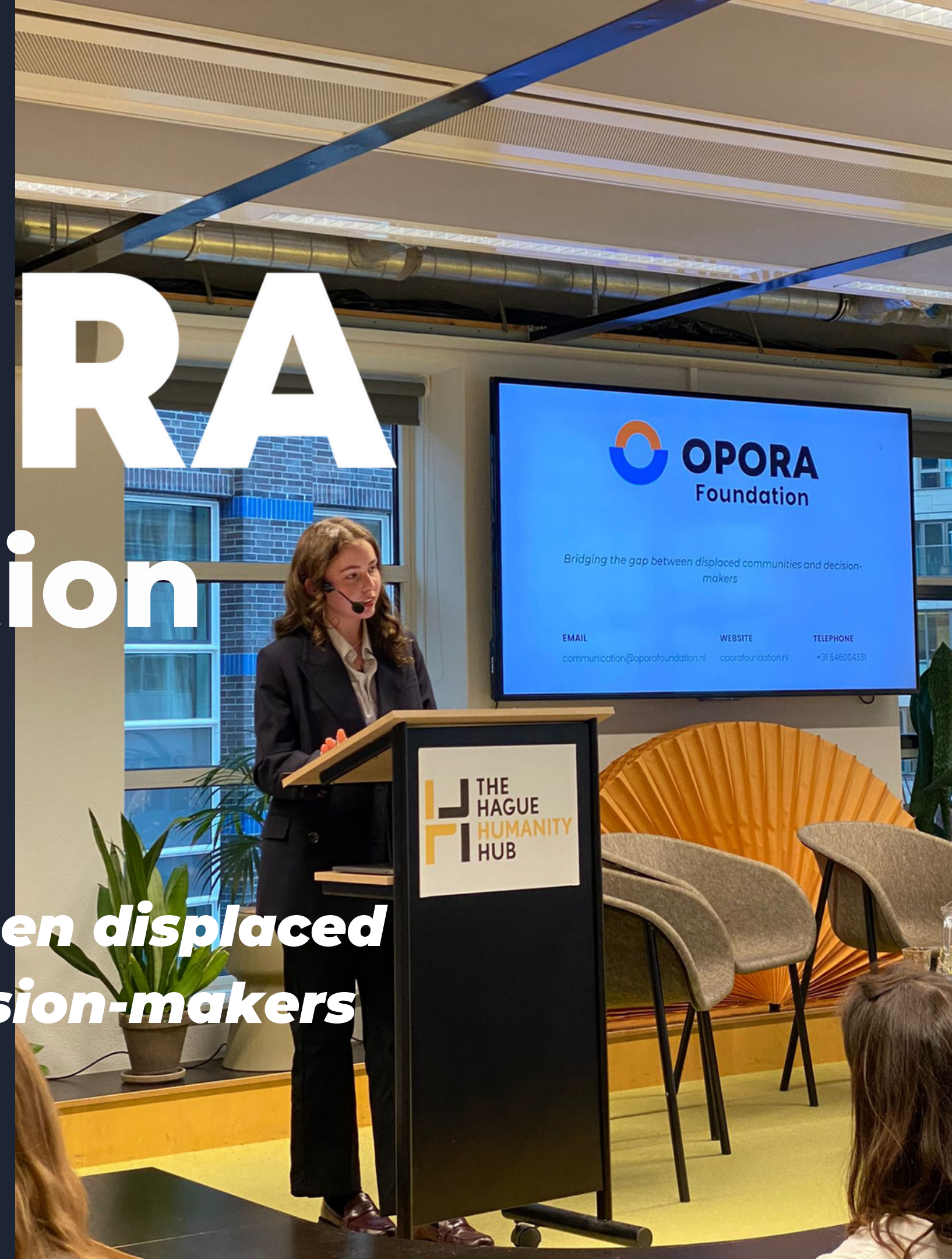




# OPORA Foundation

***Bridging the gap between displaced communities and decision-makers***



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# 1. ABOUT OPORA

Thank You



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# OUR 3 PILLARS

Opora has become a bridge between governmental institutions and displaced people.

