KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the full invasion of Ukraine, nearly one-third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes, in what has become one of the largest human displacement crises in the world today. As of today, close to 7.9 million refugees from Ukraine are present across Europe, of which some 4.7 million have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes. According to the most recent Ukraine Internal Displacement Report by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), over 6.5 million people were internally displaced by the war within Ukraine.

- Project HOPE has partnered with 13 local organizations in Poland, Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine to support Ukrainians inside Ukraine and in host countries.

- Project HOPE’s Ukraine team is extending mobile medical unit (MMU) activity into newly liberated areas in eastern and southern Ukraine to provide primary health care to those impacted by the conflict.

- Project HOPE’s team was among the first responders who entered newly liberated regions to support the local population who survived the occupation. The team went to Kharkiv oblast (September, only three days after the liberation) and to Kherson (November, four days after the liberation) to distribute medicines and hygiene kits, assess the needs, and come back with necessary assistance.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ukraine saw the first snow of the season falling in mid-November, just a couple of days after a new wave of missile attacks targeting energy infrastructure had left approximately 10 million consumers, including families, businesses, hospitals and schools, without electricity, and millions cut off from water and heating supplies. The onset of winter conditions in Ukraine, where temperatures can drop below minus 20 degrees Celsius, brings new dimensions to the humanitarian crisis in the country and could be a matter of survival for millions of people if they cannot stay in a protected and warm place.

Among other challenges, the freezing temperatures arrived at a moment when the country is facing a serious energy crisis, following almost weekly waves of attacks on Ukraine’s energy infrastructure. Despite ongoing repairs, on 28 November, the Ukrainian energy system was able to cover only 70 percent of the peak demand to generate power. As a consequence, people in all regions of the country have constant power outages, which also affects civilians’ access to water and heating, as the pumping system needs electricity to operate. The situation is more critical in the west of the country and the capital Kyiv, which has been the worst affected by the latest attacks on energy infrastructure. According to the authorities, restoration of the heating supply in parts of Kharkivska oblast in the east, and Khersonska oblast in the south, have not been possible yet due to the exceptionally severe damage inflicted. In the south, an attack on 28 November reportedly hit a station in Khersonska oblast pumping water to Mykolaiv, just a week after it had been repaired. The station was first hit in April, and since then, all 250,000 people who remain in the city have not had piped water.

As of 30 October, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has reported 16,295 civilian casualties in Ukraine, of which 6,430 people were killed and 9,865 injured. In line with the standard operating procedures of the global Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care, the World Health Organization (WHO) has verified 681 reported...
attacks on health care between 24 February and 31 October. These have resulted in 129 reported injuries and 100 reported deaths of health-care personnel and patients. As of 1 November, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has recorded 7.8 million refugees from Ukraine in Europe. A total of 4.5 million were registered for Temporary Protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe. For cross border movements, 14.8 million border crossings out of Ukraine, and 7.4 million border crossings into Ukraine were recorded. As the escalation of tensions and targeting of key infrastructure continues in Ukraine, harsh winter conditions are making life even more difficult for Ukrainian citizens who already lack adequate shelter and heating supplies. Attacks have continued on critical national infrastructure, such as medical facilities, energy infrastructure, water systems, roads, and transportation. These attacks make it more difficult for people to access all types of health care: emergency, primary, and secondary. A lack of basic services and utilities exacerbates both pre-existing conditions and vulnerability to infectious disease.iii

The latest International Organization for Migration (IOM) Area Baseline assessment provides granular data on the number and geographic location of officially recorded internally displaced persons (IDPs). Data collection for the Area Baseline assessment Round 16 took place between 31 October and 11 November across 21 oblasts and Kyiv city. In the areas covered, the number of recorded IDPs was collected for all 106 raions and 982 hromadas (75 percent of all). In addition, gender disaggregated figures were provided across 66 percent of hromadas; of those areas, 63 percent of registered IDPs were females and 37 percent were males. Among oblasts, Kharkivska (430,242), Dnipropetrovska (355,493) and Kyivska (335,517) have the highest number of displaced persons. At the raion level, Kyivska, Kharkivska, Zaporizkyi, Dniprovskyi and Lvivskyi host the highest number of recorded IDPs, with over 148,000 each. Of the total IDPs, the majority have been displaced from Donetska, Kharkivska and Luhanska oblasts. Out of the 155 cities/towns that reported IDP figures, Kyiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia and Lviv recorded the highest displacement figuresiv.

