

## **THE ROLE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN EDUCATION AMID THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

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The ongoing war in Ukraine has disrupted countless lives, particularly impacting the mental health and emotional development of children. Their communication abilities are severely limited, negatively influencing their capacity to express emotions healthily. In such circumstances, international humanitarian education plays a vital role in addressing the psychological and educational needs of affected populations, and music education emerges as a crucial tool to mitigate these impacts.

Conflict zones severely disrupt the social environments where children develop crucial communication skills. While basic education in times of emergency cases can be held online with the help of special platforms [1], the lack of face-to-face communication makes it difficult to express emotions, resulting in anxiety, withdrawal, and a lack of healthy social interactions among children. Limited socialization further exacerbates these issues, affecting children's well-being and ability to recover from trauma.

Music education has proven to be an effective tool for overcoming communication barriers and fostering emotional expression. Researches shows that learning music positively affects neural development, particularly in areas linked to auditory perception, memory, and emotional processing [2]. As music transcends language barriers and cultural differences, providing a universal medium through which children can share their emotions, in conflict-ridden environments, incorporating music education into humanitarian initiatives can facilitate emotional recovery and expression. This will help children process their experiences and express themselves healthily.

Incorporating music education into international humanitarian education programs could enhance their ability to address the challenges of emotional development in children affected by the war. It would enable organizations to deliver tailored support that considers the emotional needs of young survivors and ensures holistic healing. By fostering resilience, creativity, and healthy emotional expression, music education can complement traditional humanitarian responses.

**Conclusion.** The war in Ukraine has created a pressing need to address children's emotional well-being, as limited communication affects their ability to express and process emotions. Integrating music education within international humanitarian education programs is a promising approach to help them recover, develop communication skills, and build resilience in the face of adversity.

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