

Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%¹

BETTERING A NATION'S YOUTH AND FUTURE



Navigating childhood isn't easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually, youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately, students in Ukraine – particularly youngsters displaced

from home due to conflict – are gaining valuable skills to navigate school and their futures through Lions Quest, the signature youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

In 2006, Lions were awarded US\$25,000 in LCIF grant funding to pilot Lions Quest in Kyiv. More recently, grants totaling more than US\$300,000, added to funds collected by Lions, have helped implement an

enhanced version of Lions Quest while expanding its *Skills for Growing* and *Skills for Adolescence* learning modules. An estimated 160,000 students and 9,600 teachers in 200 Ukraine schools are benefitting.

Said Past District Governor Dr. Valentin Kravchenko, "We are supporting schools in their efforts to implement Lions Quest to help every child in Ukraine develop conflict resolution skills, become comfortable with diversity, manage their emotions, be resilient in the face of adversity, and have good overall mental health. Our goal is to help every child in Ukraine through Lions Quest."

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Youth



For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many youth face daunting challenges. Consider these stark realities in this part of the world:

25%

of students have been bullied

or in a physical fight or physically attacked²

Adolescent alcohol consumption: major public health concern

≥1 in 10 are weekly drinkers by age 15; ~10% first drunk at 13 or younger³



2.4M

adolescents are out-of-school⁴

THAT'S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:



1 in 3 students

reports being **cyberbullied**; 20% report skipping school because of it or violence⁵

2 in 3 students

in 160 countries **worry about violence** in and around schools⁶



Reading scores and bullying are directly correlated⁷



Schools with **positive school climate practices** like Lions Quest have lower rates of absenteeism and bullying⁸

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Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety⁹. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

LIONS QUEST PROGRAM GRANTS
develop/expand the program

UP TO US\$150,000

LIONS QUEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS
launch/reactivate the program

UP TO US\$15,000

LIONS QUEST PROMOTIONAL GRANTS
introduce the program to a community

UP TO US\$1,500

DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS
apply to local district and club projects

GRANT AMOUNT VARIES

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