



Conflict in Ukraine

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ukraine has lived through more than **19 months of conflict**. Since February 24, 2022, Russia's indiscriminate attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure has caused displacement, death, and a massive increase in the scale of humanitarian need.

In recent months, hostilities have intensified in eastern and southern Ukraine, **forcing thousands of people** in Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Sumy oblasts from their homes. Even for those not struggling with the difficulties of displacement, dealing with the constant threat of shelling, widespread unemployment, and the difficulty of securing basic needs has created stressful living conditions, leading to serious mental health challenges. Nearly four months since the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam, affected communities still face **water shortages, limited access to health care services, and critical damage to housing and infrastructure**.

While the number of attacks on health facilities has **decreased in 2023**, damage to health infrastructure is still impacting the ability of Ukrainians to access care, as less than half of the health facilities in frontline communities are operational. Since February 2022, there have been a total of **1,234 attacks** on health facilities and **27,449 civilian casualties**, including 9,701 deaths and 17,748 injuries.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



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



Almost **1 million** Ukrainian refugees have been recorded in Poland, out of **1.68 million** who have registered for Temporary Protection status. In Moldova, **more than 118,000** Ukrainian refugees have been recovered, though **less than 11,000** have been granted Temporary Protection status.



Project HOPE continues to partner with local organizations in **Poland and Moldova** to address gaps in essential services, including **primary health, MHPSS, and protection services** for refugees and host community members.



Our 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 are often without access to **primary health, WASH, and MHPSS services**.

The World Health Organization's Ukraine Health Cluster has reported that, in August 2023, approximately **97% of casualties** were the result of explosive weapons with wide area effects – which, beyond death and injury, cause mental and psychosocial harm to survivors, damage homes and infrastructure, disrupt the deliver of essential services, contaminate the environment, and can leave behind unexploded ordnance.



Project HOPE staff with the Mobile Medical Unit team meeting with a resident of Prymorske village in Zaporizhzhia oblast. The community is just 12 kilometers from the front line and home to many older adults and people with mobility issues who are unable to travel to health facilities. They remain able to receive medical care and medicines thanks to Project HOPE's Mobile Medical Units. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.

PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE

Project HOPE continues to implement a highly coordinated, comprehensive humanitarian intervention in Ukraine and neighboring countries with large refugee populations.

In **Ukraine**, Project HOPE's humanitarian assistance focuses on supporting local primary and secondary health facilities with essential medicine, medical supplies, equipment, and generators, as well as the reconstruction of critical health 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 host 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 strive 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 assistance to **392 facilities**, including 11 centers for internally displaced people (IDPs), 41 local administrations and 19 non-governmental organizations in 23 oblasts.



Project HOPE launched **30 Mobile Medical Units** that have since provided **255,930 medical consultations** (including 8,036 mental health consultations) to **124,888 patients** in Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk and Kharkiv oblasts

Since the beginning of Project HOPE's response, the medical team has provided **345,468 medical consultations** to a total of **172,075 patients** in **23 health facilities** across Ukraine for the following services: 199,364 for chronic illnesses and/or non-communicable diseases, 30,655 for infectious diseases, 11,572 for mental health, 5,646 for checkup and prevention, 8,495 for trauma, 430 for medical documentation, 330 for reproductive health, 129 vaccinations, 19 for maternal/neonatal health, and 88,828 consultations for other conditions.

- Project HOPE has delivered **medicines, medical supplies and essential equipment** to a total of **283 health facilities**, including four IDP centers, in **23 oblasts** across Ukraine.
- A total of **86,100 winterization supplies and non-food items**, including thermal clothes, electrical heaters, kettles, mattresses, pillows, blankets, and bed linens for IDP centers and hospital wards, have been delivered to **91 health and social service facilities**.
- Project HOPE's partner, Momentum Wheels for Humanity, delivered **critical assistive technologies**, such as chairs, balance pads, cone sets, bed trays, and other equipment, to **10 hospitals** to support the needs of **1,514 patients**.
- Project HOPE supplied communities in Kherson, Kharkiv, and Dnipro oblasts with a total of **nine ambulances**, which have since conducted **2,130 patient** transportations.
- Project HOPE delivered and installed **234 generators** at **128 health and social service facilities** in Ukraine.
- Project HOPE provided **MHPSS services** to **50,565 Ukrainians** in three centers serving internally displaced people and six other MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, as well as over **28,291 patients** in 19 hospitals in Ukraine.



Project HOPE staff at the official re-opening of an ambulatory in Zahaltsy, Kyiv Oblast. The outpatient clinic was the only administrative building in the area to partially survive Russian bombing in 2022, though it was unable to function as a medical facility. Over the past six months, Project HOPE and other partners have repaired and modernized the building so the clinic can again serve the health needs of 5,000 people in 13 surrounding villages. 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. The team provided **gender-based violence response services to 17,388 people** in Ukraine (77% female, 23% male, and 80% internally displaced).
- 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 Gender-Based Violence (GBV) response, and nurse training. To date, Project HOPE has reached a total of **5,265 health workers at 87 health care facilities** across the country.



