



FIRST ANNIVERSARY  
Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine

# IMPACT REPORT



On the Cover: Project HOPE Ukraine Country Director Giorgio Trombatore sits with Sofia, 50, who fled to safety in Dnipro, Ukraine. Project HOPE is operating mobile medical units in the area to provide health care to displaced Ukrainians.

Photo by James Buck for Project HOPE, 2022.

Dear Project HOPE supporter,

I am pleased to share this report with you, which demonstrates our collective impact assisting the people of Ukraine following the Russian invasion last February. Because of your support, our Project HOPE teams in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, and Romania have been empowered to respond to meet the health gaps in a great time of need. Since the immediate moments following Russia's invasion, our teams have worked around the clock in difficult and often dangerous conditions to deliver the urgent medical relief Ukrainians need. I am honored to share their impact in responding to this crisis.

Project HOPE was one of the first organizations on the ground in the aftermath of Russia's invasion, helping the first Ukrainian refugees as they boarded buses near the Poland border, many of them unsure where those buses would take them or when they would return home. As the war has continued, our work has grown into a large-scale regional response that reaches across four countries and now includes mobile medical units, hospital rehabilitations, trauma care trainings for health workers, mental health programs, medical donations, safe spaces for children, and more.

The damage caused by Russia's invasion has impacted every Ukrainian, young and old, across all walks of life. It has left a profound effect on the physical and mental health of an entire nation, especially children. The people of Ukraine will need our support for every second this invasion continues and for a long time after it is over.

From all of us at Project HOPE, thank you for your support throughout this response. Your generosity has delivered the urgent relief Ukrainians desperately need. As I hope you'll see, it has also provided a beacon of hope for women, children, health care workers, and countless others in and around Ukraine who have lost so much to the tragic toll of war. Project HOPE is honored to provide this support and committed to the people of Ukraine for as long as we are needed.

Thank you.



**Rabih Torbay**  
President and CEO,  
Project HOPE



**In the last year,  
Project HOPE has:**

Supported **317** health facilities in 4 countries

Partnered with **13** local organizations to support our response

Rehabilitated **8** health and social facilities inside Ukraine

Launched **11** mobile medical units in Ukraine that have treated more than **28,000** patients

Provided mental health consultations to more than **24,787** people across the region

Trained **2,712** Ukrainian health care workers in trauma care, mental health, and other skills

Delivered **86,500** insulin pens and **50,000** hygiene kits and non-food items



## Our Initial Response

In the early hours of February 24, 2022, Russian forces invaded Ukraine and launched an unprecedented assault by land and air. The devastation was profound and widespread. In a matter of days, more than 1 million refugees fled Ukraine, most of them women and children. It was a number that would eventually grow into Europe’s largest refugee crisis since World War II.

Project HOPE mobilized a rapid response to the humanitarian crisis and immediately deployed team members to provide health and humanitarian assistance across Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, and Romania. As air raid sirens rang out across Kyiv, Odessa, and Lviv, our teams rushed medicines and medical supplies to hospitals in desperate need. As women and children crossed international borders, we met them with mobile clinics and mental health support. And as courageous health care workers faced a surge in traumatic injuries, we provided the medicines, equipment and trainings they needed when every second mattered.

Above: Within days of Russia’s invasion in February 2022, Project HOPE team members were on the ground assessing health needs and assisting refugees fleeing to safety in Poland.

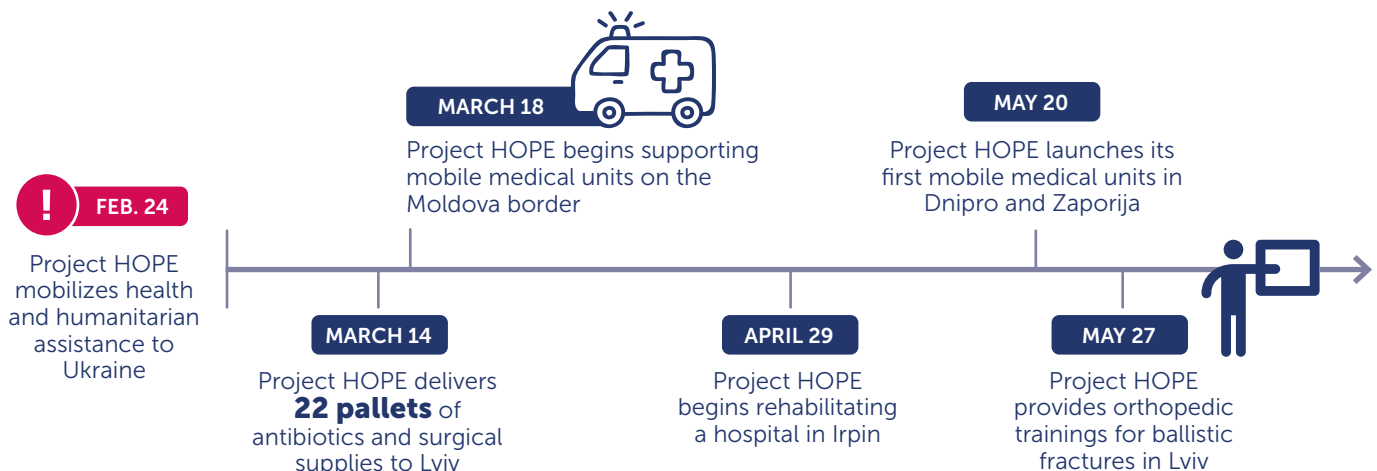
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### Mikhaila & Tamara

Two months before the invasion, Mikhaila awoke to find that her 5-year-old daughter, Tamara, could no longer walk. The eventual discovery of a malignant spinal tumor and a diagnosis of Ewing’s sarcoma required immediate surgery at home in Ukraine. As air-raid sirens rang out, Mikhaila would grab her daughter and gently carry her to shelter beneath their home. Before long, her husband was sent to war and the two of them were forced to flee to safety in Poland.

