



**SITUATION UPDATE**

# UKRAINE CRISIS

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW



In August, Ukraine faced a relentless barrage of missile and drone attacks, resulting in civilian casualties and property damage. Of the 165 missiles and 231 Iranian-made drones launched by the Russian Federation, 96 and 150 were intercepted by Ukrainian air defenses, respectively. This indiscriminate violence escalated over the past two months, causing widespread death, destruction and population displacement, notably in regions like Kupiansk. On August 10, an attack in Zaporizka oblast killed one person and injured 16 others when an Iskander missile struck a hotel popular with humanitarian aid workers. This attack was notable for employing a "double tap" strategy—the first missile caused injuries, and a second one targeted emergency responders, to increase casualties.

## OUR WORK

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# 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, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, nutrition, non-food items (NFIs), multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). We also provide health facilities (HFs) with medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to help restore health 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 continues to prioritize the needs of Ukrainian evacuees, providing services and training related to health, MHPSS and GBV.

## FAST FACTS

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# OUR IMPACT

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

- ✚ 283 primary and secondary health centers supported
- ✚ 8,972,800 NFIs distributed
- ✚ 1,299,476 liters of drinking water distributed
- ✚ 2,191,831 primary outpatient health consultations delivered
- ✚ 17,785 individual MHPSS consultations delivered
- ✚ 51,112 people reached with direct infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services
- ✚ 38,436 people reached with GBV prevention and response services
- ✚ 20,462 people reached with MPCA

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Health



*"Don't smoke!" fliers for an anti-smoking campaign launched by International Medical Corps.*



In August, International Medical Corps in Health sector has:

- conducted 22,729 medical consultations through 45 HFs (since January 2023, 827,384 outpatient consultations have been carried out in 91 primary healthcare, or PHC, facilities);
- conducted 19,685 inpatient PHC consultations in 14 hospitals across six oblasts, totaling 380,557 patients supported since January 2023;
- initiated support for physical rehabilitation activities in three hospitals of Kyiv, with plans to extend these activities to Donetska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka oblasts;
- distributed 126 different types of medical commodities, including 31 types of medicines, 41 medical equipment, 53 types of medical supplies and one kit to 28 HFs in nine oblasts;
- supported the Ukraine Ministry of Health in the launch of a nationwide anti-smoking campaign, in which International Medical Corps developed and printed 3,200 banners, 12,000 stickers and 50,000 flyers to raise awareness of the harmful health effects of smoking;
- completed the rehabilitation of Kapitolivka Ambulatory in Kharkivska oblast, including replacing damaged doors, windows and toilets, enabling health services provided in this facility to reach almost 900 people in Kapitolivka village; and
- continued rehabilitation efforts at the Oskil HF in Kharkivska oblast.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Training



International Medical Corps staff and HHI volunteers conduct Phase 3 of Emergency and Trauma Care Training for instructors across Ukraine.

In August, International Medical Corps' Training team launched Phase 3 of the Emergency and Trauma Care Training project, in partnership with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI). Medical providers\* from across Ukraine convened at Dnipro State Medical University, where they attended the following courses: *Trauma Nursing Fundamentals* (17 participants); *Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives* (28 participants); *Stop the Bleed* (45 participants); and *Stop the Bleed for Instructors* (13 participants).

Training participants hailed from the following medical institutions: Lviv Region National Police Headquarters (HQ) Training Center; State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Luhansk Oblast, HQ; Odesa Regional Center of Emergency and Disaster Medicine; and the International Organization for Migration.

For the next round of training, we invited medical providers from Dnipro State Medical University, Kharkiv National Medical University, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Ternopil National Medical University, Black Sea National University in Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia Medical College.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



Above: International Medical Corps' MHPSS team delivers an Active Longevity session at an IDP center.

Below: Recreational activity for peer-support sessions arranged by International Medical Corps in Chernihivska oblast.



