



Conflict in Ukraine

Situation Report #44

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Situation Overview

With winter nearing, humanitarian needs are worsening in some frontline communities as attacks continue to result in civilian deaths, injuries, displacement, and infrastructure damage. The Ukrainian government is conducting mandatory evacuations in some areas, but many of people — including families with children — have not evacuated and remain in need of humanitarian assistance.

Frequent attacks are increasingly disrupting health care services as facilities are partially damaged or destroyed and health workers in some areas struggle to carry out administrative tasks due to power outages. **In addition, the prolonged conflict has put health workers as a group in an increasingly vulnerable position,** with personnel working overtime, contending with shortages of essential supplies, and managing acute stress and exacerbated personal mental health needs.

In the years since the conflict erupted, the health needs of the entire country have changed. Routine preventative care has lapsed for many due to the chaos of conflict and the emergence of new, more urgent problems. Providers are now seeing a greater demand for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services, rehabilitation, and assistance for survivors of

KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Since the conflict erupted in 2022, around **6.7 million** Ukrainians have become refugees and **3.7 million** Ukrainians have been internally displaced. More than **981,000** Ukrainian refugees have been recorded in Poland and over **123,000** 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.**



In response to increasing humanitarian needs, **Project HOPE has opened its office in Sumy region.** This is our eighth hub in Ukraine which is supporting conflict-affected IDPs and host communities through health, WASH, and protection activities.

gender-based violence (GBV). The World Health Organization has estimated that nearly 10 million individuals in Ukraine may currently be living with mental health disorders as a result of the ongoing conflict.

Since February 2022, there have been a total of **2,109 verified attacks** on health infrastructure, patients receiving care, medical transportation, supplies, and/or medical staff. In addition, there have been nearly **37,000 civilian casualties** in the country, including more than **11,000 deaths** and almost **26,000 injuries**. However, the true number of casualties — like the true scale of humanitarian need — is likely higher than current records or reporting indicate due to the chaos of the ongoing violence.

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 projects. Project HOPE's team in Ukraine is also addressing MHPSS; protection; water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); and winterization needs like non-food items and solid fuel.

In Moldova and Poland, the 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. The following pages outline the impact of our response activities to date.

Ukraine Update

- Provided **humanitarian assistance to 440 facilities to date**, including 348 health facilities, 12 centers for IDPs, 59 local administrations, and 21 non-governmental organizations in 23 oblasts — with **144,710 pharmaceutical items** provided to **51 facilities** across **seven oblasts** in the third quarter of 2024.
- Distributed over **88,132 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 **18,623 patient transportations** to date and **4,457 transportations** in the third quarter of 2024.
- Provided **gender-based violence response services to 44,707 people** to protect survivors — reaching 5,719 participants in the third quarter of 2024.
- Reached **11,621 health workers** from **87 health care facilities** with trainings on topics like European Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Trauma

KEY HIGHLIGHTS (CONT...)



Project HOPE teams in **Poland and Moldova** continue to address gaps in essential services, including **primary health, MHPSS, and protection services** for refugees and host community members.



Project HOPE is operating a **\$4.9 million winterization program in Ukraine**, through support from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Our team is striving to reach 15,643 people living near the front lines with **solid fuel and cash assistance for utility bills** for the 2024-2025 winter season.



Project HOPE is a sub-award partner for the five-year **USAID-funded Rehabilitation for Ukraine Activity (Rehab4U) program**, which is focused on creating sustainable, quality physical **rehabilitation services** within the health system across all levels of care by addressing both urgent, short-term gaps and long-term system-level requirements.



Members of Project HOPE's Ukraine team launch a new office in Sumy. Photo by Stanislav Vierbii for Project HOPE, 2024.



Project HOPE provided **MHPSS services to 202,694 Ukrainians** at four IDP centers, eight MHPSS sites established by Project HOPE, 28 hospitals, and through online consultations — reaching **31,663 participants** in the third quarter of 2024.

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 **1,418 health workers** trained in the third quarter of 2024

- Reconstruction works at **Mykolaiv Regional Clinical Hospital**, as well as door and window replacements at **Kherson Regional TB Dispensary and Nikopol City Hospital №4**, are ongoing — with 12 health and social service facilities now successfully reconstructed and reopened in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, and Kherson oblasts.
- Distributed **169,298 hygiene kits** and **essential non-food items** to cover the basic needs of **308,296 individuals** — with **10,253 family hygiene kits, 4,360 baby hygiene kits, 490 elderly diapers** and **283 individual hygiene kits** delivered in the third quarter of 2024.
- Delivered **1,427,040 six-liter bottles of drinking water** to **12 health facilities** and community members in 35 settlements to cover the needs of roughly **111,820 Ukrainians** — with **51,840 six-liter bottles** delivered to 82,317 Ukrainians in the third quarter of 2024.
- Through **surge staff**, provided a total of **1,127,463 medical consultations** to **477,370 patients** in 35 health facilities across Ukraine — reaching **60,847 patients** in the third quarter of 2024 through **159,345 consultations**.

