



Annual Report.

2022

Truth Hounds is a team of human rights professionals that has been working on documenting and investigating international crimes in contexts of war since 2014



Truth Hounds aims at:



Enhancing the quality of domestic justice through the prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Ukraine;



Bringing to national and international justice the perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Ukraine;



Protecting the victims of war.

But you probably know everything stated above, since you already made a decision to support us. We appreciate it and we are proud to report on our activities during the year 2022.



Funding

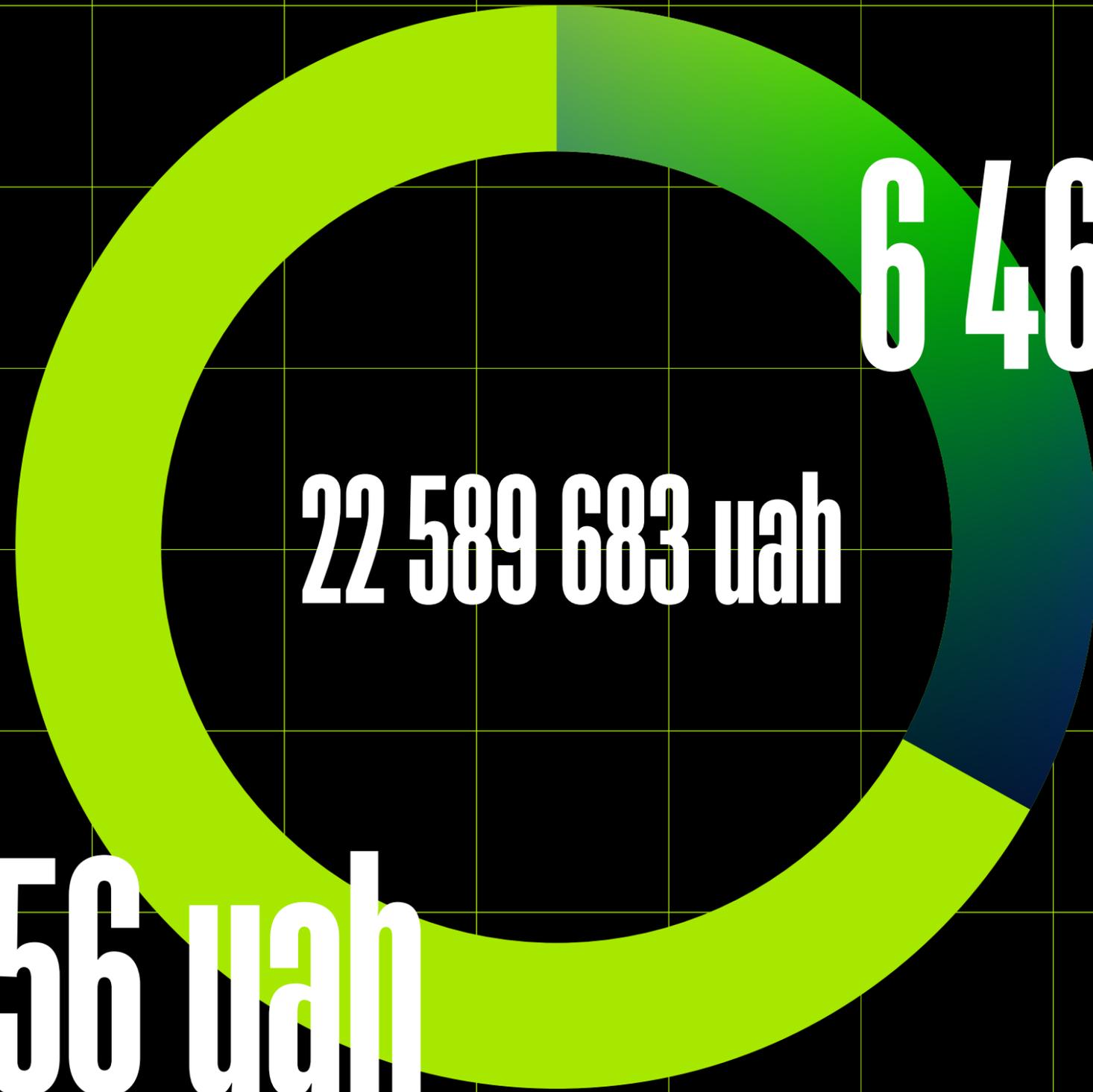
Core funding

6 461 527 uah

22 589 683 uah

Project funding

16 128 156 uah



**Truth Hounds monitors
registered around**

4 000 INCIDENTS

**of alleged
war crimes**



Conducted
27 field
missions



Collected 339 testimonies
from witnesses and victims
of international crimes



Worked
in 83
settlements



Covered 21 292 km,
costing us 15 visits
to car repair shops



Spent 104 days
in the field



Photographer : Daniel Rosenthal



What were we guided by?

Strengthening official investigations

Prevention of re-traumatisation

Admissibility of collected evidence

We coordinate with official investigators and other NGOs in order to avoid duplicating testimonies which have already been collected, as well as to protect victims of international crimes from re-traumatisation.



It is necessary to preserve the admissibility of collected evidence to make sure they will not be rejected due to an improper way of collecting.



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Truth Hounds' analytics:

Identified **11 alleged war criminals.**

Released **13 digests** on war crimes committed between 24 February and 1 June 2022; **12 reports on IHL** and related topics; **three joint** investigations with International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR) and **five independent investigations** of war crimes, which identified possible perpetrators and military commanders responsible for their commission.



1 Точка запуску - російський Фрегат "Адмірал Ессен"

The launching point - Russian frigate Admiral Essen

2 Локація з якої свідки бачили проліт снаряду

The location from which the witness saw the missile in mid flight

3 Миколаївська ОДА

Mykolaiv Regional State Administration

Миколаїв
Mykolayiv

3 46.97470, 31.99758

2 46.64795, 31.67191

Херсон
Kherson

Території окуповані
російськими військами
станом на 29.03.2022
Territories occupied by
Russia as of 29.03.2022

