

Alternative care for refugee children in Poland

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Situation overview

979 576

refugees from Ukraine in Poland with active registration for temporary protection (37% are children)

44 500

children with appointed **temporary guardian** appointed since March 2022

600

refugees from Ukraine placed in the Polish alternative care system

900

children **evacuated from institutional care** facilities in Ukraine to Poland (as of 11/2024)

499

children with their **foster families** evacuated from Ukraine to Poland (174 families)

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Support services

- Training programme for Ukrainian foster parents approved by the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy
- Establishment of Ukrainian foster families, provision of services (Lighthouse model)
- Relocation of children from large facilities to small-group homes aligned with the standards in Poland, provision of services
- Careleaver support programme

Needs

- **Inclusion of children** evacuated from institutions and foster families from Ukraine **into the Polish alternative care system** in order to provide equal access to services for children and ensure consistent monitoring of their well-being and safety
- **Enhancing the data collection** on refugee children in alternative care
- **Creation of foster families** among the refugee community