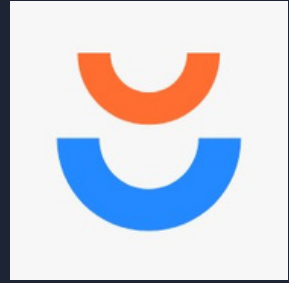




# Policy-informing Research

- Multidisciplinary qualitative and quantitative methods
- PhD-level experts
- Unique access to community

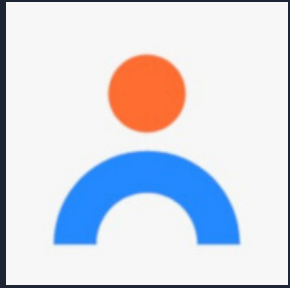




# Professional Collaborations

- Consultancy & workshops with municipalities and NGOs
- Escalating and informing about the challenges on regional and EU levels





## Services for displaced people

- Support of regional initiatives, training of community leaders
- Mental Health Program - EMPATIA
- Legal Support
- Human rights protection and awareness
- Communications



# OUR FOCUS

Research and Operations in these fields to bring data into strategy and action

Psychological Support

Education

Housing

## Published Research to date

- Situational Report highlighting hot issues, data and policy solutions(reached out by more than 500 actors)
- Educational Report with policy recommendations covering 1500 respondents
- Report on needs of Ukrainians in Private Housing (comissioned by the Municipality of Amsterdam, N470)
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# ABOUT US

Diverse team of expats with migration background (academics, consultants), Dutch and international professionals creating a bridge between displaced communities and the Dutch governmental/non-governmental institutions.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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## MANAGEMENT TEAM



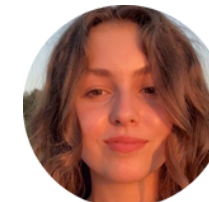
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Coordinator



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Legal Support Team Coordinator

## OPORA TEAMS

Research team (7 people)

Legal support Team (8 people)

EMPATIA Team (9 people)

Reporting Team (6 people)

Regional Network (30 people)

Communication with displaced  
people (1 person)

