



SITUATION UPDATE

UKRAINE CRISIS

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EMERGENCY OVERVIEW



Ongoing conflict continues to drive urgent demand for humanitarian assistance, especially in frontline areas. Communities impacted by the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in June continue to struggle in meeting basic needs. Missile attacks persisted, while Ukrainian Forces escalated strikes on Russian mainland, seaports and occupied territories. On July 6, a devastating Russian missile strike on an apartment building in Lviv underscored the ongoing threat countrywide. Assaults on the Kerch Bridge and absence of the Black Sea Grain Initiative extension prompted attacks on Odesa, with Russian retaliation attacks targeting the south. Despite obstacles, humanitarian aid continued to reach millions of people in June, though access to Russian-controlled areas remained limited. Funding shortages and access constraints continue to impede operations amid heightened insecurity.



FAST FACTS

OUR IMPACT

9 million+ people
benefitting from
improved access to
health supplies and
services

- ✚ 270 primary and secondary health centers supported
- ✚ 8,930,690 non-food items (NFIs) distributed
- ✚ 1,299,476 liters of drinking water distributed
- ✚ 1,949,188 primary outpatient health consultations delivered
- ✚ 15,313 individual mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations delivered
- ✚ 46,570 people reached with direct infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services
- ✚ 37,190 people reached with gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services
- ✚ More than 20,462 people reached with multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA)



OUR WORK

OUR RESPONSE

International Medical Corps' humanitarian response efforts across Ukraine are tailored to each region's needs. In newly liberated areas and post-conflict zones, we provide a wide range of services, including health, MHPSS, protection, GBV prevention and response, nutrition, NFIs, MPCA, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). We also provide health facilities (HFs) with medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to help restore healthcare services. International Medical Corps works with local non-governmental organizations and local authorities to build resilience and increase the reach of our support.

In active conflict zones, International Medical Corps has adopted an adaptive, dynamic programming strategy focused on critical lifesaving operations, including supporting frontline hospitals with critical equipment and supplies, and distributing food, NFIs and water to impacted communities. In areas under threat of attack, we focus on the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) through an integrated approach that includes MHPSS, WASH, food, MPCA and NFIs. We also help HFs prepare for and build resistance to potential attacks and mass-casualty events.

In Poland, International Medical Corps is prioritizing the needs of Ukrainian evacuees, providing services and training related to health, MHPSS and GBV.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Health



Above: Representatives from the USAID BHA DART visit a health facility supported by International Medical Corps.

Right: USAID Administrator Samantha Power greets Country Director Matthew Stearns.



In July, International Medical Corps Health team:

- provided 118,560 medical consultations through 92 primary healthcare facilities, including 80 ambulatories and 12 mobile medical units (since February 2022, we have provided an estimated 1.3 million consultations);
- supported 62,361 inpatients in 18 hospitals, with 678,832 inpatients supported since February 2022;
- distributed 149 different types of medical commodities worth \$336,056, including 60 types of medicines, 36 pieces of medical equipment, 42 types of medical supplies and 11 different kits to 32 HFs in seven oblasts;
- conducted a series of training courses on basic life support in medical institutions (we have already held three events, in which 373 medical workers took part, in Chernihivska, Kyivska and Odeska oblasts);
- hosted two high-level delegations from USAID, including Administrator Samantha Power and the Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) Ukraine Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) at two International Medical Corps supported HFs in Kyivska oblast, including Irpin and Kyiv city; and
- launched a health education and promotion campaign [video](#) via social media (Instagram, Facebook and Youtube) in partnership with the Ukraine Ministry of Health's Public Health Center,, attracting more than 240,000 views to date.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Training



International Medical Corps staff members meet with representatives of Ternopil National Medical University.

In July, the International Medical Corps Training Team:

- continued to prepare for the August launch of Phase 3 of the Emergency- and Trauma-Care Training project, which we are conducting in partnership with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI); and
- established close contacts with medical educational institutions in Ukraine, including the Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University (located in Mykolaiv), Ternopil National Medical University, Kharkiv National Medical University and Kyiv Professional Medical College.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



International Medical Corps staff members distribute bottled water to internally displaced persons and war-affected communities.

In July, International Medical Corps' WASH team:

- distributed 402,154 liters of water to 15,734 people (including IDPs and war-affected populations) in Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska and Mykolaivska oblasts;
- distributed 11,532 hygiene kits to 22,617 IDPs and others in war-affected communities;
- rehabilitated Studenok ambulatory by conducting roof repairs, replacing broken windows, doors and toilets, and installing two heaters and an access ramp;
- donated 3,900 garbage bins (900 communal, 3,000 household) to towns in Donetskska, Kharkivska and Mykolaivska oblasts to support environmental health;
- conducted 30 cleaning campaigns in villages in Khersonska and Donetsk oblasts;
- donated 50 sanitary fixtures to collective centers and HFs; and
- donated 35 toolkits in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Kyivska, Lvivska and Mykolaivska oblasts.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



International Medical Corps MHPSS team members deliver a psychosocial support session to a group of children (left) and work with a group of mothers on stress management.

In July, the International Medical Corps MHPSS team:

- initiated discussions with the National Coordination Center for Mental Health to support capacity-strengthening efforts for public-sector staff supporting veterans and their families;
- conducted supportive supervision for World Health Organization (WHO) mhGAP-trained doctors and nurses, to ensure service delivery quality as per the National Operational Roadmap and Ministry of Health recommendations;
- worked with authorities in Pervomaisk (Mykolaivska oblast) to facilitate community access to MHPSS support;
- trained 25 doctors from six HFs in Kharkivska oblast and 20 doctors from MMUs in Donetska oblast in the WHO mhGAP Humanitarian Intervention Guide; and
- conducted psychosocial support services through local implementing partner "Bridge" in Zaporizhzhia and other locations.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Nutrition



International Medical Corps Nutrition team members lead an IYCF group session in Bucha City Park during a parenting festival.

