



Conflict in Ukraine

Situation Report #35

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Russian attacks on Ukraine continue to cause extensive casualties and damage critical infrastructure. The destruction of the Kakhovka dam in Kherson Oblast on June 6 is one of the most significant incidents of damage to infrastructure since the start of the full-scale invasion.

The subsequent flooding from the dam's destruction affected communities on multiple fronts. Many lost their homes, livestock, and businesses due to flood damage — and many more lost access to essential resources like drinking water. The flooding killed **53 people**, injured more than **130 people**, forced nearly **2,800 civilians** to evacuate their homes, and has been named **“a health crisis in the making”** by the World Health Organization. Project HOPE's team in Kherson and other humanitarian actors are working hard to provide affected communities in the region with access to safe drinking water and other essential services like health care.

Since February 24, 2022, there have been **1,067 attacks** on health care facilities, as well as **9,177 civilian deaths** and **15,993 civilian injuries**. However, the actual figures are believed to be considerably higher given the difficulty of capturing the total number of casualties and attacks during the chaos of war.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Since the conflict erupted in 2022, close to **5.1 million** Ukrainians have been internally displaced and **6.2 million** have fled as refugees.



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Our team in Ukraine continues to **provide critical support to conflict affected communities** near the front lines in eastern and southern Ukraine, where individuals are often without reliable access to **primary health, WASH, and MHPSS services**.

Despite the security situation and difficult living conditions in Ukraine — especially communities on the front lines — the number of Ukrainians returning to their home communities is continuing to increase. Current estimates show more than **4.7 million** people returning to their communities after a period of displacement, either internally or abroad. This is a sign that **the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance is likely to increase** as Ukrainians return to cities and villages that sustained heavy damage to homes, critical infrastructure, and essential services.

PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE

Project HOPE continues to implement a highly coordinated, comprehensive humanitarian intervention in Ukraine and the neighboring countries of Moldova and Poland. **In Ukraine**, Project HOPE's humanitarian assistance focuses on supporting local primary and secondary health facilities with essential medicine, medical supplies, and equipment, including generators, 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, as well as water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) needs. **In Moldova and Poland**, our team is working with local partners to address gaps in essential services for refugees and host communities, including primary health, MHPSS, and protection services.



A man in the village of Novotymofiyivka in Mykolayiv Oblast, Ukraine, showing Project HOPE staff how flooding from the destruction of Kakhovka dam destroyed his home. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.

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 UPDATE



Chris Skopec, Project HOPE's Executive Vice President of Global Health visiting with MMU and medical surge staff in the city of Berezivka in Odesa Oblast, Ukraine on June 22th 2023. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.



Project HOPE launched **28 Mobile Medical Units** that have since provided **178,875 medical consultations** (including 7,932 mental health consultations) for **93,363 patients** in Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk and Kharkiv oblasts in Ukraine.

Since the beginning of Project HOPE's response, the medical team has provided a total of **254,607 medical consultations** for **146,092 patients** in **24 health facilities** across Ukraine: 145,411 for noncommunicable diseases, 23,440 for infectious diseases, 9,338 for checkup and prevention services, 8,662 for mental health, 6,681 for trauma, 1,461 for reproductive health, 1,054 for vaccinations, 791 for medical documentations, 8 for maternal and neonatal health, and 57,761 consultations for other conditions.

- Project HOPE has provided humanitarian assistance to **359 facilities**, including 11 centers for internally displaced people, 40 local organizations, and 24 non-governmental organizations in 23 oblasts.
- Project HOPE has continued delivering **medicines, medical supplies and essential equipment to health care facilities**, focusing our efforts on communities in eastern and southern Ukraine.
- Before the Kakhovka Dam disaster, Project HOPE had already been providing drinking water to villages and communities in Kherson Oblast. This unique position allowed our teams to immediately focus our efforts on

supporting flood affected communities in Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts. Our team has since delivered **340,000 bottles of drinking water** to meet the needs of **18,191 Ukrainians**.

- Project HOPE provided MHPSS services to **37,042 Ukrainians** in three centers serving internally displaced people and four MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, as well as **21,769 additional patients** in 19 hospitals in Ukraine.



Project HOPE staff engaging in play activities on Children's Day, June 8, 2023, in Kyiv, Ukraine. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.