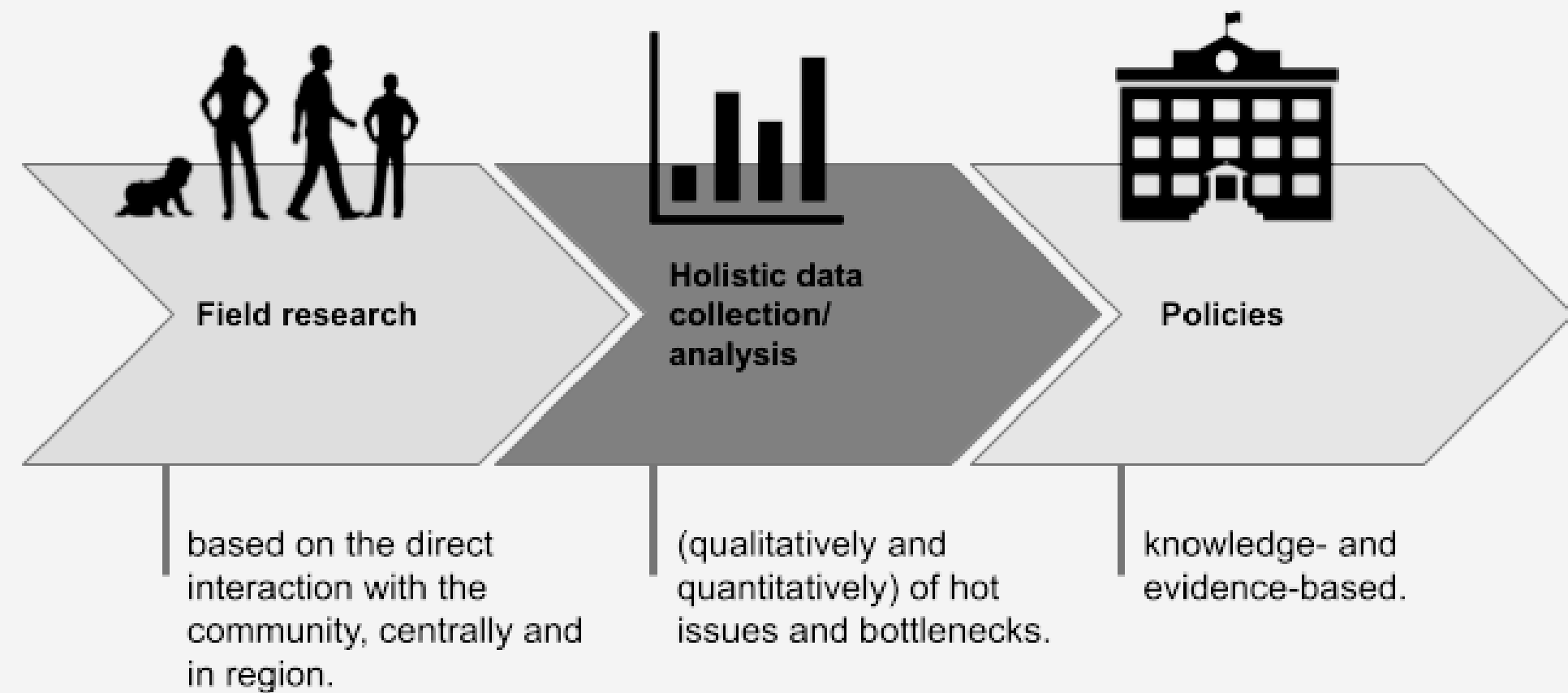
