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Following the meeting of the Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA) of 15-16 May 2024, delegations will find in Annex the presentation made by Caritas Ukraine and Caritas Europa⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

¹ Caritas Europa, identification number in the EU Transparency Register: 6082564924-85. Caritas Ukraine is a member of Caritas Europa.

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Overheads cost provision for local and national humanitarian actors



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Caritas Ukraine



In 2022:

- 25 Caritas centers
- 350 local communities

In 2024:

- 46 Caritas centers
- 1186 local communities

Our Staff



In 2022:

- **53** staff in national office
- **600** staff in local organizations

In 2024:

- **224** staff in national office
- **More than 2000** staff in local organizations
- **9,015** volunteers (34% of whom are IDPs) involved in the Caritas Ukraine network



3.1 million beneficiaries reached since February 2022



FOOD SECURITY:

2,439,284 food distributions

WASH:

420,029 people received WASH assistance in the form of kits with drinking water

SHELTER:

528,083 people were provided shelter related services since the beginning February 2022

PROTECTION:

241,852 services were provided (538,723 in total since the beginning of the conflict)

HEALTH AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT:

102,205 health related services were provided

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE:

174,944 beneficiaries received multi-purpose cash assistance to cover their basic needs

State of localization in Ukraine



According to a study by the Disaster Emergency Committee in 2023, less than 1% of humanitarian contribution were transferred directly to local and national NGOs in Ukraine

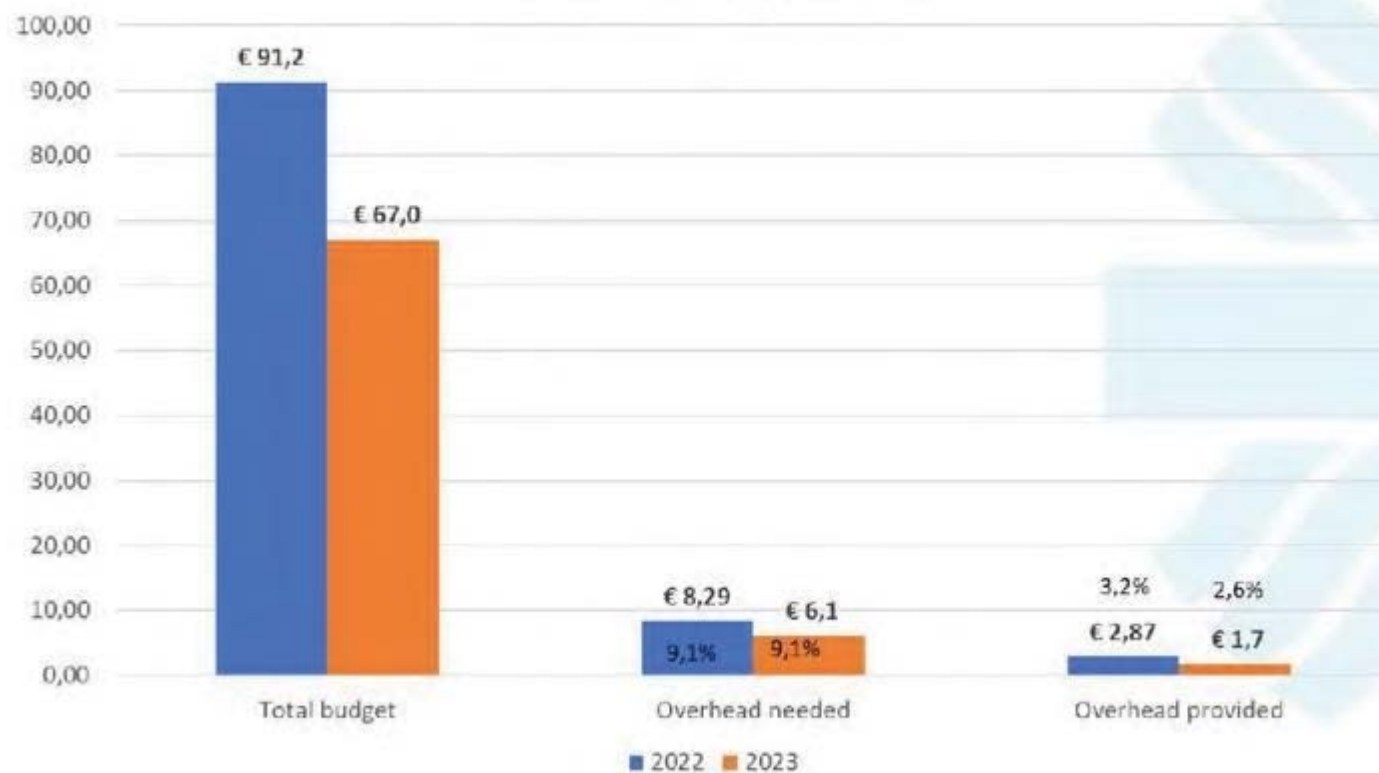
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Importance of overheads

