

**[TITEL STUDY: RISK AND SUPPORTIVE FACTORS IN RESPONSE TO THE WAR AMONG UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN THE NETHERLANDS (NADIYA)]**

Dear Sir, Madam,

We want to invite you to participate in the NADIYA study, a scientific study initiated by four Dutch universities. The NADIYA study is conducted to better understand the mental health status, daily challenges and needs of people from Ukraine who fled the invasion by the Russian army since February 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

In this information letter we want to inform you about the NADIYA study. You can access this information any time by using the survey link. On this page we describe the general outline of the study. On the next page, we describe in more details what participation can mean for you. Please read this information carefully.

**Who conducts the study?**

The NADIYA study is a Dutch collaborative study between four Dutch universities: Utrecht University, Leiden University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and University of Amsterdam. The study is coordinated by Utrecht University, the department of Clinical Psychology.

For the initiation of the study funding was received from the Development of Youth program of the Utrecht University and ZONMW. The research team works closely together with health institutes and is supported by societies of psychologists and the Ukraine Embassy in the Netherlands and this collaboration is coordinated by coordinator prof. dr. T. Mooren (Utrecht University & ARQ Centrum'45). The NADIYA study has been approved by the ethical committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences of Utrecht University. Please see [www.nadiya.sites.uu.nl](http://www.nadiya.sites.uu.nl) for more information on the NADIYA study.

**What is the study about?**

The aim of the NADIYA study is to better understand the mental wellbeing of Ukrainian refugees in the Netherlands. What helps and what is not helpful for them in with all changes? To understand this better, we will ask you questions about your everyday life since your arrival in the Netherlands: how you feel, what challenges you are faced with in daily life and how you cope with them. Through this information, we improve our understanding of the priorities and needs for health services so that brief interventions can be offered when needed.

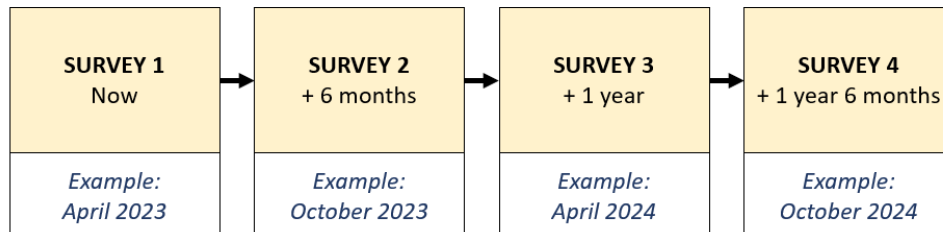
Although every adult is very much welcome to participate, we have a special focus on families. We would like to understand how the mental health of families are affected – and what are the needs of families with children of different ages? **Therefore we also want to invite your child (8 years or older) to participate – for this you will receive a separate information sheet similar to this one.**

You will be assigned a family code – a code that is anonymous but can be used to link family members that participate in the study.

As your circumstances may change over time, we would like to ask you to answer some of the questions not only now but also in the future. This helps us to understand development of priorities and needs regarding (mental) health over time.

**If I participate, what will I have to do?**

We ask you to fill in an online survey, which takes a maximum 30 minutes to complete. We will ask you to complete a survey at four timepoints:



To do so, you will be asked to fill out your email-address so that we can invite you to participate again for each of the timepoints separately. Participating on the first timepoint does not mean that you must participate in the future timepoints.

**Thank you!**

We appreciate that you consider taking part in this study very much! These are unforeseen circumstances, and our initiative is intended to support the mental health of people that may need it. To do so, this survey was created.

Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you have questions: [nadiya@uu.nl](mailto:nadiya@uu.nl).

***On the next page, you will find more detailed information about what participating in the NADIYA study would mean for you.***

**Is participation voluntary?**

Yes, participating in the NADIYA study is completely voluntary. Below you find more information about what participating would mean for you and how we handle your personal data.

Please take your time to consider participation by carefully reading this information and by asking us any question you might have (see contact information below under title 'Questions').

If you want to participate in the NADIYA study, you can give your consent by filling in the Informed Consent Form on the next webpage. Without your consent we cannot allow you to participate in the study.

You can take back your consent for participation at any time without giving the researchers any detailed explanation. Please contact the researchers if you wish to do so. If you take back your consent, the researchers will be allowed to use the already collected data.