**HUMANITARIAN NEEDS**

Humanitarian organizations continue to scale up activities aiming at helping people with services and supplies to keep them protected and warm as the winter sets in. At the same time, in the south, humanitarian actors have quickly and consistently delivered assistance to people facing urgent needs in areas where Ukraine regained control over the past two months, including Kherson. Overall, and since the start of the full invasion, aid workers have provided some 13.5 million people with humanitarian assistance across Ukraine, including shelter or critical household supplies to 2.4 million people; clothing, heating appliances and other winter supplies to around 630,000 people; water and hygiene services to 6.9 million people; food to 8.9 million people; health services to 8.9 million; and cash to 4.3 million people. Some 14.5 million people in Ukraine are estimated to need health assistance. The situation is particularly critical in areas of Donetska, Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts, where the Government of Ukraine regained control in the past monthsv.

Approximately 16 million people in Ukraine need water, sanitation and hygiene assistance. These include internally displaced people and their host communities, people living in areas with conflict-damaged water and waste-water infrastructure, and areas experiencing disruptions of water supply caused by the energy crisis.

As a consequence of the impact on services, there is an elevated risk of WASH-related diseases in affected areas. More sustainable approaches must be found for water-scarce settlements near the front line and in retaken areas.

As of November 2022, there are 11.5 million people in need of protection assistance in Ukraine. According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Protection Monitoring, the most frequently reported protection risks include exposure to shelling and armed violence, mine contamination, family separation, restrictions on freedom of movement, absence of identity documents, and lack of access to education.

Along with food insecurity and inadequate shelter in the retaken areas, the most pressing needs include mental health and psychosocial support services, access to medicine, health care and health facilitiesvi.
PROJECT HOPE’S RESPONSE

Project HOPE continues to implement a highly coordinated, comprehensive humanitarian intervention in Ukraine and in the neighboring countries Poland, Romania, and Moldova. Emergency programming in Ukraine focuses on supporting local primary and secondary health facilities with essential medicine, medical supplies, and medical equipment, including generators. 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 the most pressing needs.

Project HOPE’s activities inside Ukraine:

- Project HOPE has supported **120 health facilities** in 23 oblasts in Ukraine with medicines, medical supplies, insulin, needles, hygiene kits, emergency health kits, surgical kits, and children kits (worth $8.5 million).
- Project HOPE delivered a **Neurosurgical Microscope** (worth $115,000) to the Multidisciplinary Hospital № 18 in Kharkiv.
- 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 Oncology Hospital.
- Project HOPE delivered 24 generators (each with the capacity to run a hospital) to 22 health care facilities in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Lviv, Odesa, Chernivtsi, Kropyvnytskyi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Rivne, Ternopil, Zhytomyr oblasts.
- To support the lifesaving efforts for local populations, Project HOPE donated seven vehicles to five health care facilities in Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia and Lviv oblasts.
- In partnership with local partner Infection Control in Ukraine, Project HOPE donated IPC/WASH equipment and supplies to eight health care facilities in Ukraine and conducted a seminar for heads of infection control departments on cleaning and using the new provided equipment.
- Project HOPE has completed **multiple reconstruction projects in health care facilities** in Kyiv (Irpin, Borodyanka, Bucha) and Chernihiv (Honcharivske) oblasts, including external rehabilitation works and windows replacement. To date, Project HOPE has ongoing construction works at nine health care facilities in Kyiv, Chernihiv and Sumy oblasts.
- Project HOPE has launched 10 **mobile medical units** (MMUs) to provide primary health care in the Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv areas. The MMUs have already provided 35,167 medical consultations—including 1,179 mental health consultations—for 26,158 patients (59% F, 41% M; 49.5% of them IDPs). With a cold season coming, nearly 2,000 MMU patients were tested for COVID-19 with rapid tests provided by Project HOPE.
- Project HOPE **established four MHPSS sites in IDP shelters** in Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, and Kyiv areas where the psychologists provided 3,351 Ukrainians with psychosocial support consultations.
- Project HOPE’s medical team continues to provide a variety of **standardized trainings for medical professionals** in Ukraine and has already conducted a trauma training course (trauma care, polytrauma, bleeding control, PALS, ITLS) to 578 trauma surgeons and students in 15 health care facilities,
  - Trainings on Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV) have been given to 103 health care professionals from three health care facilities in the Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts,
  - **Basic Life Support (BLS)** trainings have been given to 362 individuals in twelve separate health care facilities in two oblasts.

In November, Project HOPE distributed more than 12,000 hygiene kits for elderly citizens, family units, and children in Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolyiv, Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia regions. Photo by Project HOPE staff, November 2022.

Project HOPE staff visited children policlinic #6 in Odessa, where WASH equipment and other items were delivered late November 2022. Photo by Project HOPE staff, November 2022.
- Psychological First Aid (PFA) trainings have been given to 112 hospital staff in six areas with high populations of conflict-affected individuals.
- Mental Health Gap (MH Gap) training courses have been given to 39 individuals from two health care facilities.