Одеса
Odesa

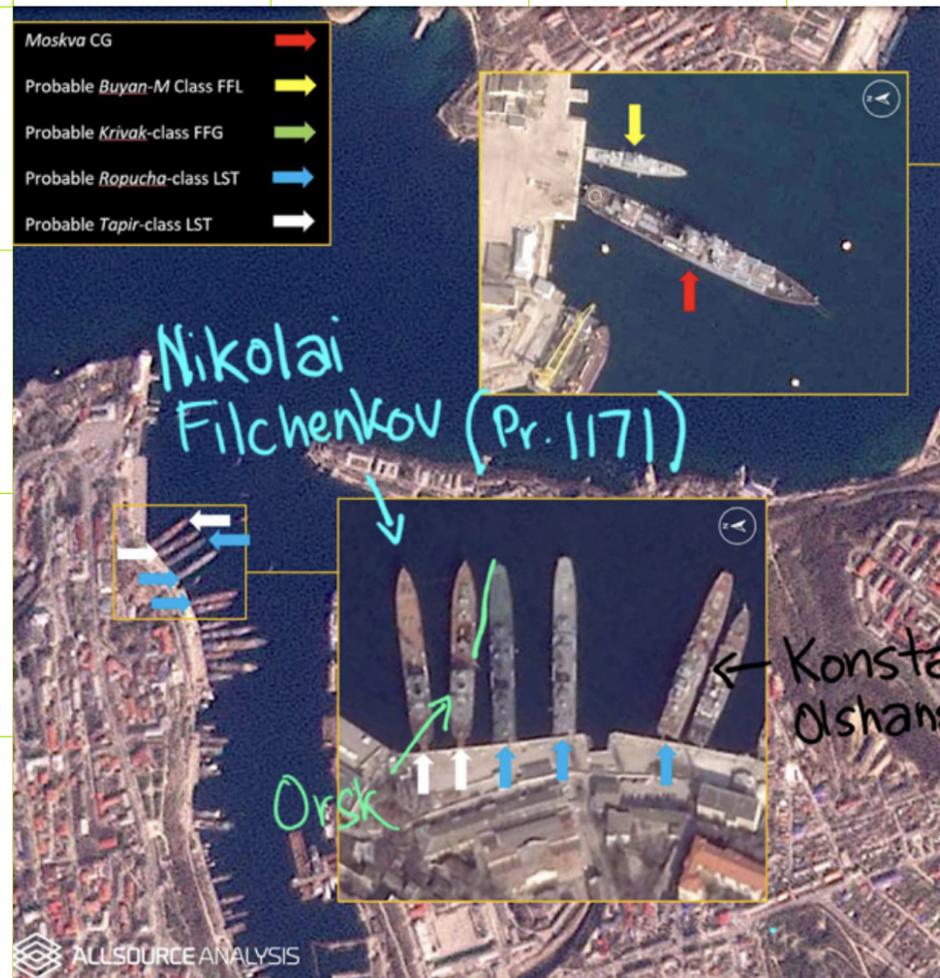
1 46.14333, 31.109

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How did we do that?

**Information collected from
eyewitnesses and victims + open
data + OSINT – is a combination
present in every Truth Hounds
investigation.**





By comparing information collected in the field to results of open data intelligence we significantly increase the accuracy of our conclusions and create a strong evidence base for future legal proceedings.

**We maintained strong contacts with prosecutors,
National Police and SSU representatives.
In order to improve the quality of official investigations
and advance the course of justice, our cooperation includes:**

Trainings and mentoring

We conducted six trainings for prosecutors, representatives of the national police, the SSU, and judges. More than 300 participants were trained. Also in response to requests from various authorities we provided 15 consultations, processing more than 50 pending criminal cases.

Unification of standards of proof

Ten specialised consultations and research papers were provided on request from both the Ukrainian Prosecutor General's Office and regional prosecutor's offices. We participated in a working group on the development of a single standard for proving war crimes.

Increasing and strengthening evidence bases

Seven full-size submissions to local prosecutor's offices have been incorporated into official criminal case files.

Training of judges

30 judges participated in Truth Hounds training on the application of Article 438 of the Criminal Code on war crimes in the form of indiscriminate attacks.

Participation in investigative processes

Together with official investigators and invited experts

A unified evidence repository: I-DOC

In 2022, 5 107 new records were entered into the database, in particular:

413 incidents that could be qualified as war crimes

695 attacks on objects protected by international law

895 witness profiles

1 331 victim profiles

During 2022, we've enhanced our work with foreign prosecutors and investigators on cases that may be opened based on one of the principles of extraterritorial jurisdiction. We also advised foreign governments on the challenges and prospects for documenting and investigating war crimes and prosecuting perpetrators.

Further, in close cooperation with leading international non-governmental organisations (Trial International, Clooney Foundation, FIDH, Civitas Maxima, and others), we prepared submissions on war crimes committed during the armed conflict in Ukraine within the framework of the application of universal jurisdiction mechanisms.

