At the beginning of 2023, an estimated 18 million people — approximately 40% of Ukraine’s population — were in urgent need of multisectoral humanitarian assistance and protection as a result of Russia’s invasion.

Five months later, the scale of humanitarian need in the country remains high, particularly in eastern and southern Ukraine where hostilities have recently intensified. Front-line communities are living under the constant threat of attack and many civilians cannot obtain essential goods and services due to the deterioration of medical systems, the suspension of in-person education in some regions, a limited supply of food in stores, and disrupted access to clean water, gas, and electricity.

The violence in and around front-line communities has affected both health and humanitarian services. According to the World Health Organization’s Surveillance System, there have been 1,004 attacks on health care facilities since the invasion ramped up on February 24, 2022.

Additionally, the increasing levels of insecurity and subsequent access issues have complicated humanitarian aid efforts. In Odesa and Kherson, two warehouses storing Project HOPE’s humanitarian aid supplies — including generators and health and hygiene kits — were severely damaged by Russian missile strikes. While no Project HOPE staff were injured, and Project HOPE’s
programming has since continued, health and humanitarian needs remain challenging to meet amid this level and scale of violence.

To date, **8,895 civilian deaths and 15,117 civilian injuries** have been recorded since February 24, 2022. However, the true number of civilian casualties — like the true scale of humanitarian need — is likely higher than current records indicate.

**PROJECT HOPE’S RESPONSE**

Project HOPE continues to implement a highly coordinated, comprehensive humanitarian intervention in Ukraine and the neighboring countries of Moldova, Poland, and Romania. Humanitarian assistance in Ukraine focuses on supporting local primary and secondary health facilities with essential medicine, medical supplies, and equipment, as well as reconstruction projects for health care facilities. Project HOPE’s team in Ukraine is also addressing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS); protection; and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs. In Moldova, Poland, and Romania, we are working with local partners to address gaps in essential services for refugees and affected communities, including primary health, MHPSS, and protection services.

In all areas of our response, Project HOPE works closely with government officials, local partners, and coordination clusters (groups of humanitarian organizations coordinating relief work across multiple sectors) to ensure that our efforts address the most pressing needs. Project HOPE also promotes locally led relief programs by engaging in collaboration, partnership, and capacity strengthening with local non-governmental organizations. This approach was essential to the delivery of critical aid during the earliest and most acute phase of this humanitarian crisis, and we remain committed to this model as our response grows and evolves. Through this work, we aim to support sustainable solutions and promote resilient communities. The following pages outline the impact of our response activities to date.

**UKRAINE**

- Project HOPE has provided humanitarian aid in 23 oblasts and delivered medicines, medical supplies, insulin, hygiene kits, emergency health kits, surgical kits, and other essential equipment to 305 facilities (including 10 centers for internally displaced people).
- Project HOPE delivered and installed 185 generators to 114 facilities in Ukraine.
- The team delivered 150 infant warmers to 14 facilities in Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, and Kyiv oblasts, where power outages are common. These infant warmers operate on personal accumulators, which ensure stable temperatures for babies during outages.
- Project HOPE continues to deliver emergency drinking water to Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts. A total of 383,030 liters of clean drinking water have been distributed to 12,211 citizens.
- Project HOPE is renovating 12 facilities in Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Sumy oblasts. Eight projects have been completed, two are currently under construction, and two are in pre-construction.
- Since the beginning of our response, the medical team has provided a total of 159,904 medical consultations for 113,085 patients in 23 health facilities across Ukraine: 90,173 for noncommunicable diseases, 16,402 for communicable diseases, 5,036 for mental health, 4,376 for trauma, 84 for reproductive health, 27 for checkups or prevention, three for maternal/neonatal health, and one vaccination, as well as 43,802 consultations for other conditions.

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Project HOPE continues to provide a diverse series of health care worker trainings in Ukraine. Topics include European Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Trauma and Disaster Team Response, Psychological First Aid, Mental Health Gap, Basic Life Support, sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) response, and nurse trainings. To date, we have reached 3,638 participants in 80 health care facilities across the country.