In July, International Medical Corps provided infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services in Kyivska, Lvivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Vinnytska, oblasts, and opened an additional Mother–Baby Space (MBS) in Pervomaisk Hospital, Mykolaivska oblast. Also in July, International Medical Corps:

- supported 1,721 children under 5 years (878 girls, 843 boys) with complementary food kits appropriate for children 6–23 months, as well as diapers and 385 baby kits for mothers with children aged 0–3 months;
- reached 618 newly pregnant women during individual and group sessions in MBSs and maternity hospitals in all project areas;
- reached 1,910 (1,784 females, 126 males) during 100 IYCF group sessions held in more than 50 HF;
- trained 42 (39 females, 3 males) health workers on IYCF in emergencies (IYCF-E) in Vinnytsia; and
- oriented 21 medical students (17 females, 4 males) from National Pirogov Memorial Medical University on Vinnytsia to IYCF-E at a project-supported MBS.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



International Medical Corps community mobilizers led a painting activity in Kharkiv as part of active-longevity sessions.

During July, International Medical Corps provided GBV prevention and response services directly and through local women's rights organization (WRO) partners. We reached affected women, adolescent girls and communities directly to raise awareness of GBV and conducted recreational PSS activities in communities across Lyivska, Kyivska, Kharkivska and Odeska oblasts. The team also:

- conducted a training session on GBV Core Concepts and hosted a roundtable in Stryi (Lvivska oblast) for social service providers, with 26 representatives from the government of Ukraine's social, child protection and educational departments, to address the root causes, types and consequences of GBV;
- reached nine WRO partners with online training to support their implementation of GBV prevention and response programming;
- distributed dignity kits to people in Mykolaivska oblast who have hygiene needs resulting from displacement due to the Kakhovka Dam explosion, as well as to people in highly affected areas in Kharkiv; and
- conducted focus group discussions with older women (55+), women of reproductive age (22–55), and adolescent girls and young women (15–21) to evaluate the items included in dignity kits, ensuring their suitability in future distributions.

**OUR RESPONSE:
UKRAINE**

**Multi-Purpose
Cash
Assistance
(MPCA)**

In July, International Medical Corps' CASH Team:

- initiated cash support registration and payment for 80 people in Kramatorsk and Lyman in Donetska oblast, and in Kryvyi Rih in Dnipropetrovska oblast; and
- enhanced our internal tools for MPCA registration to expedite and streamline the process of providing cash assistance to those in need of emergency support.

OUR RESPONSE: POLAND

Protection



An International Medical Corps staff member distributes vouchers at the Avalon Center in Warsaw to displaced Ukrainians living in Poland.

International Medical Corps' team in Poland continued to support refugees affected by war in Ukraine, providing them with essential interventions. In July, we:

- continued to operate a vital hotline with the Central Council of Roma to disseminate essential information about available services;
- provided support and guidance to 53 people seeking information on financial assistance and access to governmental services, including healthcare, and initiative that has proven instrumental in ensuring that they receive the help they need during these challenging times;
- distributed 100 vouchers in Warsaw and Krakow, in partnership with the Central Council of Roma, to assist people in need; and
- continued to support Ukrainians living in accommodation centers, ensuring their well-being and access to necessary resources.

OUR RESPONSE: POLAND

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



International Medical Corps team members conduct an MHPSS workshop in Warsaw.

In 2023, International Medical Corps began implementing a project to strengthen the MHPSS response in areas of Poland affected by the war in Ukraine. As part of this project, we:

- conducted a one-day workshop for 17 participants in Warsaw on *Enhancing Staff Care and Well-being in Humanitarian and Civil Society Organizations*; and
- conducted supervision sessions with 31 participants, 25 of whom had previously received Self-Help *Plus* (SH+) training and six of whom had undergone Problem Management *Plus* (PM+) training conducted by International Medical Corps' MHPSS Trainer.

OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)

9,196,983 beneficiaries reached with supplies, equipment and services

HEALTH

270 health facilities provided with medicines, medical equipment and supplies

6,123 people trained in health-related topics (*1,663 men, 4,460 women*)

1,949,188 outpatient health consultations delivered by supported facilities (*823,369 men, 1,125,927,828 women*)

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

15,313 MHPSS individual consultations provided for **7,923** people (*1,746 men, 6,168 women, 9 not disclosed*)

4,396 people trained in MHPSS-related topics (*458 men, 3,938 women*)

41,951 people reached through MHPSS sessions (*9,054 men, 32,808 women, 89 not disclosed*)

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

1,299,476 liters of water distributed

58,339 people provided with WASH assistance

69,014 hygiene NFI kits distributed

2,409,345 people provided with NFI and FI assistance

NUTRITION

350 people trained in nutrition-related topics (*15 men, 335 women*)

4,040 pregnant women provided with nutrition-specific interventions

22,843 children under 5 years reached with nutrition-specific interventions (*11,526 boys, 11,317 girls*)

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

37,190 people reached through GBV interventions (*3,988 men, 33,162 women, 40 not disclosed*)

2,993 people trained in GBV-related topics (*246 men, 2,747 women*)

MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)

20,462 people supported with cash assistance