



*The field team visits a village in northern Kyiv oblast and speaks to members of the community on the grounds of a school that was damaged by missiles.*

The Russian invasion of Ukraine that began on February 24 has led to Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II, with more than 14 million people forcibly displaced. In addition, since the war began, at least 8,089 civilian casualties have been reported in the country, including 3,811 killed.<sup>1</sup> The United Nations says the actual numbers are likely much higher.

The consequences of the war, particularly those related to food, are being felt worldwide. The crisis has caused inflation of prices for grains, food oils and fertilizer, creating food crises where previously there were none, and has exacerbated conditions in places already experiencing food insecurity.<sup>2</sup> Fuel availability worldwide also is a concern, particularly in Ukraine, where the price of and access to fuel are impeding humanitarian efforts to deliver aid.

Since February, more than 6.3 million people have fled Ukraine.<sup>3</sup> As of May 19, at least 3,296,792 people had crossed the border from Ukraine into Poland, 930,341 had entered Romania, 465,435 had entered Moldova, 615,256 had entered Hungary and 426,605 had entered Slovakia, while 863,086 had entered Russia and 27,308 had entered Belarus.

## International Medical Corps Response

Three months into the crisis, International Medical Corps continues to respond to humanitarian needs both inside Ukraine and in bordering countries. From the onset of the emergency, our team has helped authorities provide lifesaving care by directly delivering critical supplies and services to communities affected by the invasion. Now, three months since the conflict began, response needs vary. With various oblasts now in the early recovery phase, International Medical Corps is providing support by rehabilitating health facilities and strengthening and rebuilding the health workforce. Our response efforts include providing medical consultations, equipment and supplies; mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services and training; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) supplies and services; and non-food items (NFIs), including shelter and survival items. Our response activities to date will serve up to 2.9 million people in Ukraine and border countries.

## FAST FACTS

### Our Impact

- 33 hospitals, primary health centers, mobile and static medical units supported
- 17 refugee accommodation centers and shelters for internally displaced persons supported
- 30,756 people reached with non-food items, including towels, pillows, and water, sanitation and hygiene kits
- 54,383 medical consumables delivered
- 367 people trained in psychological first aid
- 307 mental health and psychosocial support services delivered
- 2.9 million total people in Ukraine and bordering countries reached with response efforts

### Our Footprint

- With a history in the country stretching back to 1999, we have operated continuously in Ukraine since 2014, in response to conflict in the east, providing medical, mental health and protection services, and infection prevention and control programs

<sup>1</sup> <https://data.humdata.org/visualization/ukraine-humanitarian-operations/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/19/un-hopes-to-restore-ukraine-grain-exports-amid-global-food-crisis>

<sup>3</sup> <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/situations/ukraine>

## Ukraine

International Medical Corps currently operates in Lviv, Kyiv, Chernihiv, Odessa and Dnipro oblasts, with programs focused on health, nutrition, MHPSS and WASH. In Kyiv oblast, we are supporting 20 healthcare facilities in Irpin and Bucha districts with critical items, equipment and material necessary to continue providing health services. As per our agreement with the Ministry of Health (MoH), International Medical Corps is rehabilitating five healthcare facilities that were significantly damaged due to the invasion. In addition, a network of laboratories supported by International Medical Corps has begun providing services free of charge in Bucha, Irpin and Makariv. The network is linked directly to supported sites in the area, enabling patients to receive care covered by our health programs. Furthermore, International Medical Corps is working with the MoH to restart its health information management system by providing necessary hardware and internet devices, and by providing necessary technical support to improve its system of data management. Through our partnership with Dobrobut in the Kyiv region, we have delivered 11,978 medical services and 1,926 pharmaceutical services at primary healthcare centers in Irpin and Brovary. The partnership enables these facilities to provide such services free of charge to patients in the region. International Medical Corps' support to Dobrobut also enables the MoH to focus on rebuilding the health system in the district through staffing, supplies and equipment needs.



In Odessa, International Medical Corps team is focused on helping healthcare facilities prepare to continue providing services should the security situation deteriorate in the coming weeks. As such, the team is working with three major hospitals in Odessa to convert their basements into critical-care units capable of catering for patients needing lifesaving care. The team also is currently working with the Regional Healthcare Directorate to assess and support the primary healthcare network in the oblast. In addition, International Medical Corps delivered medical equipment last week to the maternity hospital in Odessa, including neonatal incubators, patient monitors, suction pumps and oxygen concentrators, along with other necessary items. As part of ongoing collaboration with the hospital, our team will continue to provide regular shipment of supplies, to ensure cost-free services for the community.

