



*The City Council of Irpin City commemorated the NGOs it is working with at a short ceremony. It recognized International Medical Corps for its work in such areas as health, MHPSS, multi-purpose cash assistance and nutrition.*

In an apparent act of retaliation following the bombing of the Kerch Strait bridge, which connects the Crimean peninsula with Russian Federation territory, Russia over the last several days has stepped up missile attacks across Ukraine. Though power plants and other infrastructure were targeted in some of the strikes, many missiles hit unrelated facilities in urban centers—including schools and healthcare centers—leading to a large number of civilian casualties.

International Medical Corps staff members are all safe and accounted for, and are continuing their work. Our country management and security teams are working closely together to continually assess and strengthen our robust security protocols, while continuing to monitor and respond to security developments since our [last situation report](#).

In Zaporizka oblast, the situation in and around Zaporizka Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP) remains tense, as the settlement and the area near the ZNPP continues to suffer from mortar and artillery fire, as well as consistency of electricity and water supply. On September 6, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) published [Nuclear Safety, Security and Safeguards in Ukraine](#), covering the period from April 28 to September 5. In an address on September 12, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi reiterated his call for the establishment of a nuclear safety and security protection zone around ZNPP.

In Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts, Ukrainian forces have been making gains after launching offensive operations to retake territory lost to the Russians. In some of these recovered areas, Ukrainians have discovered mass burial sites and other evidence of war crimes, with the Ukrainian Ministry of Reintegration reporting that the number of victims in Izyum may exceed those of Bucha. By the end of the month, Ukrainian forces had retaken the town of Lyman, in the north of Donetsk oblast, which Russian forces had been using as a key logistics hub. These advances and other developments have led Russian President Vladimir Putin to announce a new military mobilisation, and to hold a referendum to annex Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts—a move that was widely condemned by the international community and that could lead to a significant escalation of the war.

### **International Medical Corps Response**

Following the Russian invasion in February 2022, International Medical Corps—which had been operating in Ukraine since 2014 in the southeast along the conflict’s “line of contact,” providing medical and mental health services—expanded operations throughout the country, implementing programs in health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS),

### **FAST FACTS**

#### **Our Impact**

- 3+ million beneficiaries
- 122 hospitals, primary health centers, mobile and static medical units supported
- 603,590 WASH and NFI items distributed
- 230,140 health consultations delivered
- 1,870 mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations delivered
- 5,464 beneficiaries reached with cash assistance

#### **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 IPC programs

protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and treatment, nutrition, food security, non-food items (NFIs), multi-purpose cash (MPC), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

International Medical Corps currently has operations in Chernihiv, Dnipro (extending to Kharkiv), Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Stryi and Vinnytsia. In liberated and post-conflict zones in the northern part of the country—including Kyiv, Chernihiv and Sumy oblasts—communities have experienced widespread and significant devastation, leaving health facilities and lifesaving medical equipment damaged or destroyed, and rendering WASH infrastructure inoperable, resulting in surging health- and mental health-related needs, as well as significant needs in other sectors.

International Medical Corps has established programmatic hubs in Kyiv and Chernihiv to address these needs, and has launched an integrated multi-sectoral response focusing on health, WASH, nutrition, protection, food and NFI distribution, and MPC assistance. We also are providing durable medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to health facilities to support the restoration of healthcare services.

In active conflict zones in the eastern parts of the country—including Donetsk, Luhansk and parts of Kharkiv oblasts—International Medical Corps has adopted a dynamic programming strategy focusing largely on critical lifesaving operations. This includes supporting frontline hospitals with essential medicines, medical equipment and supplies, and distributing food, NFIs and water to impacted communities in the region. These services are supported by a programmatic hub in Dnipro that coordinates and extends programs and activities throughout the region.

In the southern part of the country—including Odesa and Mykolaiv oblasts—where there is a high risk for further escalation of conflict, International Medical Corps operates a programmatic hub in Odesa that focuses on the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs), with an integrated approach that includes MHPSS, WASH, food and NFIs. We also are helping health facilities become more resistant to future attacks and more prepared for potential mass casualty events. This includes bombproofing activities, such as renovating and outfitting bunkers with durable medical equipment so that all patients can be taken to a safe place during air-raid alerts and can continue receiving appropriate levels of care.

In the western part of the country—including Chernivtsi, Lviv and other oblasts—where there are no active conflict zones and where IDPs are seeking refuge from fighting in the eastern and southern parts of the country, International Medical Corps continues to deliver comprehensive, integrated programs in MHPSS, WASH, nutrition, protection, NFIs and MPC assistance. These interventions also aim to reduce increasing social tension between host communities and IDPs, and to promote social cohesion. In coordination with the Lviv authorities, International Medical Corps is part of a network of service centers implemented throughout the oblast to care for the multi-sectorial needs of IDPs and vulnerable populations. Finally, we are helping health facilities and shelters prepare for winter by providing repairs and heating supplies.

