

Claim

Claim: "



This image shows Ben Stiller and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at their meeting on June 20, 2022, for which Stiller received \$4 million from USAID."

Actions

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web_search("Ben Stiller Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting June 20 2022")
web_search("Ben Stiller USAID Ukraine")
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Evidence

Evidence from **web_search**

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv on June 20, 2022, as part of his visit as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The meeting was reported by ABC News (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989>), the New York Post (<https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/>), and the BBC (<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351>).

The ABC News article also mentions Stiller's visit to Irpin, Ukraine, and includes images of Stiller with children in Poland and walking through a damaged building in Irpin.









Evidence from **web_search**

Ben Stiller met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in June 2022. However, Stiller denied claims that he received \$4 million from USAID for his trip to Ukraine, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) confirmed that Stiller is not compensated for his work with UNHCR and self-funds his travel.

Sources: [Vanity Fair](#), [IMDB](#), and [MSNBC](#).





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Elaboration

The image does show Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting. The meeting occurred on June 20, 2022, as reported by multiple news outlets (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989>, <https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/>, <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351>). However, the claim

that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false. Stiller denied these claims, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip (<https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srsltid=AfmBOoqmZtyUwoMPiFsX8zL7DdXJOT30rVSXIZLNyC8z9NQ6jnf-Uufb>, <https://www.imdb.com/news/ni65111956/>, <https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/-totally-false-actor-ben-stiller-debunks-claims-usaid-funded-ukraine-trip-231285317684>).

Final Judgement

The image accurately depicts Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting on June 20, 2022. However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The image accurately depicts Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting on June 20, 2022, as reported by multiple news outlets (<https://abcnews.go.com/International/ben-stiller-meets-volodymyr-zelenskyy-ukraine-world-refugee/story?id=85517989>, <https://nypost.com/2022/06/20/ben-stiller-met-with-zelensky-in-ukraine-on-world-refugee-day/>, <https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-61875351>). However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID is false, as Stiller stated he self-funded his humanitarian trip (<https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srsltid=AfmBOoqmZtyUwoMPiFsX8zL7DdXJOT30rVSXIZLNyC8z9NQ6jnf-Uufb>, <https://www.imdb.com/news/ni65111956/>, <https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/-totally-false-actor-ben-stiller-debunks-claims-usaid-funded-ukraine-trip-231285317684>).