

Olga Nicolyyuk Ukraine

“Children make up 24% of the population – but they are one hundred percent of our future. By investing in the survival of premature babies, by improving the care of all newborns, and by ensuring that mothers can reach bomb shelters quickly and safely, we are directly shaping what tomorrow will look like for a country at war.

“Parents live with an elevated level of stress, which affects their well being and that of their children. When mothers carry their infants in baby wraps their oxytocin levels rise – reducing stress and strengthening emotional connection.

“This helps them cope with daily challenges. Over time, this becomes profoundly important for infants, who are nurtured by calmer, less stressed mothers.



“Every child matters – especially in a country facing war and the demographic consequences of war. Baby carriers have been shown to be easy to use, safe, and to provide stability for the baby as the mother moves around.

“Many thanks to the Rotary Fellowship for this.”

Alyona Kovriga Ukraine

“I will say now as a parent, it's really important for a mom to be close to her children and be free to move around. I spent January and February in Okhmadit hospital in Kiev with my elder kid. In January and February there was a lot of bombing, a lot of attacks. So I needed to go with my elder kid and my little daughter to the shelter a lot of times. And I know how important these carriers are. Thank you.”

In Ukraine, babies are born into a terrifying world of war. Newborn babies are spending the first days of their lives in shelters and basements (UNICEF). KMC is a simple life-saving device.



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Kangaroo Mother Care in Ukraine

From the beginning of the war the Fellowship has mobilized significant medical aid to Ukraine. After 18 months of emergency medical aid, we made a strategic decision to support maternity care – focusing mainly on babies born with low birth weight. It was decided that the most effective way to provide newborn babies the best chance of survival is by Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC).

KMC is providing perinatal facilities in Ukraine, support that has exceeded all expectations.

The benefit of KMC is extending far beyond the well-known benefits to premature babies of skin-to-skin care.

Upscale and extend to other areas of conflict?

Our experience suggests that KMC is a valuable additional lifesaving tool at areas of conflict. Want to know more?

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A vital device for mums in areas of conflict

During active hostilities, the number of premature births increases, and the lack of electricity complicates the uninterrupted operation of equipment in neonatal wards.

In addition, due to unpredictable bombings, it is necessary for mums to run to bomb shelters in haste.

With the help of Kangaroo carriers, we can increase the safety of mothers and babies even in extreme circumstances.

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- Ukrainian Pediatric Association, that is affiliated to the Ukrainian Ministry of Health
- The Association of Neonatologist in Ukraine
- Ukrainian Association of Babywearing Consultants

