Situation Report #23
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Project HOPE has launched multiple mobile medical units (MMUs) in Ukraine to provide primary health care to populations impacted by the violence.
- Project HOPE has completed multiple rehabilitations of medical facilities in Ukraine and has begun several other reconstruction projects to reinstate health services to the population.
- The humanitarian situation across Ukraine, particularly in eastern Donbas, is extremely alarming and continues to deteriorate rapidly.
- Active hostilities continue to escalate, especially in Luhanska and Donetska oblasts in eastern Ukraine, taking an enormous toll on civilians, including aid workers.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Since the onset of the Russian invasion, nearly one-third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes. This is the largest human displacement crisis in the world today. More than 8.7 million refugee movements out of Ukraine have been recorded by UNHCR since 24 February\(^i\). While more than 5.5 million displaced Ukrainians have returned to their homes in Ukraine, particularly in the North and to the capital Kyiv, the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) remains high at over 6.2 million, according to the International Organization for Migration’s (IOM) latest report\(^ii\).

People in Ukraine faced another escalation of hostilities in recent weeks, with the number of missile strikes and the consequent impact on civilians increasing across the country. The missile strike that hit a shopping mall in the center of Kremenchuk in central Poltavsk oblast was an emblematic example of the impact of the war on the people of Ukraine. The number of verified civilian casualties since the start of the war surpassed 10,000 by the end of June and is only growing\(^iii\).

The looming mental health crisis for the children of Ukraine: Because of the conflict in Ukraine, millions of children are likely to suffer from both immediate and long-term mental health impacts. World Vision is concerned that the war is subjecting children to constant fear and hopelessness, increasing their immediate stress responses and increasing their risk for specific mental disorders such as PTSD, depression, and anxiety\(^iv\). Children are resilient and can cope if provided with adequate support, however, if left unattended, their symptoms will have long-term impacts.

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

Ukraine’s already stressed health care system is buckling as people continue fleeing.
conflict areas seeking safety. In Ukraine, an estimated 12.1 million people need health assistance9. According to WHO, at least every third adult in Ukraine has health problems caused by chronic noncommunicable diseases and require systematic health care coverage, including counselling and medical support9. More than 1.4 million people are without running water across eastern Ukraine, while UNOCHA reports an additional 4.6 million people in the country at risk of losing access to running water, which will increase the risk of water-borne diseases such as acute watery diarrhea, while a lack of electricity makes effective water treatment impossible. Meanwhile, more than 295 health care facilities across Ukraine have been damaged or destroyed during the conflict, according to the World Health Organization9. These attacks have decimated access to health care at a time when people need it most: women have been forced to deliver babies in basements, injured people have had no access to care, and ill children have lost access to lifesaving treatments.

PROJECT HOPE RESPONSE

Project HOPE continues to implement a highly coordinated, comprehensive humanitarian intervention in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Emergency programming in Ukraine focuses support to local primary and secondary health facilities through essential medical equipment and supplies. The refugee responses in Moldova, Poland, and Romania have identified local partners to target gaps in essential services, including primary health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and protection.

In all locations, Project HOPE continues to work closely with government officials, local partners, and coordination clusters to ensure efforts address most pressing needs.

Project HOPE’s activities inside Ukraine:

- Project HOPE delivered a Neurosurgical Microscope (worth $115,000) to the Multidisciplinary Hospital № 18 in Kharkiv.
- Project HOPE delivered 302 pallets (worth $6.5 million) to hospitals in need inside Ukraine. The pallets included medicines, medical supplies, insulin, needles, hygiene kits, emergency health kits, surgical kits, and children kits.
- Project HOPE delivered 22 pallets of sutures to Lviv Children’s Hospital.
- An additional pallet that included 3,000 packets of cancer medication was delivered to Kharkiv Hospital.
- To support the lifesaving efforts for local population, Project HOPE donated 3 minivans to Lviv Hospital and 1 minivan to Kryvyi Rih TB Dispensary.
- Project HOPE has engaged a local pharmaceutical company to provide key medicines free of charge to Ministry of Health of Ukraine.
- Project HOPE has launched four Mobile Medical Units (MMU) to provide primary health care in the Dnipro (1), Zaporija (2), and Chernigiv (1) areas. The MMUs have already provided medical consultations to 1,110 Ukrainians.
- Project HOPE’s Medical Team continues to provide a trauma training course (trauma/surgical/combustiology care in war setting), which has already supported 212 trauma surgeons and students in 7 health facilities in Ukraine.
- Project HOPE has completed multiple reconstruction projects in hospitals in Irpin and Bucha cities (external rehabilitation works/windows replacement). The team continues to expand these activities to several facilities in Borodyanka municipality (including a kindergarten, municipal pharmacy, and hospital heating system), a hospital in Zagalci village, a clinic in Dmitrovka village, and Psychoneurological hospital in Chernihiv city.
• Project HOPE delivered **16 generators** (each with the capacity to run a hospital) to hospitals Kyiv, Kharkiv, Kropyvnytskyi, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Chernivtsi, Odessa, and Zaporizhzhia.