Project HOPE staff distributing clean drinking water to community members in the village of Srihurivka in Mykolaiv Oblast. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2023.

- Project HOPE is **renovating 12 health and social facilities** in Kyiv, Chernihiv, and Kharkiv oblasts. Ten facilities have been completed, one is under construction, and one is in the pre-construction stage.
- Project HOPE continues to provide **hygiene kits** to affected communities, especially those living in formerly occupied regions and those in frontline communities with disrupted access to essential WASH services. The team has distributed **101,112 hygiene kits and essential non-food items** to cover the basic needs of **175,352 people**.



Before the Kakhovka Dam disaster, Project HOPE was already providing **drinking water** prior to villages and communities in Kherson Oblast. This unique position allowed our teams to quickly redouble our efforts and support flood-affected communities in Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Dnipro oblasts. In total, we have provided **18,191 Ukrainians** with **779,520 six-liter bottles of drinking water**.

MOLDOVA

- Project HOPE awarded a grant worth **\$117,928 to The Association against Domestic Violence, Casa Marioarei**, to organize social activities that facilitate social integration and improve social cohesion. Casa Marioarei also provides conflict de-escalation trainings, GBV prevention, and conducts job and livelihood trainings to equip Ukrainian refugees with the skills needed to access the job market in Moldova. From February to August 2023, Casa Marioarei promoted social cohesion through different events, reaching **1,937 adults** and **1,385 children**; provided vocational trainings to **194 people**; and trained **78 community actors** working with refugees on effective communication skills. This program has been completed.



A Project HOPE Mobile Medical Unit team member providing care to a resident of Prymorske village in Zaporizhzhia oblast. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin 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, **2,791 Ukrainian refugees**, including **137 children**, have received services at the Center.
- 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 child-friendly playroom spaces. The playrooms are safe spaces in refugee communities that provide mental health activities like art therapy, music therapy, group therapy, games, and social cohesion activities for children.



Casa Marioarei staff holding a sewing workshop for Ukrainian refugees and Moldovan women. Photo by Casa Marioarei staff for Project HOPE, 2023.



Project HOPE established **nine playrooms** that have since supported **8,206 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 4,911 children, with MHPSS services, food, hygiene kits, and medical vouchers.

POLAND

- From May 2022 through April 2023, Project HOPE supported University Children’s Hospital Krakow, which saw **7,567 children from Ukrainian refugee families** for oncology, hematology, general surgery, emergencies, physiotherapy, and outpatient services. Our partnership with University Children’s Hospital in Krakow is Project HOPE’s longest standing relationship with a hospital in the entire world. Project HOPE’s procurement team is still working to support the hospital with **specialized medical devices and equipment** — which

would allow the hospital to maintain and expand its operations, thereby increasing access for patients.

- Project HOPE provided a **\$735,000 grant** to the local organization **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 **6,321 Ukrainian refugees and host community members**, including 3,829 children.



Since the beginning of our regional response to meet the needs of Ukrainian refugees, Project HOPE provided **44,294 people** (90% of Ukrainian Refugees) with **MHPSS services** in Poland, Moldova, and Romania.

- Project HOPE provided an initial grant of **\$543,823** to the **Zustricz Foundation**, a local organization led by Ukrainian women, 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 **9,437 Ukrainian refugees** in Poland.



Ukrainian refugee children posing with sunflowers they made during an art workshop at the TUTU Center in Rzeszow, Poland. The TUTU Center is a playroom and psychosocial support center operated by Project HOPE’s partner, PSAR. Photo by PSAR staff for Project HOPE, 2023.

- Project HOPE provided the Zustricz Foundation with a second grant of \$62,135 to support their summer academy program for Ukrainian refugee children, which provides children with psychosocial programs and gives children learning opportunities outside of school where they can develop new skills, discover talents, and deepen their knowledge in specific areas, such as science, art, sports, and technology. So far, the summer camp has provided psychosocial support through a variety of social events to **118 Ukrainian refugee children and 11 adults**.



Project HOPE has provided a diverse series of **medical trainings** to **5,265 health workers** in Ukraine and a variety of **MHPSS trainings** to **1,835 social workers and volunteers** who work with refugees in host counties.

- 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 and host community members with disabilities. Since the opening of its SANUS Medical Center in December 2022, AWF has reached **1,259 people** (176 children, 1082 adults, 1105 Ukrainian refugees and 154 host community members).



Zustricz Foundation staff conducting group art therapy with older adults. Photo by Zustricz Foundation staff for Project HOPE, 2023.



A rehabilitation therapist caring for a Ukrainian refugee at the SANUS Medical Center, which is run by Project HOPE's partner, the Accessible World Foundation. Photo by Accessible World Foundation staff for Project HOPE, 2023.