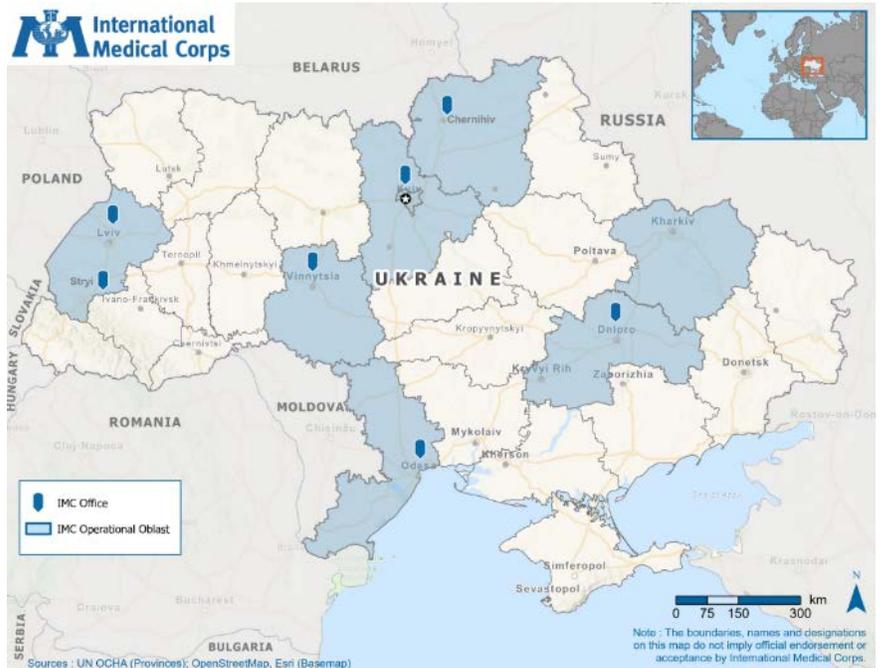
In Poland, International Medical Corps is focusing on the needs of Ukrainian refugees, providing both services and training in the areas of health, MHPSS and GBV.

## Ukraine

As described above, International Medical Corps is providing context-based programming, working closely with communities to assess and respond to their needs.

### Health

In regions that have seen active conflict, primary healthcare service points have been damaged or destroyed, and there is limited access to pharmaceutical treatments and laboratory services. There also are concerns that the water supply of hospitals could be disrupted if conflict restarts, due to their reliance on municipal systems.





*International Medical Corps procured and delivered a minibus for Kharkiv Regional Blood Bank, to help support blood collection.*

To help alleviate these problems in Kyiv oblast, International Medical Corps is supporting 39 primary healthcare centers (10 in Irpin, 13 in Bucha, six in Makariv, four in Borodianka, two each in Ivankiv and Nemishaevo, and one in both Kotsiubynske and Kyiv) that provide services for up to 42,000 patients a month. International Medical Corps also is distributing pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, and financing laboratory services through a partnership with a private network of laboratories. In addition, International Medical Corps is supporting three higher-level health facilities (Children Clinical Hospital 7, Borodianka District Hospital and Ivankiv District Hospital), which on average provide services to up to 15,000 patients per month.

In Chernihiv oblast, International Medical Corps is providing support to 14 primary healthcare centers and the District Hospital, which conducts more than 12,000 consultations per month. In August, International Medical Corps began rehabilitation work for five health facilities in Chernihiv (the District Hospital, City Hospital No. 2, the Regional Psychiatric Hospital, the temporary Tuberculosis Center and the

Ambulatory for Primary Care, Kienka). By the beginning of December, all rehabilitation on these facilities will be completed, enabling the facilities to be better prepared for the harsh winter. Furthermore, in the last quarter of 2022, International Medical Corps will implement a tailor-made, multi-sectoral emergency program in the border areas.

In Odesa oblast, International Medical Corps supports 10 primary healthcare facilities in the Izmail district and five in the Volgrad district. These 15 primary health facilities provide basic primary healthcare and trauma services for up to 15,000 patients per month. In addition, International Medical Corps started supporting four higher-level health facilities in Odesa that on average provide specialized healthcare to more than 20,000 patients per month. International Medical Corps' provides these health facilities with essential medicines, supplies, equipment, furniture, IT equipment and training to enhance special clinical skills.

