



Conflict in Ukraine

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

After 18 months of conflict, both Russia’s attacks on Ukraine and the subsequent humanitarian crisis continue. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) estimates that nearly **1.4 million homes** in Ukraine have been either partially damaged or fully destroyed since February 24, 2022. The situation in frontline communities in eastern and southern Ukraine is of particular concern, as attacks on homes and critical infrastructure — like the **Kakhovka Dam** — have disrupted access to electricity, gas, and water. Within affected communities, it is often older adults, people with disabilities, and people in vulnerable situations who have the least access to essential services, health care, and safe housing.

Estimates suggest that **1.25 million people** in Dnipro, Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts do not have stable access to clean water, with **56% of that population** (roughly 700,000 people) requiring humanitarian assistance. Project HOPE’s team in Ukraine is hard at work delivering drinking water and hygiene supplies, and providing medical and psychosocial support to affected communities.

Since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, there have been **1,129 attacks** on health care facilities and **26,717 civilian casualties**, including 9,511 injuries and 17,206 injuries. However, the actual figures are believed to be considerably higher given the difficulty of collecting data 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.



Project HOPE has continued partnered with local organizations in Poland and Moldova to **address gaps in essential services for refugees and host communities**, including primary health, MHPSS, and pro-tection services.



Our response team in Ukraine continues to focus on providing critical support to **conflict affected communities near the front lines** in eastern and southern Ukraine, where individuals often do not have stable access to **primary health, WASH, and MHPSS services**.



Drinking water donated by Project HOPE being delivered by Ukrainian emergency response services to flooded communities in Kherson. Photo by State Emergency Services of Ukraine, 2023.

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, and 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 selected communities, including primary health, MHPSS, and protection services.



Project HOPE team members delivering ambulances to Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Council's Regional Center for Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine on July 4, 2023. Photo by Oleksii Kozodaiev 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 from February 24, 2022 to July 31, 2023.



A kindergarten in Borodyanka in Kyiv Oblast under reconstruction thanks to support from Project HOPE. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.

UKRAINE UPDATE

- 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 launched **30 Mobile Medical Units** that have since provided **216,763 medical consultations** (including 8,634 mental health consultations) for **108,021 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 **295,594 medical consultations** for **148,631 patients** in **24 health facilities** across Ukraine: 171,019 for noncommunicable diseases, 26,642 for infectious diseases, 11,013 for checkup and prevention services, 10,017 for mental health, 7,434 for trauma, 1,506 for reproductive health, 1,073 for vaccinations, 797 for medical documentations, 12 for maternal and neonatal health, and 66,081 consultations for other conditions.

- 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.
- Project HOPE supplied communities in Kherson, Kharkiv, and Dnipro oblasts with a total of nine ambulances, which have since conducted **674 patient transportations**.



A health worker with one of Project HOPE's Mobile Medical Units providing care to a child in Feski, a rural village in Kharkiv Oblast. Photo by Kozodaiev Oleksii for Project HOPE, 2023.

- Project HOPE is renovating **12 health and social service facilities** in Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv oblasts. Ten projects have been completed, one is currently under construction, and the last 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 living in frontline communities where essential WASH services are disrupted. Our 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

- Project HOPE awarded a grant worth **\$117,928.98** 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 July 2023, Casa Marioarei has trained **78 community actors** working with refugees on effective communication and provided its services to **7,908 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 2,534 children.

- Project HOPE delivered and installed a total of **234 generators** in **127 facilities** in Ukraine.
- Project HOPE has provided MHPSS services to **43,587 Ukrainians** in three centers serving internally displaced people and six MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, as well as an additional **24,960 clients** in 19 hospitals in Ukraine.
- Project HOPE's protection team continues to help increase access to information and strengthen referral pathways for survivors of **gender-based violence (GBV)**. Our team provided **14,151 patients** in Ukraine (78% female, 22% male, and 81% internally displaced) with **GBV response services**.
- Project HOPE continues to provide a diverse series of **health 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 **4,516 participants** at **87 health care facilities**.