Capacity strengthening •Trainings for staff in national office and local organizations •Supervision & staff care •Developing and maintaining digital solutions for assistance provision	Filling gaps in activities •Filling financial gaps between the projects for salary payment (keeping experienced staff) •Covering activities and assistance in priority areas that have no financial support •Piloting risky activities
Coordination and advocacy •Paying the staff involved in coordination and GR •Developing and managing IT coordination tools •Advocacy actions and travelling	Covering administrative needs •Administrative position salaries (HR, top management) •Organizing working places (furniture, repairs of offices etc.) •Covering risks spending

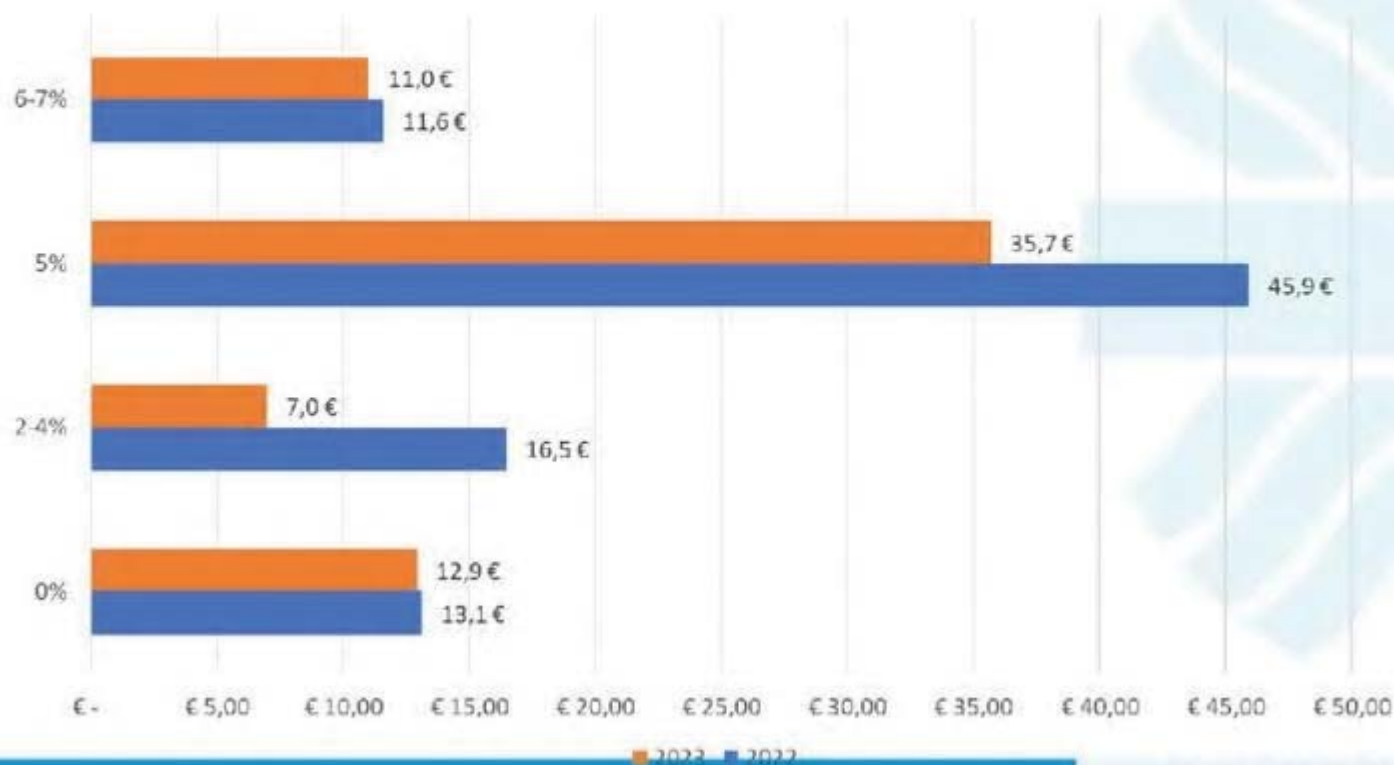
Current overheads policies experienced by Caritas Ukraine

Total budget, in MLN EUR



Current overheads policies experienced by CUA network: cascaded funds 50% national office/50% local org

Classification of Projects by percentage Level of Administrative
Funds in MLN EUR



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Recommendations



- Direct finding for national NGOs
- Cascade the overheads from INGOs to local implementators
- Harmonized approaches for defining overheads



Unfulfilled Promises: Addressing the gap between commitments and practice in locally led humanitarian action

- Only one surveyed donor has a policy that enables local implementing partners of INGOs to receive funds for overhead costs through a dedicated budget line in their direct project costs
- Additionally, only half of all the largest organisations have a clear overheads policy

Thank you!



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