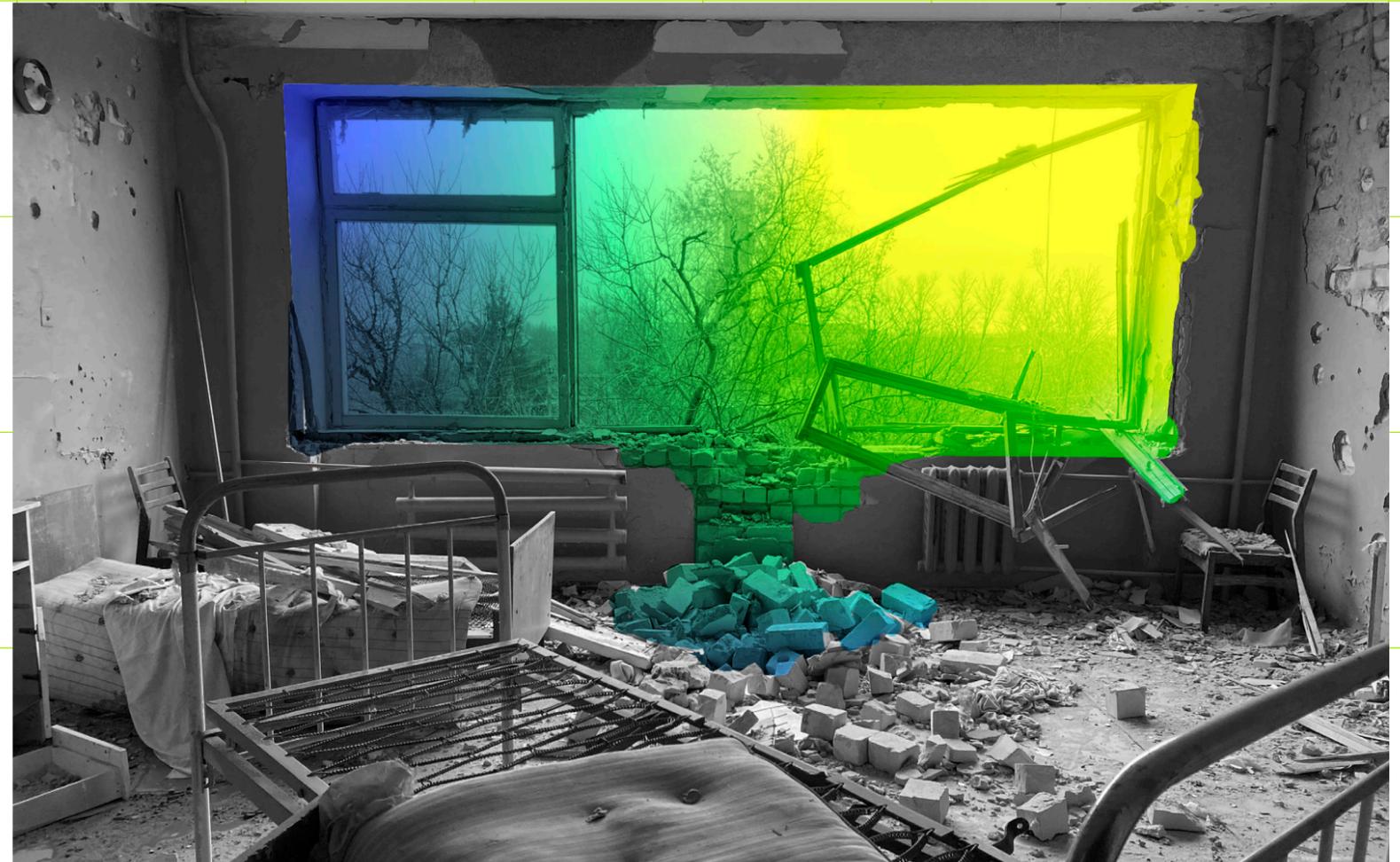


Universal Jurisdiction

To sum up one of Truth Hounds' activities in 2022 – international advocacy – these words describe it best.

The seriousness of international crimes allows authorities to overcome the barriers of national jurisdiction and opens up a potential path for foreign countries to contribute to justice.

One of the most strategically important steps for us is establishing a cooperation with the Genocide Network – an international association focused on prosecuting war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the EU.



Justice can be achieved only through joint efforts

That's why spreading knowledge about war crimes is one of Truth Hounds' priority tasks.

**More than 100 media outlets
have reached out to us during
2022, including:**

BBC

CNN

THE NEW STATESMAN

The Ukrainians

NHK

DER SPIEGEL

arte

THE NEW YORKER

euronews.

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