

PRESS RELEASE

Donation of ICT equipment's to Ukraine

One year of war in Ukraine disrupted the education of more than five million children.

Intel, Microsoft, USAID, IREX and jp.ik team up to secure learning opportunities in Ukraine.

PORTO, February 2023 - Since the beginning of 2022, tensions between Russia and Ukraine have grown exponentially, and it is since the end of February that the two countries have been at war. More than half of the population has had to say goodbye to their homeland and others who have remained in Ukraine are without electricity, water, access to public services and even without the minimum conditions for survival. The need to continue to ensure the education of children even in a war scenario in Ukraine, was the main goal of the partnership between Microsoft, USAID, IREX and jp.ik.

jp.ik is honored to deliver 1210 laptops, bundled with backpacks and headsets, 857 netbooks, 6 charging trolleys and one Popup School building with tables and chairs, for Ukraine.

The donation will be used by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for its Ukraine National Identity Through Youth (UNITY) Activity, implemented by IREX, who will, in consultation with key partners such as the youth-led civilian response platform Lviv Education Foundation (LEF), the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Education and Science, develop a set of criteria for recipients of tablets to maximize impact and coordinate with other large-scale projects that distribute IT equipment to schools to avoid overlap and diversify end-beneficiaries.

The Popup School will be installed in Zahaltsy village in Kyiv Oblast, where the local school was severely damaged during the fighting in spring and requires reconstruction, with the nearest school being 25 km away. Considering the government's concern "*children must have an education even under the war, they move just with an emergency case without any books or tablets or laptops*", the purpose of this donation is to enable continued access to education for students and teachers as the Russian invasion continues, disrupting normal life.

jp.ik is privileged to support the continuation of learning in Ukraine and will continue to work with USAID to help Ukraine's critical Education needs.

"We created a new model of classroom with notebooks for students and teachers using several different collaboration tools and, most importantly using Intel technology. It's an honor for jp.ik to help students all over the world using JP outside and Intel inside", says Jorge Sá Couto, jp.ik's Chairman. The equipment provided, integrated with the overall solution, is of the latest technology and follows the trends of the world we live in.

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About Intel

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About IREX

IREX works with partners in more than 100 countries in four areas essential to progress: empowering youth, cultivating leaders, strengthening institutions, and extending access to quality education and information. The work includes reducing corruption, stopping disinformation, and building social trust. The decades of on-the-ground experience help us create greater impact, practical recommendations, and lasting partnerships. IREX formed a strategic partnership with Development Gateway, a mission-driven, nonprofit organization that leverages data to help people and communities improve their lives. Visit <https://www.irex.org> to learn more.