Moldova Update

- Distributed **985 units** of **pharmaceutical items** and **medical equipment** worth \$34,000 to 11 health facilities
- Supported **50 people** from Florești and Ștefan-Vodă districts with **eye screenings** and provided 31 pairs of eyeglasses to individuals diagnosed with vision issues.
- Through our local partner, The Moldova Project, Project HOPE distributed **141 medical vouchers** to **128 Ukrainian refugees** in Florești and Ștefan-Vodă, provided **350 children** with **backpacks** and **school supplies** to prepare them for school, and reached **654 children** and **152 parents/caregivers** with a range of **MHPSS activities** at five refugee accommodation centers.
- In collaboration with Florești Primary Healthcare Center, Project HOPE organized a five-day **summer school** with the theme “Teen Health” for **25 teenager and pre-teenage children** from Florești. Program participants discussed physical and emotional development, mental health, nutrition, risk factors, adolescents rights, and more.
- Reached **197 health workers** from **27 health facilities** with trainings on topics like on basic life support, palliative care training, natal check-up, mental health, communication skills, and tele-mentoring — with **149 health workers** trained in the third quarter of 2024.
- Launched a **Patient School**, organizing Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions for **16 nurses** from Ștefan Vodă and focusing on home care and management of patients with chronic conditions affecting the respiratory, cardiovascular, endocrine, and neurological systems.



Critical Care Transport Activity teams in Dnipro, Ukraine use ambulance vehicles provided by Project HOPE through the support of USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance. Photo by Stanislav Vierbii for Project HOPE, 2024.



Project HOPE currently operates **51 mobile medical units (MMUs)** that have since provided **925,686 medical consultations** (including 13,471 mental health consultations) to **394,024 patients** in Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Dnipro and Kharkiv oblasts — with MMUs reaching **49,916 patients** in the third quarter of 2024 through **141,804 consultations**.



A health worker with one of Project HOPE's MMUs in Florești, Moldova assesses a patient in her home. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.



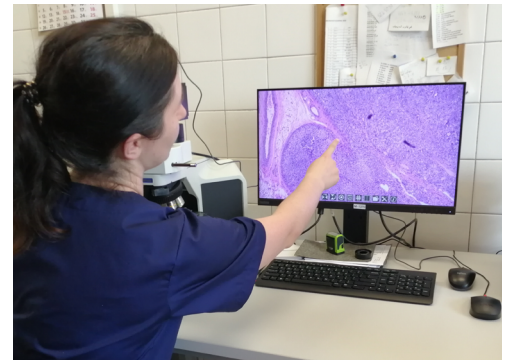
Launched and are currently operating **three MMUs** that have since provided **2,677 medical consultations (including 796 mental health consultations)** to **1,597 patients** in Ștefan Vodă, Florești, and Telenesti districts — with MMUs reaching **854 patients** in the third quarter of 2024 through **1,544 medical and mental health consultations**.

Poland Update

- Supported **34 individuals** with **translation services** for medical and administrative documents in the third quarter of 2024.
- Facilitated **80 Polish language classes** for **155 people** in group sessions and **one individual-focused session**, as well as **84 English language classes** for **133 people** in group sessions and **three individual-focused sessions** in the third quarter of 2024.
- Donated a thermocycler and microscope to the **Physiotherapy and Blood Cell Transplantation** units at **University Children's Hospital in Krakow**. Both units serve approximately 4,500 patients each year.
- Distributed 25 stair climbers to the **Krakow Municipal Social Welfare Center** rehabilitation rental center. Including the 25 rehabilitation beds previously donated, it is estimated that 500 people will benefit from the support over the next 10 years.
- Delivered rehabilitation equipment such as therapeutic aids and accessories to the **Rehabilitation Center for Children with Advanced Disabilities** in Lublin. An estimated 1,213 people from Lubelskie Voivodship have benefitted from the donated equipment.
- In cooperation with the **Institute of Psychology at Jagiellonian University** in Krakow, Project HOPE launched the **Mind C.A.R.E.** (Communication, Acceptance, Relationships, and Empowerment) training program, which strives to improve the mental well-being of school nurses and professionals and empower them with the skills they need to better support students. To date, the program has reached **58 school and healthcare professionals** from the Małopolskie, Lubelskie, and Podkarpackie Voivodships.



Project HOPE has launched **2 MHPSS Medical Units** that have since provided **442 mental health consultations (231 individual and 211 group sessions)** for **326 Ukrainian Refugees**, **196 individual social work sessions for 105 Ukrainians**, **293 group social cohesion sessions for 349 Ukrainians** in **six shelters** for Ukrainian refugees across Małopolska, Podkarpackie, and Lubelskie - with MHPSS Mobile Units reaching **348 individuals with 2,943 visits** in the third quarter of 2024 through variety of MHPSS activities.



Project HOPE delivers diagnostic equipment to University Children's Hospital in Krakow, Poland. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.



Project HOPE's mobile MHPSS unit conducts a group activity session at the Dallas Hotel, a refugee center, in Malopolske. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2024.