Conflict in Ukraine

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SITUATION OVERVIEW
The war continues to have a profound impact on communities in Ukraine. Fighting is concentrated in southern and eastern Ukraine, triggering mandatory evacuations for civilians in frontline communities and increasing humanitarian needs in the region.

With the arrival of winter and temperatures dropping below zero, attacks on energy, water, and gas infrastructure systems could worsen conditions in affected communities. In addition, attacks on health facilities continue to limit access to health care services, particularly in areas close to the front lines. This situation has left millions with chronic health conditions, mental health issues, and unprocessed trauma and grief unable to access the care they need to thrive.

Since February 2022, there have been a total of 1,390 verified attacks on health care, including a recent attack in Kherson that impacted Project HOPE staff. On November 13th, Russian artillery hit a regional hospital in Kherson where Project HOPE staff were meeting. Fortunately, Project HOPE staff were able to safely reach a shelter, and no one was injured. Following these attacks on health facilities, Project HOPE is supporting rehabilitation efforts at multiple sites, including the Kyselivka Ambulatory, which was damaged in a missile attack.

Project HOPE has been working in Kherson since its liberation a year ago and was among the first responders providing humanitarian aid to the local population. As fighting, inclement weather, and attacks on health care and infrastructure continue, the need for emergency relief and long-term reconstruction is urgent.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS
Since the conflict erupted in 2022, around 3.7 million Ukrainians have been internally displaced and 6.3 million have fled as refugees — with nearly 1 million Ukrainian refugees living in Poland and more than 113,000 living in Moldova.

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.

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.

Project HOPE recently conducted a needs assessment in Moldova to better understand the current gaps in the primary health care system and what is needed to strengthen the system’s ability to support both refugee and rural populations.
infrastructure continue to threaten the well-being of affected communities in Kherson, Project HOPE’s teams will continue to provide humanitarian assistance and work hand-in-hand with local health workers.

The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights recently estimated that more than **10,000 civilians have been killed**, including 560 children, and at least **18,000 have been injured** since February 2022. However, the true number of casualties — like the true scale of humanitarian need — is likely higher than current records or reporting indicate.

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, which are hosting 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 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 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 aim to support sustainable solutions and promote resilient communities. The following pages outline the combined impact of our response activities to date.

UKRAINE UPDATE

- Project HOPE has provided humanitarian assistance to **406 facilities**, including 314 health facilities, 11 centers for internally displaced people (IDPs), 49 local administrations, and 19 non-governmental organizations in 23 oblasts
- Project HOPE has continued delivering medicines, medical supplies and essential equipment, reaching a total of 283 health facilities, including four IDP centers, in 23 oblasts.

Before the Kakhovka Dam disaster in June, Project HOPE was already providing drinking water to villages and communities in Kherson Oblast. This unique position allowed our teams to quickly expand our efforts and support flood-affected communities in Kherson, Mykolaiiv, and Dnipro oblasts. Our team completed 20 deliveries that reached Ukrainian families and 12 health facilities in affected regions. Project HOPE has provided a total of **850,090 six-liter bottles of drinking water** to cover the needs of **20,000 Ukrainians** for five months.

- Project HOPE delivered and installed **234 generators** in **128 health and social service facilities** throughout Ukraine.
- Project HOPE supplied communities in Kherson, Kharkiv, and Dnipro oblasts with **nine ambulances**, which have since conducted **3,995 patient transportations**.
Project HOPE has launched 31 Mobile Medical Units that have since provided 326,247 medical consultations (including 9,076 mental health consultations) to 152,672 patients (78% female, 22% male, and 18% of internally displaced) in Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk, and Kharkiv oblasts.

Since the beginning of Project HOPE’s response, the medical team has provided 392,103 medical consultations to a total of 196,296 patients in 23 health facilities across Ukraine: 231,136 for chronic illnesses and/or non-communicable diseases, 34,468 for infectious diseases, 11,931 for mental health, 9,542 for trauma, 6,616 for checkup and prevention, 572 for medical documentations, 388 for reproductive health, 140 for vaccinations, 24 for maternal/neonatal health, and 91,224 consultations for other conditions.

- Project HOPE provided MHPSS services to 84,272 Ukrainians in three centers serving internally displaced people and six MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, as well as over 29,220 patients 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. So far, the team has provided gender-based violence response services to 19,677 people in Ukraine (77% female, 23% male, and 80% internally displaced).

- Project HOPE has provided a series of trainings for health workers 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 response, and nurse training. To date, Project HOPE has reached a total of 5,919 health workers from 87 health facilities across the country.

- Project HOPE is renovating 12 health and social service facilities in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, and Kherson oblasts. Nine projects have been completed, one is under construction, and one is in the pre-construction stage. All ongoing projects will be completed by the end of December 2023.

- 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 with disrupted access to essential, lifesaving WASH services. Our team has distributed a total of 134,481 hygiene kits and essential non-food items to cover the basic needs of 236,934 people.
MOLDOVA UPDATE

• 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. From November 2022 to October 2023, 3,004 Ukrainian refugees, including 159 children, received services at the Center. This project has been completed.

• In close partnership with The Moldova Project, Project HOPE launched the “Empowering the Ukrainians” program to support child refugees and their caregivers, as well as children and caregivers from Moldovan families in vulnerable positions, through the implementation of education and integration services at nine child friendly spaces established and supported by Project HOPE. These safe spaces provide refugee communities with activities like art therapy, music therapy, group therapy, games, and social cohesion activities for children.
POLAND UPDATE

• From May 2022 through April 2023, Project HOPE supported University Children’s Hospital Kraków, 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 Kraków is Project HOPE’s longest standing relationship with a hospital in the world. Currently, Project HOPE’s procurement team is supporting the hospital’s Physiotherapy and Blood Cell Transplantation units of 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 $1,035,000 grant to local NGO Podkarpackie Stowarzyszenie dla Aktywnych Rodzin (PSAR) for the provision of MHPSS services to Ukrainian refugees, specifically women and children in Rzeszów. PSAR’s TUTU Center for Psychophysical Development has provided mental health assistance to 6,741 Ukrainian refugees and host community members, including 3,855 children.

• Project HOPE provided a 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 Kraków and surrounding areas. The center opened in October 2022 and has since provided a variety of mental health services to 10,559 Ukrainian refugees in Poland, 45% of whom are children.

• Project HOPE provided $411,517 in financial support to Accessible World Foundation (AWF), a local organization based in Kraków 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 1,689 people, including 241 children.

ROMANIA UPDATE

• Project HOPE has provided humanitarian assistance to local organizations in Romania from March 2022 till June 2023. As the number of refugees continues to decrease in Romania and there are more public services readily available there, Project HOPE prioritizes the unmet health and protection needs in Poland and Moldova.

• From March 2022 - June 2023, Project HOPE supported five organizations, namely Blue Heron Foundation, Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Estuar Foundation, ICAR Foundation, and La Rascruce Association with a combined total of $1,368,783.37 financial support to provide medical and MHPSS services for refugees from Ukraine in Romania in addition to training social workers working directly with Ukrainian refugees. Project HOPE provided medical and MHPSS services to 12,211 refugees from Ukraine in Romania, trained 1,615 social workers and volunteers working with refugees from Ukraine, distributed 25,630 hygiene kits and over 300 wheelchairs to people with disabilities from Ukraine and Romanian citizens. Some of the partners are continuing to support Ukrainian refugees with language classes, social events, provide information services and referrals, as well as coordinate their activities with social workers.

Since the beginning of our regional response, Project HOPE has provided MHPSS services to 46,702 people in Poland, Moldova, and Romania, 90% of whom are Ukrainian refugees.