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:

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

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

3. 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.
Truth Hounds monitors registered around 4,000 incidents of alleged war crimes.
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<th>Conducted 27 field missions</th>
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<td>Worked in 83 settlements</td>
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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.
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.
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.

Increasing and strengthening evidence bases
Seven full-size submissions to local prosecutor’s offices have been incorporated into official criminal case files.

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.

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

- 1,331 victim profiles
- 895 witness profiles
- 413 incidents that could be qualified as war crimes
- 695 attacks on objects protected by international law
- 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:
As of the end of 2022, 16 patrons support us with a total monthly contribution of $418.

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