

Two schools in Zhytomyr oblast of Ukraine reopen after reconstruction supported by EU and UNDP

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The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine, in partnership with the European Union, has completed renovation of the Pyrizhky Gymnasium and Ukrainka Lyceum, both located in the Malyn community in Zhytomyr Oblast.

Thanks to the 'EU4UASchools: Build Back Better' project, 231 students and 62 teachers returned to the renovated buildings.

During the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine, both schools suffered a lot from shrapnel and blast waves: roofs and facades were damaged, windows and doors were blown out.

Renovations included the restoration of building facades, drainage improvements, roof upgrades, window and door replacements, and classroom

modernisation.

The schools were also re-equipped with new desks, chairs, bookcases and blackboards to ensure the educational process is comfortable and conducive. In addition, the project provided 173 students and teachers in Ukrainka Lyceum with a restored shelter, to ensure that they all have access to safe education.

As of today, the EU and UNDP have restored 44 educational facilities in five oblasts (Zhytomyr, Mykolaiv, Rivne, Odesa, and Dnipro). More than 16,000 students and teachers were able to return to their renovated schools.