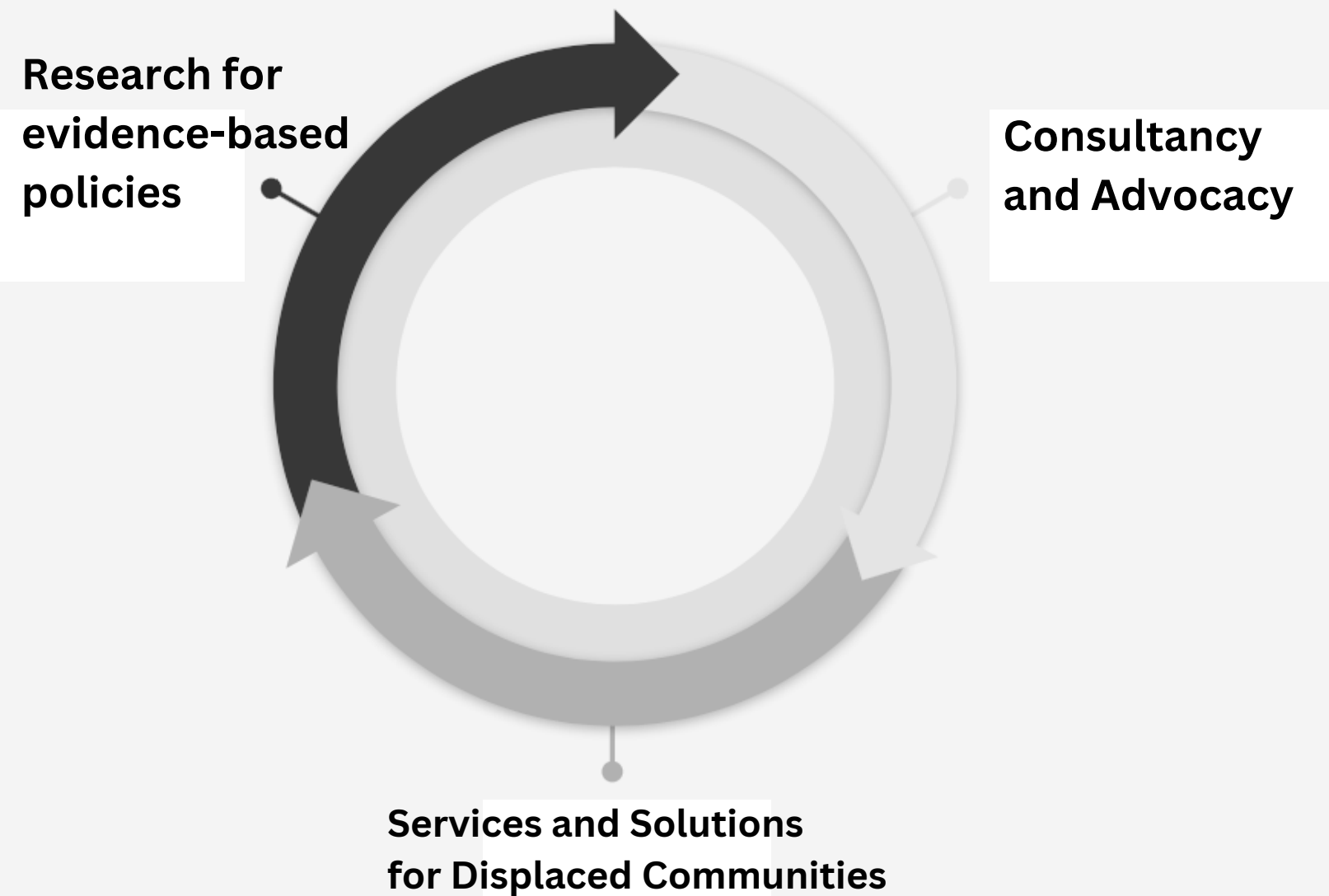
Communication Team (4 people)