In Chernihiv, our Health team is supporting the rehabilitation of a primary health center, two hospitals and the neuro-psychiatric institute. As part of our support to these hospitals, we also will provide medication, materials, mental health support to healthcare providers, IT equipment and non-medical equipment, to help restart health activities. The team will also be supporting a specialty hospital dedicated for patients with tuberculosis (TB), working closely with the MoH and national TB program. The hospital was destroyed during the attack on Chernihiv, and its patients and staff are working from a temporary facility that they need to vacate. Moreover, we are supporting five mobile medical operations in the region that will be started by local family doctors by providing vehicles, pharmaceuticals and other necessary supplies.

Our WASH team is working with district water suppliers to ensure availability of clean water and the rehabilitation of health facility water infrastructure. In Irpin, International Medical Corps is rehabilitating the central supply system to provide safe drinking water to the community, with work expected to be completed during the coming weeks. In Bucha, the WASH team concluded its assessment of the water system, and has identified water trucking as an immediate way of delivering safe drinking water in the community, and will begin rehabilitating the water supply system in the region to support access to clean water. Last week, the WASH team distributed 346 household hygiene kits and four infection prevention and control kits to households, health facilities and centers in Stryi supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs). Next week, the WASH team will join the Health team to conduct various assessments in Chernihiv, to enable it to plan rehabilitation of WASH infrastructure at the facilities.

MHPSS activities have been in high demand since the outset of the invasion in Ukraine, and our MHPSS team continues to implement both immediate and long-term program efforts. This includes a strategy comprising three pillars: 1) help for helpers, including staff support and training to healthcare providers, service providers and community leaders; 2) providing services to conflict-affected communities and IDPs through partners and direct services; and 3) social and behavior-change communication focused on destigmatizing MHPSS and promoting help-seeking behavior. The strategy will support the continuation of current response activities, including MHPSS consultations that have reached 307 people,

and training on MHPSS-related topics, including psychological first aid (PFA), basic psychosocial skills, and self-care and stress management, delivered so far to 249 trainees. Our MHPSS team will be working with the Ministry of Reintegration of Temporary Occupied Territories to support its Re-Inform news agency psychosocial support project, which aims to implement a social and behavior change communication campaign through social media, radio and print to de-stigmatize mental health support and promote help-seeking throughout Ukraine and neighboring countries hosting refugees.

The Nutrition team is working closely with the authorities and the Nutrition cluster in assessing the current infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) situation at the community and health facility level. Nutrition response assessments are especially focused on children ages 0–23 months; how mothers and caregivers are coping; challenges faced at the community level, including lack of food for children in grocery stores and current food distribution options; and the state of IYCF services before the crisis began. Next week the team will begin to procure baby kits and mother-baby space (MBS) equipment, which may include toys, small kitchen appliances, and handwashing and cleaning materials.



Staff visits the reception center in Korczowa, Poland.

### Poland

At the border of Ukraine, International Medical Corps’ partner Polish Medical Mission (PMM) continues to provide medical services to refugees crossing over, providing 841 consultations so far at these service delivery points. Last week, our Health team conducted site visits to border crossings in Budomierz and Korczowa to observe service delivery points providing first aid to refugees. The team met with volunteers and staff at the health/first-aid centers to identify current needs and areas of support. The team observed that the health points were functioning and well stocked for current needs, but that there is a need to support air conditioning for containers with medical stock, which we plan to address. The team also visited the children’s hospital in Krakow to learn about its plans for supporting refugees and how we can support it. Possible areas of support include staffing and procuring pharmaceuticals and equipment for intensive care.

Our MHPSS team continues to conduct PFA training for school teachers, social workers, psychologists and volunteers in Poland, where we have delivered the training in four cities to 11 different cohorts. Most of the training sessions have included training-of-trainers (ToT) sessions, which enables participants to become competent in leading their own training sessions. Our PFA training in Poland has so far reached 118 participants, 42 of whom are now trainers.

International Medical Corps’ Logistics team continues to support all response operations in Poland and supplies into Ukraine. Though the team continues to face fuel shortages and supply-chain constraints, it continues to successfully procure and deliver the goods needed. The team is procuring medical supplies to support the Atlas Refugee Center in Warsaw, including ventilators, ECGs, defibrillators, pulse oximeters and essential medical equipment.

Ukraine Crisis Response				
<b>33</b> health facilities supported		<b>17</b> Refugee and IDP centers supported		<b>18</b> local partners engaged
<b>11,978</b> medical services provided	<b>2,977</b> health consultations delivered	<b>307</b> MHPSS consultations delivered	<b>367</b> trained in PFA and PSS	<b>123</b> staff members deployed
<b>122</b> health kits distributed	<b>36,408</b> WASH items distributed	<b>2,863</b> non-food items distributed	<b>13,600</b> COVID-19 tests distributed	
<b>29</b> reproductive health kits distributed	<b>5,974</b> WASH kits in procurement		<b>212</b> tons of medical consumables and pharmaceuticals delivered	
<b>2,890,368</b> beneficiaries				