivered many drones to Ukrainians as part of the **“1000 Drones for Ukraine”** project, including about 15 Mavic 3Ts, Mavic 3Es, and several dozen Kamikaze drones.



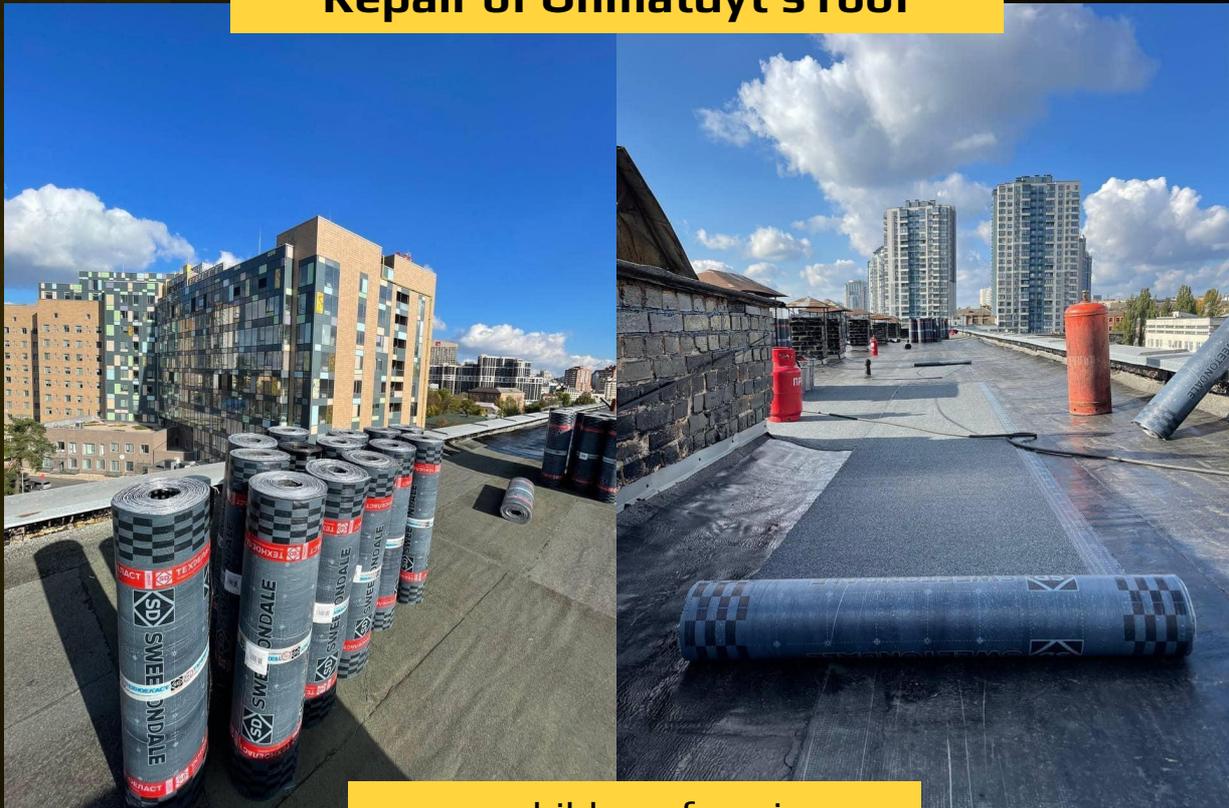
At the request of military units, LDC provides both standard pickup trucks and specialized vehicles, which we additionally equipped with armor plates to protect the crews.

Ohmatdyt - project “Children of war”

An initiative to create a specialized rehabilitation center for children affected by hostilities **on the basis of the OKHMATDYT National Children's Hospital.**

- **Amount of funds raised in 2023:** UAH 1.6 million
- **Results in 2023:**
The roof was repaired on an area of 650 square meters. Project documentation for the overhaul of the premises with an area of more than 700 square meters was developed and approved.

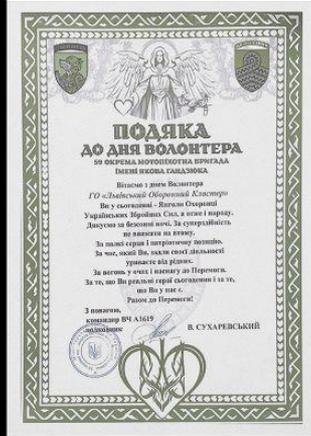
Repair of Ohmatdyt's roof



Ohmatdyt - establishment of a specialized rehabilitation center "Children of war"

"Before" and "after" visualization of the Okhmatdyt's facility





In 2023, LDC received many thanks and honors. However **the most important thing for us is the saved lives of Ukrainian Defenders.**

Activities in support of social initiatives



Presenting volunteer recognition from the journalistic project of "Pershyi Zahidnyi" TV channel



Participating in public events aimed at raising funds for the Ukrainian Defense Forces



Participation in the "Woman of the Year" award ceremony



Active involvement in the protection of medics who save lives in frontline areas

Partners and donors



Міністерство оборони України



Збройні сили України



Міністерство внутрішніх справ України



Служба безпеки України



Міністерство цифрової трансформації України



Центр інновацій та розвитку оборонних технологій Міністерства оборони України



Державна прикордонна служба України



Національна гвардія України



Поліція



Державна служба України з надзвичайних ситуацій



Служба екстреної медичної допомоги



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