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 quickly redouble our efforts supporting flooded communities in Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts. In total, our team has since delivered **340,000 bottles of drinking water** to meet the needs of **18,191 affected Ukrainians**.



Serhii, pictured here with his wife Tetiana and his doctors at Project HOPE's local partner in Chişinău, Moldova. Serhii was diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma in Odesa and underwent chemotherapy while bombs fell over the city. With his son fighting in the war, he and his wife took their grandchildren to Moldova, where they were safe, but without money, family, connections, and a way to continue his cancer treatments. Once he was connected to Regina Pacis, Dr. Igor Ivanec and Dr. Anastasia Ivanec helped him secure an MRI and further medical assistance. Photo by Marie Arago for Project HOPE, 2023

- 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 Moldovan families in vulnerable positions. 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 date, **2,606** Ukrainian refugees including **115** children have received various services at the Center.



Project HOPE established **nine playrooms** that have since supported **7,908** Ukrainian refugees and host community members — including **4,736** children — with MHPSS services, food, hygiene kits and medical vouchers.

- 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.



With our local partner, the Zustricz Foundation, a group of older Ukrainian refugees were able to visit Ojcow National Park as a part of the Foundation’s MHPSS services. Photo by Zustricz Foundation staff for Project HOPE, 2023.



Since the beginning of our response, Project HOPE has **provided MHPSS services to 43,525 people** in Moldova, Poland, and Romania, 90% of whom are Ukrainian refugees.

POLAND UPDATE

- 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. PSAR’s TUTU Center for Psychophysical Development has provided mental health assistance to **6,225 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 3,774 children.
- Project HOPE provided a **\$543,823** grant to a locally-led, all-Ukrainian women organization, **the Zustricz Foundation**, to open a psychological support center and 29 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 **8,800 Ukrainian refugees** in Poland.
- Project HOPE provided **Zustricz Foundation** with a second grant of **\$62,135** to support their **Summer Academy Program for Ukrainian refugee children** that provides children with learning opportunities and offers a variety of psychosocial programs that help children to develop new skills, discover talents, and deepen their knowledge in specific areas, such as science, art, sports, technology, and more. In July, the first group of **35 children** joined the summer academy.



Ukrainian refugee children at the TUTU Center in Rzeszow, Poland creating a collage of drawings. Photo by PSAR staff for Project HOPE, 2023.

- 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 **989 Ukrainian refugees**.

- From May 2022 till April 2023, 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. University Children's Hospital in Krakow is Project HOPE's longest relationship with a hospital in the world. The team is working on the UCH request to continue supporting the hospital with the **specialized medical devices and equipment** that enable medical professionals to provide individualized care and enable the hospital to maintain and expand on service provision, easing the burden on the system and increasing access to patients.



As part of the Zustricz "Summer Academy Excursion" program, a group of Ukrainian refugee children enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Ethnography in Krakow, Poland. The summer academy was designed to provide refugee children with various activities during the school summer break.



Project HOPE has provided medical trainings to **4,516 health workers** in Ukraine and MHPSS trainings to **1,835 social workers and volunteers** working with refugees in Poland, Romania and Moldova.

ROMANIA UPDATE

- Project HOPE provided humanitarian assistance to local organizations in Romania from March 2022 through June 2023. As the number of refugees continues to decrease in Romania and public services become more accessible, Project HOPE will prioritize our efforts to support the unmet health and protection needs of refugees in Poland and Moldova.
- Project HOPE financially supported five organizations, the **Blue Heron Foundation, Jesuit Refugee Services, Estuar Foundation, ICAR Foundation, and La Rascruce Association** with a combined total of **\$1,368,783** to help provide essential services to Ukrainian refugees in Romania and train health workers working with refugees. Project HOPE provided medical and MHPSS services to **12,211** refugees, trained **1,615** social workers and volunteers, and distributed **25,630** hygiene kits and **more than 300** wheelchairs to people with disabilities. Many of our local partners are continuing to support Ukrainian refugees with language classes, social events, information and referral services, and other activities.