IT Team (2 people)



## 2. STRATEGY

Two-folded approach: reactive crisis management with consideration of long-term strategy



Our approach is **two-folded** - we provide crisis management of the humanitarian response with consideration for mid and long-term scenarios based on the weekly situational analysis of trends as well as offering creative evidence-based solutions.

We believe that the most effective crisis management in the situation of Ukrainian Displacement is a **combination of effective central responses and the facilitation of regional networks**. Since there is no control over the movement of displaced individuals nor direct access to translation and supportive services — we have to **create, facilitate and identify local responses** which provide informational platforms and instructions (both in a trickle-down and bottom-up approach). Meanwhile, to avoid discrepancies in the support strategies - we should strive for **standardization of housing, financial, and educational support**.



# STRATEGIC PROJECTS



## Policy advice/media presence

- Motion on legal employment status for psychologists (voted in the parliament)
- Position paper for policy-makers on legal status of Ukrainians
- Media appearances and citations
- Roundtable on Education of Ukrainian children with UNICEF
- Lectures for the Ministry of Social Affairs and for 2 municipalities
- Preparation of the debate on Education of refugee children (special mention during the debate)

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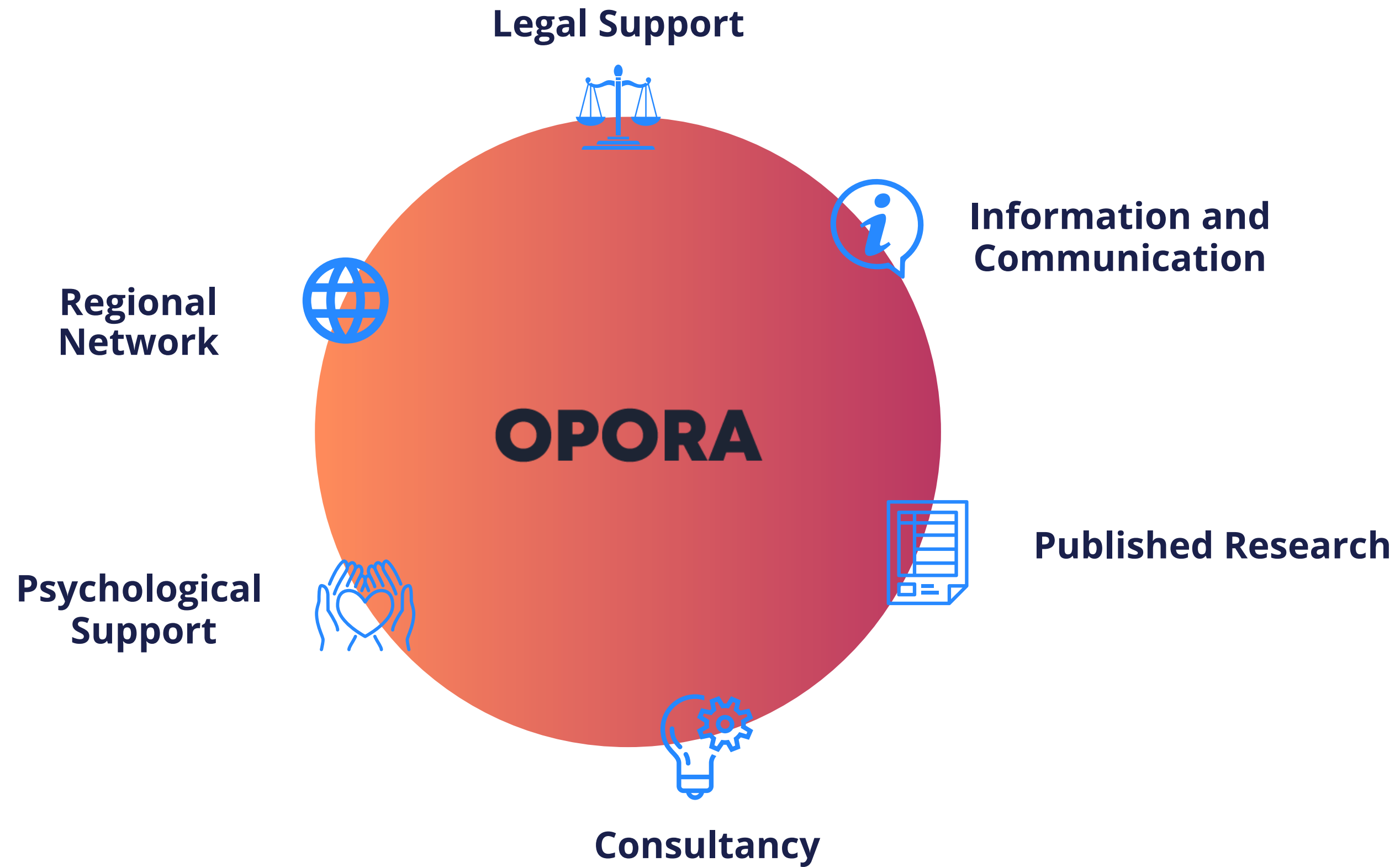


### 3. OUR STRENGTHS AND GROWTH



- Experienced operational managers.
- Successful combination of business strategies, academic expertise, and development capacities.
- Crisis management skills (quick response).
- Research design experience: qualitative and quantitative.
- Culturally sensitive approach.
- Direct access to the community.

# CONTRIBUTIONS OF OPORA IN 2022/2023



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## Research

- Situational Report
- Education Report



## Consultancy

- UNICEF Roundtable
- Lecture for the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour



## Psychological Support

- Providing psychological support to displaced Ukrainians.
- Database of 80+ Ukrainian psychologists.
- 200 mental health cases handled.



