



SITUATION UPDATE

UKRAINE CRISIS

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EMERGENCY OVERVIEW



July through September saw continued Russian attacks with missiles, rockets, drones and glide bombs. Daylight attacks became more common, killing and injuring more civilians. The UN reported a 45% increase in civilian casualties between spring and summer 2024. Russian attacks, particularly around Pokrovsk in Donetsk oblast, also resulted in further displacement—with tens of thousands more Ukrainians forced to flee their homes. There were fewer power blackouts as temperatures decreased in September. But as the weather continues to cool and winter approaches, the situation for millions of Ukrainians remains uncertain.



OUR WORK

OUR RESPONSE

International Medical Corps' humanitarian response and early recovery efforts across Ukraine are tailored to regional needs. In post-conflict zones, we provide integrated health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and physical rehabilitation services; gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response; non-food items (NFIs); water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); infrastructure rehabilitation; and livelihoods interventions. We help repair and rebuild health facilities (HFs) and provide them with medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to help restore healthcare services. We also work with civil society organizations and local authorities to build resilience and increase the sustainability of our support.

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

FAST FACTS

OUR IMPACT

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

- ✚ 498 primary and secondary health centers supported
- ✚ 3.93 million primary outpatient health consultations delivered
- ✚ 81,838 people reached in conflict-affected and liberated areas with MHPSS services, including 27,385 individual consultations
- ✚ 22,037 health workers and first responders trained on topics related to health, emergency care, MHPSS, GBV and more
- ✚ 80,966 people reached with GBV prevention and response services
- ✚ 45,483 people reached with infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services
- ✚ 9,530,853 NFIs and 2,370,045 liters of drinking water distributed
- ✚ 81 damaged health facilities rehabilitated

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Health



A doctor with one of International Medical Corps' mobile medical units examines a young patient in the village of Rohizky in Chernihivska oblast.

Between July and September, the Health team:

- supported 15 mobile medical units—in Chernihivska, Dnipropetrovska, Donetsk, Kharkivska, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka oblasts—providing complex health support to patients through 14,469 consultations;
- conducted 152,225 outpatient consultations through 66 primary HFs across eight oblasts—treating trauma cases, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, and addressing sexual and reproductive health needs
- oversaw 117,887 hospitalizations through 27 hospitals across nine oblasts, and 11,288 outpatient consultations in two polyclinics; and
- distributed 304 different types of medical commodities—including 99 types of medical supplies, 76 types of medicines and 129 pieces of medical equipment—to 67 HFs in nine oblasts.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Training



Healthcare workers take part in Trauma Management Training at Odesa National Medical University—involving Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) and Pre-hospital Trauma Fundamentals (PHTF) courses.

Between July and September, the Training team:

- provided 10 training courses in Kyiv and Odesa for 255 healthcare professionals from medical hospitals, universities and colleges in Chernihivska, Kharkivska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Zaporizka oblasts, through a trauma-management partnership with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI);
- delivered separate training in topics including “Advanced Trauma Life Support,” “Pediatric Trauma Fundamentals,” “Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Management,” “Pharmacovigilance,” “Point of Care Ultrasound,” “Pre-hospital Trauma Fundamentals,” “Quality Management of Medical Services in Primary Care” and “Quality Management of Medical Services in Secondary Care” to 603 healthcare professionals in Chernihiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Mykolaiv and Odesa; and
- donated mannequins, training equipment and power stations to partner universities, medical colleges and educational departments within emergency medical-aid and disaster-medicine centers in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska, Mykolaivska, Odeska, Ternopilska, Vinnytska and Zaporizka oblasts.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



One of International Medical Corps' mobile water treatment units operates in Novovorontsovka, Khersonska oblast—serving as a reliable source of vital, clean drinking water for residents.