In August, the International Medical Corps MHPSS team:

- provided 196 psychological consultations at HFs, community centers and mobile consultation rooms serving 10 hard-to-reach communities in Kharkivska oblast;
- provided supportive supervision for 88 health workers trained on mhGAP in Chernihivska, Kharkivska and Kyivska oblasts;
- trained 26 doctors on mhGAP at the primary and secondary levels of care;
- supported 1,015 people with psychosocial support through Active Longevity sessions, Self-Help Plus (SH+) training, awareness-raising sessions, recreational activities and psychoeducation sessions in Chernihivska, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivska, Lvivska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts; and
- provided MHPSS services through our partners—Way Home (Odesa), Tenth of April (Mykolaiv), DeStigma (Lviv), Wings of Hope (Lviv) and Bridge (Kharkiv, Donetsk, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia)—to reduce suffering of war-affected populations.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Nutrition



*International Medical Corps Nutrition team conducts an IYCF activity in Irpin, to celebrate World Breastfeeding Week.*

In August, International Medical Corps provided infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services in Kyivska, Lvivska, Odeska and Vinnytska oblasts. Also in August, International Medical Corps:

- reached 2,210 children under 5 (1,098 girls, 1,112 boys) with nutrition interventions, including IYCF education through their parents/caregivers, diapers, complementary food kits appropriate for children 6–23 months, and baby kits for mothers with children aged 0–3 months;
- distributed 640 packages of diapers (314 for girls, 324 for boys, and two for pregnant women), 28 sets of complementary foods (10 to girls, 18 to boys), and four baby clothes kits for infants aged 0-3 months;
- reached 585 newly pregnant women during individual and group sessions in Mother-Baby Spaces (MBS) and maternity hospitals in Kyivska, Lvivska, Odeska and Vinnytska oblasts;
- reached 2,017 parents and caregivers (1,861 women, 156 men) during individual consultations with behavior-change interventions to improve IYCF practices, and 176 IYCF group sessions held in five MBSs, 42 HFs and in 15 community locations; and
- trained 32 health workers—including doctors, nurses and midwives—in Kyiv on IYCF in emergencies.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



*An International Medical Corps' GBV team member conducts Case Management training in Odesa.*

During August, International Medical Corps provided GBV prevention and response services directly and through local women's rights organization (WRO) partners. The team also:

- conducted a refresher training on GBV Case Management for 26 female representatives of WRO partners, other key stakeholders and International Medical Corps caseworker staff, supplementing the foundational five-day training content with additional modules that highlighted considerations for inclusive services for diverse women and girls;
- conducted GBV Core Concepts training in Kalush, Ivano-Frankivska oblast, and in Oskil, Kharkivska oblast, for 29 social and healthcare workers;
- reached 174 people with PSS activities and awareness-raising sessions conducted in city libraries, summer camps and IPD shelters, as well as 13 PSS group sessions and 13 awareness-raising sessions that reached 186 women and adolescent girls in Kharkiv;
- reached 86 women in collective centers, in collaboration with local WROs in Mykolaivska oblast;
- held PSS and awareness activities in Kyiv, reaching 351 women and adolescent girls; and
- continued supporting IDP communities from Bakhmut, Melitopol and Mariupol living in modular camps in Kyivska oblast.

## **OUR RESPONSE: POLAND**

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# **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)**

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:

- finalized MHPSS online service mapping for Poland and European Union countries and shared results with the World Health Organization (WHO) MHPSS Technical Working Group (TWG), while the MHPSS team in Poland is preparing an interactive dashboard for the online service mapping tool;
- discussed with the MHPSS TWG the valuable support provided by the WHO in identifying online/remote MHPSS services within the country for Ukrainians and third-country nationals;
- Conducted SH+ and Program Management Plus training sessions; and
- continued International Medical Corps' MHPSS capacity-building program with Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, including sessions on providing supportive supervision with Master Trainers and SH+.

## OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)

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

### HEALTH

**283** health facilities provided with medicines, medical equipment and supplies

**6,209** people trained in health-related topics (*1,699 men, 4,510 women*)

**2,191,831** outpatient health consultations delivered by supported facilities (*927,588 men, 1,264,243 women*)

### MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

**17,785** MHPSS individual consultations provided for **9,127** people (*1,982 men, 7,136 women, 9 not disclosed*)

**4,430** people trained in MHPSS-related topics (*462 men, 3,968 women*)

**62,718** people reached through MHPSS sessions (*13,778 men, 48,825 women, 115 not disclosed*)

### WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

**58,339** people provided with WASH assistance

**84,143** hygiene NFI kits distributed

**1,665,091** people provided with NFI assistance

### NUTRITION

**393** people trained in nutrition-related topics (*16 men, 377 women*)

**4,690** pregnant women provided with nutrition-specific interventions

**24,907** children under 5 years reached with nutrition-specific interventions (*12,574 boys, 12,333 girls*)

### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

**38,436** people reached through GBV interventions (*4,040 men, 34,356 women, 40 not disclosed*)

**3,109** people trained in GBV-related topics (*250 men, 2,859 women*)

### MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)

**20,462** people supported with cash assistance