

# **Conflict in Ukraine**

# Situation Report #42

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## **Situation Overview**

In the first three months of 2024, communities in Ukraine experienced brutal airstrikes and heightened levels of insecurity, leading to a rise in civilian casualties and widespread devastation, particularly in areas near the front lines and in the northeast. In addition, continued attacks on vital infrastructure caused **significant disruptions to essential services** like electricity, gas, and water, intensifying humanitarian needs.

Attacks on infrastructure, as well as attacks on health facilities themselves, have made the process of accessing essential health care services even more challenging for civilians, especially in frontline areas. Since February 2022, there have been **1,737 verified attacks** on Ukraine's health system, including attacks on health infrastructure, patients, medical transportation, supplies, and health workers.

The conflict has also resulted in widespread mental health issues and trauma, affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions of Ukrainians.

According to the World Health Organization, around 10 million Ukrainians are either at risk of developing or currently living with mental health

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**



Since the conflict erupted in 2022, **6.4 million** Ukrainians have become refugees and **3.6 million** Ukrainians have been internally displaced. Nearly **1 million** Ukrainian refugees are living in Poland and **118,249** are 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's teams in **Poland** and **Moldova** continues to address gaps in essential services, including **primary** health, MHPSS, and protection services for refugees and host community members.

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disorders, with **3.9 million experiencing moderate to severe symptoms.** 

Despite these challenges and the chaos of war, Project HOPE's team members across Ukraine continue to deliver humanitarian aid and essential services, focusing on the needs of frontline communities. Additionally, our regional team is supporting the primary and mental health needs of Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Moldova.

## **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, as well as reconstruction of health facilities. Project HOPE's team in Ukraine is also addressing mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS); protection; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and winterization needs (non-food items, solid fuel).

In Moldova and Poland, our team is working to address gaps in essential services for refugees and selected 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. This report outlines the impact of our response activities to date.

#### Ukraine

- Provided humanitarian assistance to 423 facilities, including 324 health facilities, 11 centers for internally displaced people (IDPs), 59 local administrations, and 21 non-governmental organizations in 23 oblasts with 45,239 pharmaceutical items provided to 30 facilities across six oblasts in the first three months of 2024.
- Distributed over 88,000 winterization supplies and non-food items, including thermal clothes, electrical heaters, kettles, mattresses, pillows, blankets, bed linens, and solid fuel to 87 health and social service facilities.
- Delivered and installed 234 generators to strengthen the capacity of 128 facilities.
- Equipped first responders in Kherson, Kharkiv, and Dnipro oblasts with nine ambulances, supporting a total of 10,128 patient transportations to date and 3,785 transportations in the first three months of 2024.



Project HOPE team members deliver medicines to a children's hospital in Nikopol, Ukraine. Photo by Stanislav Vierbii for Project HOPE, 2024.



Children whose families have been internally displaced by the conflict participate in gardening classes at Project HOPE's MHPSS Center in Kyiv, Ukraine. Photo by Nikita Hlazyrin for Project HOPE, 2024



Project HOPE has delivered **\$15.5** million of lifesaving medicines and medical supplies to health facilities across the country since the beginning of our response in 2022 — with **\$4.4** million of medicines and supplies delivered in the first three months of 2024.

- Provided a total of 749,827 medical consultations to 342,708 patients in 35 health facilities across Ukraine reaching 74,877 patients in the first three months of 2024 through 207,981 consultations.
- Provided MHPSS services to 158,649 Ukrainians at four IDP centers, seven MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, 31 hospitals, and through online consultations — reaching 14,932 participants in the first three months of 2024.
- Provided gender-based violence response services to 35,221
   people to protect survivors reaching 3,704 participants in the
   first three months of 2024.
- Reached 7,764 health care workers from 87 health care facilities with health worker trainings on topics like European Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Trauma and Disaster Team Response, Psychological First Aid, Mental Health Gap, Basic Life Support, Infection Prevention and Control, WASH, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Medical Supply Chain, and nursing with 1,485 health workers trained in the first three months of 2024.
- Identified a health facility in Mykolaiv Oblast to begin reconstruction on, with 12 health and social service facilities now successfully reconstructed and reopened in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, and Kherson oblasts.
- Distributed 144,632 hygiene kits and essential non-food items to cover the basic needs of 252,411 individuals — with 3,804 family hygiene kits and 341 baby hygiene kits delivered in the first three months of 2024.
- Delivered 1,309,920 six-liter bottles of drinking water to
   12 health facilities and community members in 35 settlements —
   with 123,840 six-liter bottles delivered to 27,000 Ukrainians in the
   first three months of 2024.

#### Moldova

- Launched the "Community Health & System Empowerment"
   program, which will focus on strengthening the health system of
   rural and resource-strained communities by improving access
   to care for people in vulnerable positions, establishing MMUs,
   strengthening the skills of nurses through trainings, and facilitating
   "Patient Schools" in coordination with primary health centers.
- Developed a procurement plan for medicines, medical supplies, and equipment to strengthen the capacity of health care facilities.

## **Poland**

 Acting on findings from Project HOPE's recent needs assessment, our team has launched Bridges to Well-Being: Empowering Refugees and Caregivers, a project that will focus on providing



Project HOPE launched **37 Mobile Medical Units (MMUs)** that have since provided **549,147 medical consultations** (including 10,519 mental health consultations) to **276,169 patients** in the Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Donetsk, and Kharkiv oblasts — with MMUs reaching **47,147 patients** in the first three months of 2024 through **123,036 consultations**.



Project HOPE team members deliver water in Velyka Oleksandrivka, Ukraine. Photo by Oleksii Kozodaiev for Project HOPE, 2024.



Project HOPE has delivered essential pharmaceutical items and launched **two MMUs** in the **Ştefan Vodă** and **Florești** districts of Moldova to improve health care access for Ukrainian refugees and host community members in vulnerable positions.



A team member delivers essential medicines and equipment to Project HOPE's MMU in Ştefan Vodă, Moldova. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.

- mental health support to refugees and strengthening the capacity of local professionals in underserved rural areas and small towns across Małopolska, Podkarpackie, and Lubelskie.
- Delivered specialized medical equipment to the Physiotherapy and Blood Cell Transplantation units at University Children's Hospital in Kraków — with infusion pumps, cardiac monitors, rehabilitation equipment, and physiotherapy bathtubs delivered in the first three months of 2024.
- Supported University Children's Hospital in Kraków, which saw 7,567 children from Ukrainian refugee families for oncology, hematology, general surgery, emergencies, physiotherapy, and outpatient services between May 2022 and April 2023.
- Began procurement processes to ensure that health and social institutions across Poland have the medical devices and equipment necessary to provide essential, lifegiving support to children, older adults, people with disabilities, and Ukrainian refugees.



Project HOPE team members deliver lifesaving monitoring equipment University Children's Hospital, in Kraków, Poland. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.



Project HOPE staff donate rehabilitative equipment to the Kraków Social Welfare Center in Poland. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.