Between July and September, the WASH team:

- used three mobile water-treatment units to provide 260,600 liters of drinking water to 13,041 people in Marhanets, in Dnipropetrovska oblast; Novovorontsovka, in Khersonska oblast; and Pervomaisk, in Mykolaivska oblast;
- distributed 16,077 6-liter bottles of water (96,462 liters) to 18,870 people in frontline areas;
- distributed 4,354 hygiene kits to 8,946 people;
- provided emergency toilet services to Arkhanhelske, Ivanivka and Vysokopillia (in Khersonska oblast), and Izium (in Kharkivska oblast);
- conducted desludging activities—removing waste from sewage tanks—at seven sites in Dnipropetrovska, Kharkivska and Khersonska oblasts; and
- strengthened our role as co-lead for the Sub-national WASH Cluster by hiring additional national staff—while maintaining our role in technical working groups, mainly in WASH-in-Health Facilities and Cash for Hygiene.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Infrastructure Rehabilitation



Before-and-after images of the major refurbishment work that International Medical Corps completed on the main bomb shelter beneath Odesa Central Regional Hospital.

The war has caused extensive damage to Ukraine's health system, destroying or damaging hundreds of hospitals and clinics. International Medical Corps has responded by completing infrastructure work in 81 HFs, enabling them to continue operating. This summer, we finalized major repairs and refurbishments at three important hospitals in southern Ukraine: Odesa Central Regional Hospital, Odesa Maternity Hospital No.5 and Bashtanka Multidisciplinary Hospital in neighboring Mykolaivska oblast.

In addition, between July and September, the WASH team:

- completed rehabilitation work at a health clinic in Loshkarivka in Donetska oblast, and distributed and installed 22 sets of sanitary fixtures—including toilet seats, sinks, shower cabins and water heaters—at HFs and collective centers housing IDPs;
- completed the replacement of a damaged water pipe in Myrolubivka, Khersonska oblast; and
- assessed the needs for the rehabilitation of water supply and sanitation facilities, identifying 25 sites.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support



MHPSS specialists lead a psychosocial support session for people in Pervomaiskyi displaced by fighting in Kharkivska oblast.

Between July and September, the MHPSS team:

- continued to co-chair the MHPSS Technical Working Group;
- provided feedback on a draft law on the mental health system;
- collaborated with WHO to conduct a training-of-trainers session on the Self-Help Plus (SH+) scalable intervention for 25 local service providers who had been nominated by regional coordinators to roll out SH+ training at the community level;
- delivered mental health case management training for 20 psychologists, PSS workers and supervisors from Dnipropetrovska and Mykolaivska oblasts;
- conducted mhGAP training for psychologists and medical professionals;
- led Integrated Model for Supervision training for 24 master trainers/supervisors, academic staff and focal points from the Ministry of Health Coordination Center and the ministries of education, social policy and internal affairs;
- held awareness-raising activities and workshops dedicated to World Suicide Prevention Day, September 10;
- provided integrated MHPSS services to people in hard-to-reach areas of Donetsk, Kharkivska and Mykolaivska oblasts;
- delivered PSS in nine oblasts, focusing on SH+, positive parenting and active longevity programs; and
- continued implementing the mental health case management approach in Kharkivska, Kyivska and Mykolaivska oblasts.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Physical Rehabilitation



Donating equipment and training staff on its use—including at Hospital No. 3 in Kharkiv—are some of the important ways that International Medical Corps supports health facilities and people across Ukraine.

International Medical Corps has continued to work with the Ministry of Health and the Ukrainian Association of Physical Therapy to improve access to quality rehabilitation services. We provide healthcare facilities with critical rehabilitation equipment, develop evidence-based guidelines adapted to Ukraine's specific needs and offer comprehensive training for medical staff. Additionally, we focus on making healthcare facilities more accessible and inclusive for individuals with disabilities, ensuring that they have a supportive environment for recovery.

Between July and September, our Physical Rehabilitation team:

- continued to support seven HFs—four in Kyiv and Kyivska oblast, and one each in Dnipropetrovska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizka oblasts—as well as four social service centers, equipping them to better serve their communities; and
- enabled 1,075 more people (for a total to date of 2,362) to receive improved rehabilitation services, contributing significantly to their recovery and overall well-being.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Nutrition



An International Medical Corps' Nutrition specialist holds a consultation in Bucha, outside Kyiv, during World Breastfeeding Week in August.

