

# 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 claims were amplified on social media.

Sources: <https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/story/ben-stiller-denies-elon-musks-retweet-claiming-usaid-funded-the-stars-trip-to-ukraine?srltid=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>.

## Elaboration

The image does show Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting in June 2022. However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for the visit is false. Multiple sources indicate that Stiller denied these claims and stated that he self-funded his humanitarian trip.



# Final Judgement

The image accurately depicts Ben Stiller and Volodymyr Zelenskyy meeting in June 2022. However, the claim that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for the visit is false. Stiller himself denied these claims, stating that he self-funded his humanitarian trip.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The image accurately depicts Ben Stiller meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in June 2022, as reported by multiple news outlets like [ABC News](#). However, the assertion that Stiller received \$4 million from USAID for the trip is false, as Stiller denied these claims and stated he self-funded the humanitarian visit, as reported by [Vanity Fair](#).