



# Conflict in Ukraine

## Situation Report #29

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### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Russia’s full invasion of Ukraine, which started on 24 February, 2022, has caused widespread death, destruction, displacement, and suffering, and left at least 7.6 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection. They include 6.3 million internally displaced people (IDPs), 6.9 million people who remain at their homes, and 4.4 million returnees. The highest severity of needs is among people living in areas not under the Government of Ukraine’s control and in areas directly affected by active hostilities.<sup>1</sup>
- Project HOPE has partnered with 14 local organizations in Poland, Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine to support Ukrainians inside Ukraine and in host countries.
- Project HOPE has expanded its geographical representation and recently opened a new office in Kherson, Ukraine.
- 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.

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Regular waves of attacks on energy infrastructure continue to cause destruction and leave millions of people across Ukraine with no electricity. These attacks have also disrupted water supplies and heating systems, while temperatures have fallen below zero in most parts of the country. The attacks have also damaged other civilian infrastructure, including homes and have killed and injured civilians across Ukraine over the past couple of weeks. The most recent attack in the early hours of 19 December reportedly hit infrastructure in at least six of Ukraine’s 24 oblasts, mainly in the center and south of the country, injuring at least two civilians and damaging several buildings in Kyivska oblast, according to the authorities. The authorities have implemented emergency power outages in 10 oblasts and in Kyiv. Earlier on 16 December, as another series of attacks swept

over Ukraine, a baby and mother were killed as a building was hit in Krivyi Rih, central Dnipropetrovska oblast. The strikes also damaged homes and other civilian infrastructure in several parts of the country, including during three reported explosions in Kyiv. Large-scale disruptions of water, power, heating, railway connections, and mobile communications were reported all over the country. On 5 December, attacks resulted in power outages in 40% of the capital Kyiv and disconnected the Internet due to the lack of power. Water in Odesa was cut as the main water pipe station was without power; damages also led to a full blackout across the city. Other parts of the country were also affected.<sup>ii</sup>

From 24 February 2022 to 9 January 2023, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 18,096 civilian casualties in the country: 6,952 killed and 11,144 injured. Among those killed are 2,758 men, 1,857 women, 176 girls, and 220 boys, as well as 35 children and 1,906 adults whose sex is yet unknown. Among the injured are 2,425 men, 1,739 women, 234 girls, and 322 boys, as well as 254 children and 6,170 adults whose sex is yet unknown.

According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), **5.9 million Ukrainians were internally displaced** as of 5 December, a reduction from 6.5 million recorded at the end of October. Yet, in the past month some 680,000 people have been forced from their homes, 40% of them fleeing from the east and 25% from the south of the country. According to the IOM's latest estimates, there is no evidence of a new massive wave of displacement due to low temperatures and energy crisis across most-affected oblasts as had been projected. Only 7% of the people questioned during the latest General Population Survey are considering moving from their place of residence, while over 785,000 of those displaced are planning to remain and assimilate into their new communities.<sup>iii</sup>

As of 26 December 2022, there have been 597 **attacks on health care facilities** in 15 oblasts (including Kyiv city). 270 health facilities were attacked on average around 454 thousand patients were treated per month in these health facilities according to pre-war data from eHealth<sup>iv</sup>.

## HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

The ongoing war significantly increased humanitarian needs in 2022 and continues to have a brutal impact. By the end of 2022, **a total of 17.7 million people were estimated to be in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, including 3.4 million children requiring protection interventions.** An estimated **14.5 million people need health assistance.**

According to World Vision International, around 1.5 million children in Ukraine have been left at risk of mental health issues as a result of being exposed to the horrors of war. Schooling has been disrupted for 5.7 million children, while humanitarian access to vulnerable families in areas under active fighting still remains challenging. Without electricity, children face extreme cold and may not be able to continue online learning, health facilities may be unable to provide critical services, and water supply systems will not function. The freezing winter, the loss of income, and the energy and socioeconomic crisis triggered by the war have had devastating impact for children and families. An estimated 472,018 people in Ukraine have been newly exposed to poverty, of whom most are children (400,104).<sup>v</sup>