Between July and September, the Nutrition team:

- continued IYCF interventions in Khersonska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts;
- reached 1,105 children under 5 with nutrition-specific interventions—including providing IYCF education, and diapers and baby kits, to mothers with children aged 0–3 months;
- provided 220 food kits for children aged 6–23 months, and 788 packages of diapers and 177 baby-clothing kits for children aged 0–3 months to new parents and pregnant women;
- reached 456 pregnant women through individual and group sessions at maternity clinics and hospitals;
- reached 918 parents and caregivers with behavior change interventions to improve IYCF practices during individual counseling, and 103 IYCF group sessions in HF and community sites;
- transferred mother and baby spaces to HF in Bucha, Kyiv, Mykolaiv and Odesa, and a local NGO in Irpin, as part of a planned exit strategy;
- trained 108 health workers from Khersonska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts on IYCF-E; and
- conducted an IYCF survey in six frontline oblasts, surveying 1,433 households with children under 2.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Gender-Based Violence



A member of the GBV team distributes dignity kits to vulnerable women and girls in Boyarka in Kyivska oblast.

Between July and September, the GBV team:

- provided prevention and response services directly and through local women’s rights organizations;
- provided comprehensive GBV response services at International Medical Corps’ three women’s and girls’ safe spaces (WGSS)—including case management, PSS and the distribution of dignity kits for approximately 10,000 people—and supported our partners in providing these services at their own seven WGSS across Ukraine; and
- conducted training on GBV core concepts, targeting GBV and non-GBV service providers and focusing on such topics as working with survivors, handling disclosures and safe referrals, and improving the quality of the services that survivors receive.

OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

Localization and Partnerships



Country Director Matthew Stearns poses with Olga Rudnieva, CEO at Superhumans Center, a leading innovator in physical rehabilitation that is a long-time implementing partner of International Medical Corps.

International Medical Corps is committed to fostering localized relief and building local capacity for long-term resilience. To help achieve this, between July and September, International Medical Corps:

- worked with and through nine local partners to implement MHPSS, GBV and livelihoods programming countrywide;
- offered support for war-injured individuals, including those receiving prosthesis assistance, physical rehabilitation, MHPSS, and social reintegration and employment support; and
- worked closely with local authorities and communities through 22 memorandums of understanding signed with government entities, universities and NGOs across seven oblasts.

OUR RESPONSE: POLAND

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support



Participants pose during a three-day Self-Help Plus training session held in September and hosted by International Medical Corps' Warsaw office.

Between July and September, the Poland MHPSS team:

- continued supporting war-affected and vulnerable Ukrainians displaced in Poland;
- provided 626 people with SH+ sessions;
- provided 479 people with Problem Management Plus (PM+) sessions
- provided 204 hours of supervision for PM+ and 98 hours of supervision for SH+ to helpers/facilitators;
- trained 61 people on PM+ and SH+;
- assisted 120 Ukrainian Roma refugees via a hotline providing financial support, voucher distribution, livelihoods services, psychological support, and access to government services such as healthcare and temporary protection;
- helped 214 Ukrainian Roma refugees access government services, particularly health services;
- trained 205 Ukrainian Roma on intercultural communication; and
- engaged 260 children in educational and recreational activities.

OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)

HEALTH

498 health facilities provided with medicines, medical equipment and supplies

11,842 people trained in health-related topics
(8,704 women, 3,138 men)

3,934,850 outpatient health consultations delivered by supported facilities
(2,295,809 women, 1,639,041 men)

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

27,385 MHPSS individual consultations provided
(17,879 women, 9,506 men)

4,872 people trained in MHPSS-related topics
(4,244 women, 628 men)

81,838 people reached through MHPSS sessions
(60,430 women, 21,408 men)

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

2,370,045 liters of potable drinking water to 50+ targeted communities in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts

75,636 hygiene kits distributed

81 damaged HF's rehabilitated

NUTRITION

730 health workers trained on IYCF-E

8,643 pregnant women provided with maternal nutrition and IYCF counseling and support

45,098 children under 5 provided with IYCF support

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

80,966 people reached through GBV interventions
(73,769 women, 7,197 men)

4,483 people trained in GBV-related topics
(3,942 women, 531 men)