

 Early Warning System

WB-P505079

Youth Empowerment Support in Ukraine Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Ukraine
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2026-11-30
Borrower	Government of Ukraine - Ministry of Youth and Sports; ISAR Ednannia
Sectors	Education and Health, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 2.75 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 2.75 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to improve employment outcomes and opportunities for vulnerable young people to engage in their communities in select project areas.

The Youth Empowerment Support in Ukraine project is a US\$2.75 million grant, financed by the Japan Social Development Fund, that responds to the impact of Russia's invasion on young Ukrainians, including displacement, disrupted education, income loss, deteriorating mental health, and eroded youth infrastructure and services. Its development objective is to increase access to employment opportunities and civic initiatives, and to improved facilities, for young people in select project areas.

The project will be implemented by ISAR Ednannia, an experienced Ukrainian civil society organization, and comprises four interconnected components.

- Component 1 improves labor market outcomes for vulnerable youth, focusing on young people not in employment, education or training who are registered with the State Employment Service (SES). Delivered as a targeted pilot in locations agreed with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Economy and SES, it provides employment support through results based contracting of service providers, who deliver packages combining technical skills, socio-emotional skills, counselling and intermediation. Specialized service providers will also aim to serve the more intensive and targeted needs of vulnerable groups such as veterans and persons with disabilities. The component is designed to mirror the anticipated Youth Guarantee Program and to generate lessons for future nationwide scale up.
- Component 2 builds skills and provides opportunities for young people to lead civic initiatives that address socioeconomic challenges of importance to youth in their communities. Applying the YouthBank approach, it provides competitive subgrants to youth councils and civil society organizations to identify, design and implement practical responses to local recovery and development priorities.
- Component 3 ensures that there are physical spaces of sufficient quality for youth groups to organize and implement activities at the local self government level, at a time when resources are severely constrained. Through packages of materials, equipment and minor rehabilitation, it revitalizes youth centers and encourages local self governments to invest sustainably in youth infrastructure.
- Component 4 finances project management, stakeholder coordination, monitoring and evaluation, and knowledge dissemination, ensuring effective implementation and adaptation to evolving challenges based on lessons learned.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC): **Moderate**

Core project activities include training, mentorship, youth-led civic engagement, and the rehabilitation and equipping of youth centers, along with capacity building for local governments and civil society organizations. Potential ES risks from small refurbishments of youth centers are worksite-related and include waste generation, air emissions, noise, occupational health and safety, and community health and safety risks. They are expected to be minor, localized, and reversible. The project does not involve large-scale infrastructure, significant resource extraction, or activities in environmentally sensitive or protected areas. Key social risks relate to transparent and equitable selection of beneficiaries such as youth centers and youth including vulnerable groups such as internally displaced persons, persons with disabilities, and those in remote areas.



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- World Bank (WB)

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Private Actors Description

ISAR Ednannia is a Ukrainian public organization that has supported the development of civil society and a culture of strategic philanthropy for over 25 years, strengthening initiatives for building democracy in Ukraine. Strategic areas of our work include sectoral support of civil society, ensuring enabling legal environment for civil society, developing a culture of philanthropy at the international and local levels, empowering Ukrainian youth through the Resilient Generation Project Cluster, creating a platform for intersectoral dialogue and cooperation, and building and establishing democracy in Ukraine.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	ISAR Ednannia	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Youth Empowerment Support in Ukraine Project](#)
- [Project Information Document - Youth Empowerment Support in Ukraine Project - P505079](#)