Since 24 February, aid workers have reached 13.6 million people with various types of humanitarian aid, including 1 million in areas under the temporary military control of the Russian Federation, where access remains a challenge. The number of aid organizations working in Ukraine has increased five-fold in the past nine months, to 700. Almost 200 partners have provided services related to health to 9.2 million people since the start of the war, ensuring that people have access to essential health care across the country. Some 160 partners have been working to provide shelter kits, beds and supporting items, heating solutions, building materials and various sorts of repairs to those who lost their homes or have been internally displaced, especially with repairs and essential items during the cold weather and heavy snow. Since the start of the full invasion, they have reached more than 2.7 million so far. The situation is particularly critical in areas of Donetsk, Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts, where the Government of Ukraine regained control in the past months. To meet the growing needs for heating and power amid the energy crisis, humanitarian partners are delivering generators to hospitals, schools, heating points and collective centers. Some 770 generators have been delivered or are being installed, while at least 2,300 more have been procured or are on their way to Ukraine.<sup>vi</sup>

## 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 programmatic achievements in Ukraine:

- Project HOPE has supported **160 health facilities in 23 oblasts in Ukraine with medicines, medical supplies, insulin, needles, hygiene kits, emergency health kits, surgical kits, and children's kits.**
- 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 300 packets of cancer medication** was delivered to **Kharkiv Oncology Hospital.**
- Project HOPE delivered **33 generators (each with the capacity to run a hospital)** to **32 health care facilities in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Lviv, Odesa, Chernivtsi, Kropyvnytskyi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Rivne, Ternopil, Zhytomyr, Kharkiv and Kherson regions.**
- Project HOPE continues to deliver the WHO standardized **health kits** of medicines and medical supplies, including a total of **21 IEHK (Interagency Emergency Health Kits), 37 TESK (Trauma and Emergency Surgery Kits), 12 PED/SAM (Pediatric Kits) and 9 NCD (Non-Communicable Diseases Kits)** to health care facilities in Ukraine with a high emphasis on the Eastern and Southern regions.
- To support the lifesaving efforts for local populations, Project HOPE donated **seven vehicles to five health care facilities in Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia and Lviv oblasts.**
- Project HOPE donated **88 pieces of mobility equipment including wheelchairs** (pre-assembled by the local partner from Romania, Motivation Romania) **to Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre, a local NGO in Lviv.**
- In partnership with local partner **Infection Control in Ukraine (ICU)**, Project HOPE **donated IPC/WASH equipment and supplies** to eight health care facilities in **Zhytomyr, Kyiv, Ternopil, Khmelnytskyi, Poltava, and Chernihiv oblasts.** They also conducted a seminar for heads of infection control departments on cleaning and using the provided new equipment.
- Project HOPE has completed **multiple reconstruction projects in health care and social facilities in Kyiv (Irpın, Borodyanka, Bucha, Dmytrivka) and Chernihiv (Chernigiv, Honcharivske) oblasts,** including external rehabilitation works and windows replacement. To date, Project HOPE has **ongoing construction works at four health care and social facilities in Kyiv (Borodyanka, Irpin, Zahalsti) and Sumy (Khukhra) oblasts.**



Project HOPE's Ukraine team visits Borodyanka, Ukraine. Photo by Project HOPE staff, December 2022.



Thanks to Project HOPE's support, Borodyanka municipal pharmacy has been rehabilitated and is ready to reopen. Photo by Project HOPE staff, December 2022.



Project HOPE delivered hygiene kits for internally displaced people to Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv, Ukraine. Photo by Project HOPE staff, December 2022.