## Regional Network

- Founded a regional network of Ukrainian activists and specialists in the Netherlands
- Organisation of training and network events



## Legal Support

- Collaborations with VluchtelingenWerk and the Netherlands Red Cross.
- 9 active Ukrainian lawyers (international and national law, active only in OPORA).
- 600+ legal cases handled



## Information & Communication

- Launch of Opora's Telegram channel

# OPORA IN 2023



## Published Research Projects:

- Amsterdam Research Report on needs of Ukrainians in Private Housing
- Rotterdam Research Report on needs of Ukrainians in Private Housing (with Verwey Jonker)
- Red Cross Needs-Assessment (N680)
- Resilience and Ingenuity: Young Ukrainians' Experience in Emergency Education (for Their World)
- UNHCR Research on Housing (still ongoing)
  - 15 municipalities interviewed
  - N300+ survey respondents

### **Needs-Assessment:**

Displaced people  
from Ukraine living  
in the Netherlands

December 2022





# OPORA IN 2023



## Ongoing Research Projects:

- Access to shelter for displaced Ukrainians and the experience of policy-makers in providing shelter (commissioned by the UNHCR)
  - 15 municipalities participated in the research project
  - N379 survey respondents
- Research on labour participation of displaced people from Ukraine together with Verwey-Jonker Instisute (commissioned by The Gak)



# OPORA IN 2023

## Programs:



- Launch of EMPATIA (MH Program) with PsyGlobal and VluchtelingenWerk
  - Subsidy from Ministry of Justice
  - 4 Ukrainian psychologists hired for preventive care
  - 1 Monitoring specialist and 1 researcher hired
  - 1 Hotline opened



- Launch of a Legal Project with Fair Work
  - Subsidy from Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

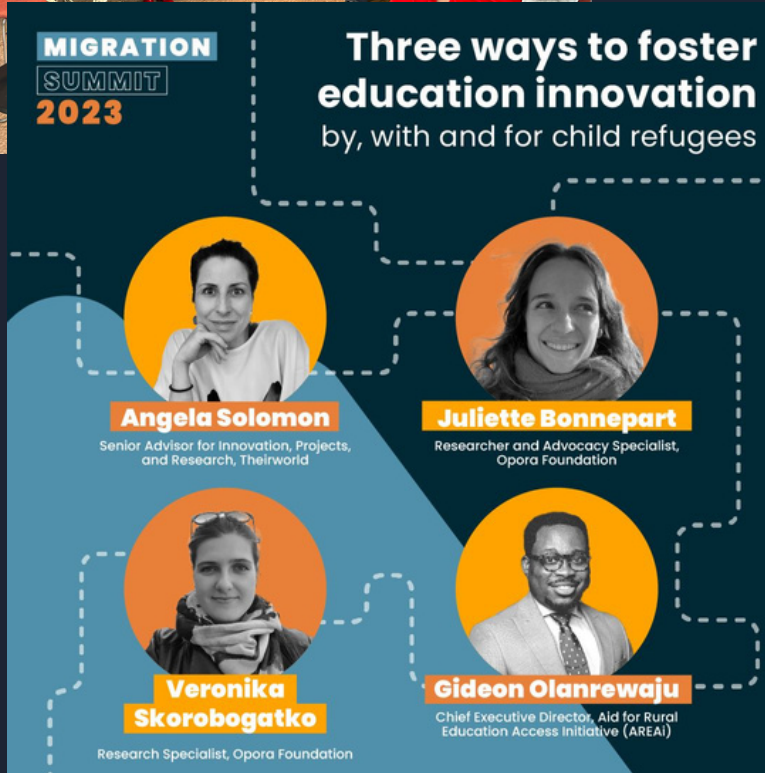


# OPORA IN 2023



## Events:

- Data in Crisis (The Hague)
- Red Cross Report Dissemination of results (The Hague)
  - Internal (Red Cross location managers)
  - External (government stakeholders, politicians, organisation members, experts)
- Migration Summit (on Education)
- European Migration Network conference on housing
- IMISCOE final conference in Warsaw (in July) - semi-plenary session



## Social Consultancy (EMPATIA):

- CounterdeTwern - Psychosocial consultancy
- Red Cross Internal Workshops - Psychosocial consultancy





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