- In partnership with USAID - US Agency for International Development and Momentum Wheels for Humanity Ukraine, Project HOPE is conducting trainings for specialists and assistants in “Physical and Occupational Therapy in Emergency Contexts.” The multi-day interactive trainings prepare participants to treat patients with limb and mobility impairments related to injuries sustained in the ongoing hostilities. Since the start of the program in early September, Project HOPE and Momentum have trained 193 medical professionals from 31 separate health care facilities in Lviv, Volyn, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Ternopil oblasts in Ukraine.
- In addition to distributing 21,491 hygiene kits and NFIs since the beginning of the response, in November Project HOPE in conjunction with its USAID-funded activities in Ukraine distributed 12,600 hygiene kits for elderly citizens, family units, and children in Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Dnipro, and Kherson regions.
- Project HOPE’s team—in partnership with a local organization Infection Control in Ukraine (ICU)—has provided 182 personal 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 at the request of the Ministry of Health of Moldova, the World Health Organization office, and The Moldova Expo Center, which was the biggest shelter in Chisinau from 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 Ukrainian children, women, and elderly citizens.
- 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) in Chişinău, Anenii Noi, Călăraşi, Cimişlia, Criuleni, and Hânceşti districts. To date, Project HOPE has established nine playrooms (eight new and one renovated), that have provided services to 3,753 Ukrainian refugee children and 596 parents and caregivers.
- Project HOPE distributed 86,500 insulin pens (worth $310,000) to 47 primary health care facilities across the country that will cover treatment for 40,000 patients with Type 1 Diabetes for three months.
- Project HOPE delivered 45 Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK) to the Ministry of Health in Moldova.
- Project HOPE delivered 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 to refugee shelters in the cities of Chisinau and Balti, and Balata village.
- Project HOPE donated 400 hospital beds including mattresses, bed linen sets, blankets, pillows, and bed covers (worth $81,200) to the Ministry of Health (MoH) of Moldova. The hospital beds went to three Psychiatric hospitals in Chisinau, Balti, and Orhei as requested by the Moldovan MoH.
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 explore mental health programming. To date, the UCH has seen and treated 5,857 children from Ukrainian refugee families through oncology & hematology, general surgery and emergencies, treatment in physiotherapy, and outpatient/consultation visits. 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 the provision of mental health support to Ukrainian refugees, specifically women and children in Rzeszow. The Center for Psychophysical Development TUTU has been providing mental health assistance to 4,006 Ukrainian refugees and residents with a total of 7,439 Mental Health and Psychosocial support interventions.

- Project HOPE has provided a $343,823 grant to local organization Zustricz Foundation to open a psychological support center for refugees and migrants from Ukraine in Krakow and surrounding areas. The center opened in October 2022 and to date has provided mental health assistance to 2,456 Ukrainian refugees.

- Project HOPE provided a grant worth $270,507 to Accessible World Foundation, a local organization based in Krakow, Poland to provide medical and social support to Ukrainian refugees with disabilities.

Project HOPE’s activities in Romania:

- Project HOPE provided two grants worth $303,497.5 to ICAR Foundation, a Bucharest-based local NGO, to provide mental health support to Ukrainian refugees in Romania.

- Project HOPE supported a local NGO, Estuar Foundation, with a grant of $204,321 to provide vital mental health support to Ukrainian Refugees and to train health care workers, social workers, and volunteers on Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS). To date, Estuar Foundation has trained 1,405 health care workers, social workers, and volunteers who work with Ukrainian refugee families.

- Project HOPE continues to provide mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to refugees from Ukraine, reaching 8,440 Ukrainian refugees through both its partners ICAR & Estuar.

- Through local implementing partners (SAMU, Estuar, and ICAR), Project HOPE’s team in Romania has provided medical services including consultations, health screenings, ultrasounds, blood labs, drug treatment, and dental care to 1,615 Ukrainian refugees.

- Project HOPE donated over 300 wheelchairs and mobility equipment to a local NGO, Motivation Romania, to distribute to people with disabilities from Ukraine and Romania.

- Project HOPE delivered 6,984 hygiene kits including elderly and dignity kits to local partners in Bucharest, Galati, and Iasi for further distribution to Ukrainian refugees.
Project HOPE’s teams in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and Moldova continue to closely monitor the situation as it unfolds to adapt their response accordingly. To date, Project HOPE has partnerships with 13 local organizations in four countries to support our emergency response. In all areas of our response, Project HOPE has endeavored to promote the localization of aid through collaboration, partnership, and capacity strengthening for local, non-governmental organizations. This approach was essential to the delivery of aid during the earliest and most acute phase of the crisis, and we remain committed to it as our response grows and evolves in order to support sustainable solutions and promote more resilient communities.

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