### **Possible advantages and disadvantages of participating in the study**

You yourself do not directly benefit from participating in the study. However, by participating you can indirectly help yourself and other people who fled from Ukraine due to the invasion of the Russian army on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. Your survey answers will inform the researchers about the mental health status and needs of Ukrainian refugees. Based on this information, we can develop and create access to mental health interventions that municipalities can implement to support Ukrainian refugees in the Netherlands.

The only disadvantage of participation is the time it takes you to answer the questions.

### **Compensation**

Participants who complete the survey on all 4 timepoints will partake in a lottery for an online gift card worth 15 euro. A total of 10% of all participants who completed the survey will receive the gift card, which can be used in many different online stores in the Netherlands. Note, participants who completed the survey on 3 (or less) timepoints will not partake in the gift card lottery.

### **Data confidentiality and privacy**

We collect, use and store your data to fulfill the purpose of the study. To protect your privacy, we give a code to your data. By doing this, we separate your survey answers from your personal identifying information (such as name and contact information). As a result, your data is anonymous.

The key to the code is in a safe place at Utrecht University, which is secured to the highest standards. Only the direct research team can see your name, contact and other identifying information without a code. The research team will keep your information confidential. When we process your data, we always use the code. Even in reports and publications about the study, nobody will be able to see that it was about you.

We store your collected data in the secured data folder at Utrecht University for 10 years. This is in accordance with the [guidelines provided by the VSNU Association of Universities in the Netherlands](#).

Your anonymized data may also be important for other (future) research projects. Therefore, we will ask for your separate consent to make your anonymized data (without personal identifying information) available on a protected, public database. Note, separate consent means that you can choose to consent to participate in the NADIYA study **and at the same time choose to** not consent to share your anonymized data on a protected, public database.

Do you want to know more about your rights when processing personal data? Visit <https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/en>

### Research team

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### Questions

You can contact us at any time - we are happy to answer any questions you might have about the study or participating in it.

To speak to our research team, please send us an email to [nadiya@uu.nl](mailto:nadiya@uu.nl). Our research team can answer your questions in Ukrainian, Russian or in English.

If you want to have more information from an independent researcher, someone who is not directly connected to the research, please contact Paul Boelen at [P.A.Boelen@uu.nl](mailto:P.A.Boelen@uu.nl). Paul Boelen can answer your questions in English.

### Complaints

If you have an official complaint about the study, you can send an email to the complaints officer at [klachtenfunctionaris-fetcsocwet@uu.nl](mailto:klachtenfunctionaris-fetcsocwet@uu.nl).

***On the next page you will find the Informed Consent Form***

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I hereby declare that

- I have read and understand the information about the study “Risk and supportive factors in response to the war among Ukrainian refugees in the Netherlands (NADIYA)”
- I was able to ask questions and my questions have been answered well enough
- I have decided that
  - Yes, I consent to, and I want to, participate in the NADIYA study
  - No, I do not consent to, and I do not want to, participate in the NADIYA study

🔍 [ --- QUALTRICS SETTING: IF “NO”, THEN SHOW: ]

You have decided not to participate in the study. Thank you for your time and attention.

If you change your mind in the future and would like to participate in the NADIYA study – you can! To do so, please send an email to [nadiya@uu.nl](mailto:nadiya@uu.nl) and we will send you a new survey link.

**[ --- QUALTRICS SETTING: IF "YES", THEN SHOW" ]**

You have decided to participate in the NADIYA study. Thank you!

In addition, we ask for your separate consent regarding sharing your anonymized data with other researchers here below.

I hereby declare that I agree and consent to share anonymized data on a public, protected, database for other (future) research projects

- Yes, I consent
- No, I do not consent

To confirm your consent, please enter the following information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email-address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Important: please enter the email-address that you wish to be contacted through in the future.*

**Press next to register your answers.**

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Thank you for participating in the NADIYA study!

Now follows the online survey which takes about 30 minutes to complete. You can choose whatever language is the most convenient for your: Ukrainian, Russian or English.

Please try to fill in the survey when you are in a quiet location, where you cannot be distracted or disturbed.

Please read the instructions carefully. The survey consists of different parts and the instruction per part may change. For instance, sometimes you may be asked questions about the past month, and sometimes you will be asked questions about the past two weeks.

For most questions, **you will be asked to provide only one answer**. However, on a few questions you can provide multiple answers. There will be an extra instruction when you can give multiple questions.

You might sometimes doubt about which answer to choose – that is ok and normal. Don't think too much about it and choose the answer that first came to mind. We would like to have your intuitive answer.

***Press next to start the survey***