Project HOPE also provided MHPSS services to 14,221 patients in 18 hospitals.

The protection team reached 6,916 patients (68% female, 32% male, and 55% internally displaced) with gender-based violence (GBV) response services.

Project HOPE continues to distribute different types of hygiene kits to affected communities, especially those living in formerly occupied regions where essential WASH services are disrupted. To date, we have distributed a total of 44,955 hygiene kits and other essential equipment.

MOLDOVA

In partnership with a local partner, The Moldova Project, Project HOPE launched the “Empowering the Ukrainians” project to increase support for child refugees and caregivers through the implementation of education and integration services and the creation of safe spaces (children’s playrooms).

Project HOPE awarded a grant worth $117,928.98 to The Association against Domestic Violence, Casa Marioarei, to organize social activities that will facilitate social integration and improve social cohesion. Casa Marioarei will also provide trainings on conflict de-escalation, GBV prevention, and job and livelihood trainings to equip Ukrainian refugees with the skills needed to access the job market in Moldova. Since February 2023, Casa Marioarei has trained 78 facilitators, provided vocational trainings to 318 Ukrainian refugees and community members, and held multiple events that reached a total of 683 refugees.

Project HOPE provided a grant worth $140,165 to the local organization Regina Pacis to set up a 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 procedure assistance, and employment aid to both Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable families in Moldova. To date, 1,773 people have registered for various services at the Center.

Project HOPE provided MHPSS services to 23,790 Ukrainians in seven centers serving internally displaced people and three established MHPSS sites.

Project HOPE established nine playrooms that have supported 5,580 Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan families in need with MHPSS services, food, and hygiene kits.
POLAND

- Project HOPE has supported University Children’s Hospital-Krakow, which has seen and treated 7,567 children from Ukrainian refugee families through oncology and hematology; general surgery and emergencies; treatment in physiotherapy; and outpatient/consultation visits.

- Project HOPE provided a $735,000 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. Thus far, PSAR’s TUTU Center for Psychophysical Development has provided mental health assistance to 5,675 Ukrainian refugees and residents.

- Project HOPE provided a $543,823 grant to a local all-Ukrainian women organization, Zustricz Foundation, to open a psychological support center and 32 satellite locations to provide refugees and migrants from Ukraine with MHPSS services in Krakow and surrounding areas. The center opened in October 2022 and has provided a variety of mental health services to 6,869 Ukrainian refugees and host community members.

- Project HOPE provided $272,433 in financial support to Accessible World Foundation, a local organization based in Krakow that provides physiotherapy, rehabilitation, medical services, and psychological support to Ukrainian refugees with disabilities in Poland. Since the opening of its SANUS Medical Center in December 2022, AWF has reached 439 patients.

ROMANIA

- Project HOPE supported a local NGO, Estuar Foundation, with a grant worth $204,321 to provide vital mental health support to Ukrainian refugees and to train humanitarian workers providing services to refugees on MHPSS services. Estuar Foundation trained 1,615 psychologists, social workers, and volunteers on conflict management and 437 professionals on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse. To date, a total of 1,948 Ukrainian refugees benefited from Estuar Foundation’s MHPSS services. This program ended in April 2023.

- Project HOPE provided two grants worth $303,497 to ICAR Foundation, a Bucharest-based nongovernmental organization, to provide mental health and medical support to Ukrainian refugees in Romania. ICAR has supported 7,823 Ukrainian refugees with MHPSS and medical services.

- Project HOPE provided a local organization, La Rascruce Association, with a grant worth $129,839 to support Ukrainian refugees crossing into Romania through the Sculeni border point. La Rascruce staff and volunteers have provided Ukrainian refugees with vital information, registration support, and basic needs like hot meals, water, hygiene items, transportation, and accommodation. La Rascruce also provides refugees with MHPSS services, Romanian classes, and vouchers that can be used to buy essential supplies at their Integration and Relocation Center in Iași. A total of 7,386 refugees have been supported at both the Sculeni border point and La Rascruce Integration and Relocation Center in Iași.

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