- Project HOPE has launched **11 mobile medical units (MMUs)** to provide primary health care in the **Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Odesa, and Mykolaiv areas**. The MMUs have already provided **40,893 medical consultations (including 1,195 mental health consultations)** for **28,898 patients** (17,022 F; 11,711 M; 52% IDPs) in **Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, Chernihiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Kharkiv Oblasts**.
- Nearly 2,000 MMU patients **were tested for COVID-19** with rapid tests provided by Project HOPE.
- Project HOPE **established seven MHPSS sites in IDP shelters in Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, and Kyiv areas** where the psychologists provided **5,885** Ukrainians with psychosocial support consultations.
- Project HOPE's medical team continues to provide a **diverse series of high-quality training 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 **158 health care professionals** from three health care facilities in the Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts,
  - **Basic Life Support (BLS)** trainings have been given to **459 individuals** in twelve separate health care facilities in two oblasts,
  - **Psychological First Aid (PFA)** trainings have been given to **198 hospital staff in six areas** with high populations of conflict-affected individuals,
  - **Mental Health Gap (MH Gap) training courses** have been given to **113 individuals** from two health care facilities,
  - **Trauma and Disaster Team Response (TDTR) training** have been given to **17 medical staff members in Kyiv,**
  - **European Pediatric Advanced Life Support (EPALS) training** have been given to **17 medical professionals in Kyiv oblast.**
- 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 trained **256 medical professionals from 31 separate health care facilities** in Lviv, Volyn, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Ternopil oblasts in Ukraine.
- In December Project HOPE, in conjunction with its USAID-funded activities in Ukraine, distributed **2,632 individual hygiene kits and 270 baby kits** in Kyiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Dnipro and Kherson regions, as well as distributed **1,020 individual hygiene kits** gifted in kind to **internally displaced families and children with disabilities** in seven regions in the West of Ukraine, reaching total of **44,646 hygiene kits and NFIs** distributed since the beginning of the response.
- Project HOPE's team, in partnership with a local organization **Infection Control in Ukraine (ICU)**, has distributed **6,500 information leaflets** and provided **211 personal legal consultations for the restoration of personal documents** to the local population and IDPs across Ukraine.



*Pediatric SAM kits delivered to Children's Regional Clinical Hospital in Kherson, Ukraine. Photo by Project Hope staff, December 2022.*



*Staff at Chervonohrad Central City Hospital in Ukraine attend a Psychological First Aid (PFA) training given by Project HOPE. Photo by Project Hope staff, December 2022.*

### Project HOPE's programmatic achievements in Moldova:

- Project HOPE supported an Emergency Medical Team (EMT) from Servicios de Asistencia Médica de Urgencias (SAMU), 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, integration, 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 3,996 Ukrainian refugee children and 674 parents and caregivers.**
- Project HOPE has provided a grant **worth \$140,165 to the local organization Regina Pacis** for setting up the project "**Holistic Assistance Center for Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable families in Moldova.**" The Center aims to provide medical and psychological assistance, referrals to health services, information on how to access education services, asylum procedures, and employment to both Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable families in Moldova.
- 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 hygiene 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 of Moldova.** The hospital beds went to **three Psychiatric hospitals in Chisinau, Balti, and Orhei** as requested by the Moldovan Ministry of Health.
- Project HOPE donated **303,015 bags of IV Fluids** worth **\$174,500** to **Ministry of Health of Moldova.**

### Project HOPE's programmatic achievements 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 **5,660 children from Ukrainian refugee families through oncology and 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



Ukrainian refugee children attend a Christmas party at a safe space Project HOPE established in Chisinau, Moldova. Photo courtesy The Moldova Project, December 2022.



A therapist at the TUTU Center in Rzeszow, Poland teaches relaxation techniques to refugee children. Photo by PSAR staff, December 2022.

**Center for Psychophysical Development TUTU** has been **providing mental health assistance** to **4,345** Ukrainian refugees and residents.

- Project HOPE has provided a **\$343,823** grant to the 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 has provided mental health assistance to **3,412 Ukrainian refugees**.
- Project HOPE provided a grant worth **\$270,507** to **Accessible World Foundation**, a local organization based in Krakow, Poland that provides **physiotherapy, rehabilitation, and psychological support to Ukrainian refugees with disabilities**.

### **Project HOPE's programmatic achievements in Romania:**

- **Project HOPE** provided **two grants worth \$303,497** to **ICAR Foundation**, a Bucharest-based local NGO, to provide mental health and medical support to Ukrainian refugees in Romania. To date, **ICAR has supported 6,023 Ukrainian refugees**.
- 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 1,344 health care workers, social workers, and volunteers, and 1,355 Ukrainian refugees have benefited from MHPSS services**.
- 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 Ukraine team delivered donated wheelchairs to Dzherele Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv, Ukraine. Photo by Project HOPE staff, December 2022.*

**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 14 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.

<sup>i</sup> [Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis | ReliefWeb](#)

<sup>ii</sup> [OCHA Ukraine: Situation Report](#)

<sup>iii</sup> [OCHA Ukraine Situation Report](#)

<sup>iv</sup> [WHO - War in Ukraine: situation report from WHO Ukraine country office. Issue No.39, 4 January 2023](#)

<sup>v</sup> [UNICEF Ukraine Humanitarian Situation Report No. 24](#)

<sup>vi</sup> [OCHA Ukraine: Situation Report](#)

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