• The Project HOPE team – in partnership with local organization “Infection control in Ukraine” – is providing **legal consultations for the restoration of personal documents** to the local population and IDPs across Ukraine.

**Project HOPE’s activities in Moldova:**

• Project HOPE supported SAMU’s **Emergency Medical Team (EMT)**, which was one of six EMTs operating in the country per the request of the Ministry of Health of Moldova and the World Health Organization office in Chisinau for the period of March–June 2022. SAMU’s EMT was the only team providing services to Ukrainian refugees in the city of Chisinau. The EMT has provided emergency and ongoing medical services and medications to around **1,800 refugees who are primarily children, women, and elderly Ukrainians**.

• In partnership with a local NGO, The Moldova Project (TMP), Project HOPE launched the **Empowering the Ukrainians Project** to increase the support provided to refugee children and caregivers, by implementing integrated measures of education and creating safe spaces (children’s playrooms) for development in Chișinău, Anenii Noi, Călărași, Cimișlia, Criuleni, and Hâncești districts. To date, Project HOPE has established **5 new playrooms** that have provided services to 127 Ukrainian refugee children and 110 parents and caregivers.

• Project HOPE distributed **86,500 insulin pens** (worth $310,000) to 47 primary healthcare facilities all over the country that will cover treatment for 40,000 patients with Type 1 Diabetes for 3 months.

• Project HOPE delivered **45 Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK)** (worth $22,000) to the Ministry of Health in Moldova.

• Project HOPE delivered another **2,160 hygienic kits** to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection for distribution to shelters, women and child centers, and other facilities.

• Project HOPE delivered **500 sleeping pads** (worth $11,500) to refugee shelters in Chisinau and Balti cities, and Balata village in Moldova.

**Project HOPE’s activities in Poland:**

• Project HOPE’s team has provided a **$300,000 grant** to University Children’s Hospital-Krakow (UCH) to support their Ukrainian children’s ward and is exploring mental health programming. To date, the UCH has seen and treated **2,660 children from Ukrainian refugee families**.

• In addition to the grant, Project HOPE purchased medical equipment for UCH at a cost of $98,000.

• Project HOPE also provided a **$425,000 grant** to local NGO Podkarpackie Stowarzyszenie dla Aktywnych Rodzin (PSAR) for provision of mental health support to Ukrainian refugees, specifically women and children in Rzeszow. The “Centre for Psychophysical Development TUTU” opened and has been providing mental health assistance to Ukrainian Refugees and local residents, reaching **1,194 people** (8389 of whom children).

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• Project HOPE continues its financial and technical support to two local NGOs (Estuar Foundation, ICAR), providing vital health and mental health care to Ukrainian refugees in Bucharest, Galati, Iasi, Radauti, and Somcuta Mare areas in Romania.
• Project HOPE’s team in Romania has provided medical services (consultations, health screening, ultrasound, blood labs, drug treatment, and dental care) to 4,866 Ukrainian refugees.
• Project HOPE continues providing mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) to Refugees from Ukraine, reaching 5,085 people to date.
• In partnership with a local NGO, Project HOPE’s team conducted MHPSS trainings for 1,039 health care workers, social workers, and volunteers who work with Ukrainian refugees families.

Project HOPE’s teams in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Moldova continue to closely monitor the situation as it unfolds in order to adapt their response accordingly.

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