- Project HOPE's protection team continues to help increase access to information and strengthen referral pathways for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). The team provided **11,544 patients** in Ukraine (79% female, 21% male, and 80% internally displaced people) with **GBV response services**.
- 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 GBV Response, and nurse trainings. To date, Project HOPE has reached a total of **4,055 participants** in **87 health care facilities across the country**.



Project HOPE delivered and installed a total of 233 generators in 127 facilities in Ukraine.

- Project HOPE is renovating **12 facilities** in Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv oblasts. Eight facilities have been completed, three are currently under construction, and one is in the pre-construction stage.
- Project HOPE continues to distribute different types of **hygiene kits** to affected communities, especially

those living in formerly occupied regions and those in frontline communities where essential WASH services are disrupted. The team has distributed a total of **101,112 hygiene kits** and essential non-food items to cover the basic needs of **175,352 individuals**.

MOLDOVA UPDATE



Participants at a Children's Day event held by Casa Marioarei in Telenesti, Moldova, where children and their parents participated in workshops and outdoor activities. Photo by Casa Marioarei staff for Project HOPE, 2023.

- In partnership with **The Moldova Project**, Project HOPE launched the "Empowering the Ukrainians" program to support child refugees and their caregivers as well as **children from Moldovan families in vulnerable positions** through the implementation of education and integration services and the creation of safe spaces (children's playrooms). These playrooms are safe spaces in refugee communities that provide mental health activities like art therapy, music therapy, group therapy, games, and social cohesion activities between children.



Project HOPE established nine playrooms that have gone on to support **7,662 Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan families** including 4,581 children with MHPSS services, food, hygiene kits, and medical vouchers.

- 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 provides 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 families in vulnerable positions in Moldova. To date, **2,159 people** have accessed services at the center.

- Project HOPE awarded a grant worth **\$117,929** to The Association against Domestic Violence, **Casa Marioarei**, to organize social activities that facilitate social integration and improve social cohesion. Casa Marioarei also provides 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. From February to June 2023, Casa Marioarei **trained 78 community actors** working with refugees on effective communication with refugees and provided its services to **2,462 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 809 children.



Staff with Project HOPE's local partner, The Moldova Project, facilitating art projects for children in the playroom at a center in Bălțata, Moldova. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.

POLAND UPDATE

- From May 2022 through April 2023, Project HOPE supported **University Children's Hospital Krakow**, which has seen **7,567 children from Ukrainian refugee families** for oncology and hematology services, general surgery and emergencies, physiotherapy treatment, and outpatient/consultation visits. Our partnership with University Children's Hospital in Krakow is Project HOPE's longest standing relationship with a hospital in the entire world. We plan to continue supporting the hospital with **specialized medical devices and equipment** to allow the hospital to maintain and expand its operations, easing the burden on the health system and increasing access for patients.
- Project HOPE provided a **\$735,000** grant to a local NGO, **Podkarpackie Stowarzyszenie dla Aktywnych Rodzin (PSAR)**, for the provision of mental health

support to Ukrainian refugees, specifically women and children in Rzeszow, Poland. PSAR's TUTU Center for Psychophysical Development has provided mental health assistance to **6,097 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 3,717 children.



Professor Tomasz Mroczek, a cardiothoracic surgeon, and Project Hope's Executive Vice President of Global Health, Chris Skopec at University Children's Hospital. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.



Yuliia, a doctor at Accessible World in Kraków with Viktoria and her son Danil. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.



A group of Ukrainian women who participated in a painting workshop for older adults at the Zustricz Foundation in Krakow show their artwork. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.

- 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 **8,292 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 3,331 children.
- Project HOPE provided **\$272,433** in financial support to **Accessible World Foundation (AWF)**, 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 **804 Ukrainian refugees**.



A group of Ukrainian women learn to make mandalas at the Zustricz Foundation. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.

ROMANIA UPDATE

- Project HOPE provided a local organization, **La Rasruce Association**, with a grant worth **\$129,839** to support Ukrainian refugees crossing into Romania through the Sculeni border point. La Rasruce staff and volunteers provide Ukrainian refugees with vital information, registration support, and basic needs such as hot meals, water, hygiene items, transportation, and accommodation. La Rasruce 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 Iasi, Romania. From January to June 2023, La Rasruce has supported **9,562 Ukrainian refugees**.



Project Hope's Executive Vice President of Global Health, Chris Skopec during a visit to the TUTU center in Rzeszow. In this photo Ukrainian children are participating in a group art therapy project. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023.