In Poland, Tamara was able to continue her treatment at University Children’s Hospital in Krakow where, over the last 50 years, Project HOPE has helped construct the hospital’s medical research facility, rehabilitation center, ambulatory care center, center for newborn care, and ICU for premature infants. For Mikhaila, it meant being able to continue her daughter’s treatment in a safe, welcoming environment. “I want to get back to Ukraine, our home,” she says. “I want our daughter to be healthy. I know it will come true.”





## Our Response Evolves

As Russia's invasion continued, the world watched as the dramatic scale of Ukraine's humanitarian crisis became clear. Project HOPE's response grew into a comprehensive, coordinated humanitarian response that stretched across Ukraine and into three neighboring countries. While our teams continued to deliver hundreds of pallets of gravely needed medicines and medical supplies, our work also evolved to meet the growing needs of a health system pushed to its limits.

In the months to come, Project HOPE would launch multiple mobile medical units, rehabilitate several health facilities across the country, provide mental health support to thousands of displaced Ukrainians, open multiple safe spaces for refugee children, and provide wide-ranging assistance including hospital beds, wheelchairs, insulin pens, and vehicles. With winter approaching, we also implemented winterization programming like delivering generators, repairing damaged facilities, and distributing badly needed items like thermal wear, mattresses, and blankets to hospitals, rural health clinics, and communities hosting large numbers of internally displaced people.



Project HOPE has donated **7 vehicles** to 5 health facilities and **33 generators** to 32 health facilities across Ukraine.

Julia, a member of Project HOPE's team in Ukraine, visits with Liana, whose husband was killed while helping evacuate people to safety near their home.

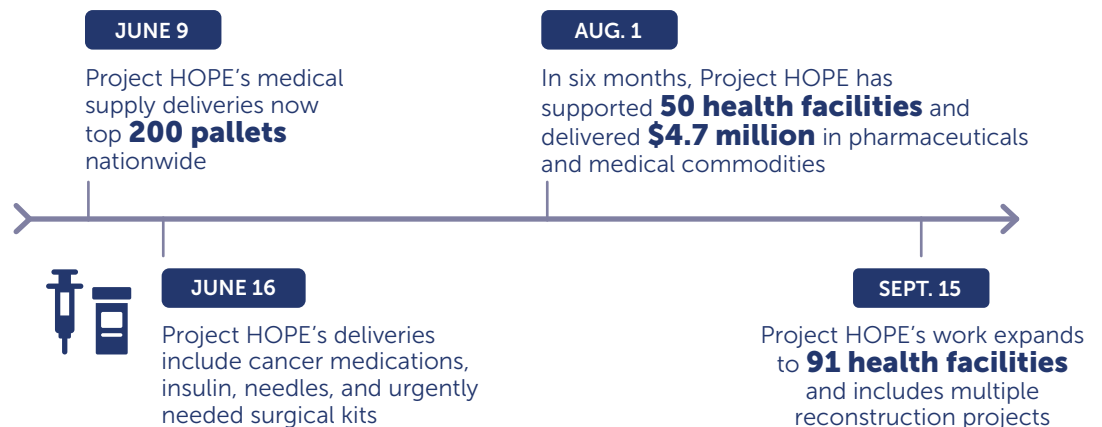
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Yuri

When 82-year-old Yuri thinks about the war, he thinks about his family. "When I buried my grandson, he was 32 years old," he says. "He was a police captain. My son is also in the war. He's 55 years old." Though Yuri wanted to fight, the army wouldn't take him. He had a heart attack 12 years ago, and the stress of the war has worsened his health.

In the Chernihiv area where Yuri lives, Project HOPE launched a mobile medical unit to provide care to the local community. After a short bicycle ride, Yuri meets with a doctor and undergoes tests to make sure he's staying healthy—a small moment of normalcy amid a life that has been thrown into chaos. "I liked it very much," he says. "They say hello to you, smile at you, are very nice, and give you all kinds of support."





## Our Response Going Forward

With support from USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, Project HOPE continues to scale up its work across Ukraine as Russia's invasion stretches into its second year. Our work going forward will provide support to primary health facilities in conflict-affected oblasts of Ukraine and help re-establish essential services through surge staffing, the procurement of pharmaceuticals and medical commodities, and health care worker trainings.

Project HOPE will also be prepared to continue to deploy mobile medical units and will conduct water, sanitation, and hygiene programming to ensure water systems are functioning and hospitals can implement infection prevention and control protocols. Our teams will implement community-based health and hygiene promotion and psychosocial support services for IDPs, including counseling and referrals to protection services. In neighboring countries, our work meeting the acute physical and mental health needs of Ukraine's refugees continues to grow as long as the crisis endures.



Project HOPE's team distributes hygiene kits in Komyshany village (top left) and conducts a health assessment in newly liberated Kherson (top right). Photos by Nikita Hlazyryn for Project HOPE, 2022.

In November 2022, Project HOPE donated more than 300 wheelchairs and other mobility equipment to support beneficiaries in Romania and Ukraine. Photo by Iulian Rosnitche for Project HOPE, 2022.

**“As the Country Director in Ukraine, I thank the entire Project HOPE team for their capacity to respond in such a robust way to a crisis that has seen so much devastation and loss of life across Ukraine.”**

**Giorgio Trombatore**  
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