In Kharkiv, International Medical Corps is continuing to provide medical materials, medical equipment, generators and medicines to the regional and city health authorities, as well as support for armed-conflict protection mechanisms for staff and patients working in health facilities that are under constant shelling. These solutions range from setting up temporary facilities to replace facilities that have been destroyed (e.g., we have installed a modular ambulatory care center that is in the process of being connected to water and electricity in Saltivskiy district, replacing Polyclinic 10) to installing protection panels in the Regional Blood Bank, the tertiary-level care maternity and neonatal hospital, as well as in primary clinics in other areas of town. Our support to the Regional Blood Bank—a critical facility in Kharkiv that has been under constant attack since the first days of the war—will have a larger scope and include rehabilitation of the basement, as well as continued donation of essential equipment, in the coming months. International Medical Corps also is exploring the possibility of extending telemedicine services to rural areas of Kharkiv, working with the Regional Hospital team.

In September, Ukrainian forces took Balakliya, Iziurm and Kupiansk, all of which had been controlled by Russian forces for months. Soon after liberation, the Kharkiv Regional State Administration approached health partners, via the national health cluster, for immediate emergency support. Based on the request of the Center of Disaster and Emergency Medicine, part of the country's Ministry of Health, International Medical Corps initiated quick detailed assessments in newly accessible areas of Kharkiv (including Chuhui, Iziurm, Savinci and Schevchenko). Based on the assessments, International Medical Corps is deploying mobile medical units as well as donating medical commodities to some of the health facilities on a periodic basis.

International Medical Corps also has identified 19 health facilities in Odesa oblast (15 primary health facilities and four higher-level facilities) where the team will provide medicines, supplies and equipment, and has chosen five health facilities in Odesa for rehabilitation. International Medical Corps is supporting the expansion and response time of emergency services by rehabilitating facilities in Novyi Rozdil, and is bolstering health services in Stryi district, which has seen an increase in demand for services due to the region's influx of IDPs. International Medical Corps also has identified two health facilities for rehabilitation in Dnipro (PCH 4 and PCH 6), and is drilling boreholes to ensure access to water at numerous sites across the country.

## Training

In September, International Medical Corps continued delivering trauma-care response training programs in Kyiv and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts. This training program is a six-course curriculum for healthcare providers, first responders and laypeople developed in partnership with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI) that addresses immediate healthcare needs in Ukraine related to trauma, mass casualty and mass disruption. Training topics range from trauma management, for nurses, doctors and paramedics, to improvised tourniquet use by laypeople. Three courses—Stop the Bleed®; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE); and Pre-Hospital Trauma Fundamentals—all include training-of-trainer (ToT) courses, which provide participants with the resources and skills to facilitate their own training programs once certified. With the escalation of conflict and increase in potential nuclear threat, the program is scaling up trainings in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, aiming to doubling the number of Stop the Bleed and CBRNE trainings planned. During September, we trained 832 people through this program, with 1,100 people trained since August.



*International Medical Corps instructors and training participants continue the Pre-Hospital Trauma Fundamentals course while sheltering amid shelling.*

## MHPSS

International Medical Corps continues to adapt its interventions in MHPSS to best support frontline workers. Throughout September, all MHPSS team members were trained on supportive supervision and the World Health Organization (WHO) “Problem Management Plus” (PM+) psychological intervention in order to work and provide support alongside social protection agents and other mental health professionals. The team conducted awareness sessions in all MHPSS operational locations on suicide prevention, in recognition of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10. In addition, we continue to provide training and capacity building on psychological first aid (PFA) and Self Help+ for volunteer groups in Chernihiv, Kyiv, Lviv and Odesa oblasts. Post monitoring and evaluation for mhGAP training is ongoing, to ensure quality of implementation.

Our Bucha center for psychological assistance is operational and provides psychological care for people who fled from occupied areas. International Medical Corps’ MHPSS team is exploring the possibility to duplicate this approach for the newly liberated areas in Kharkiv oblast.

International Medical Corps continues to focus on community-based interventions involving psychosocial support for host communities and IDPs, as well as activities for children, to lessen the strain on host communities due to rapid population growth. There continues to be an increase in demands on services, along with cultural differences between people from different areas from Ukraine. The MHPSS team is closely involved in both the regional and national coordination efforts, contributing to the multi-service center established by local authorities to alleviate the pressure on public facilities.

## GBV

International Medical Corps’ GBV team started providing awareness-raising activities to people affected by war who are staying in collective and transit centers in Kyiv, Odesa and Stryi. Ninety people participated in sessions on GBV causes and consequences, and participated in discussion, while 35 staff members from the police, the Department of Social Services and various international NGOs participated in a training on GBV core concepts. The training covered the causes and consequences of GBV, as well as the guiding principles of GBV programming, survivor-centered approaches, and effective service mapping and referral mechanisms.

Our GBV team has identified two locations to set up Women’s and Girls’ Safe Spaces in Hostomel and Irpin. Our partner will set up the safe space in Hostomel, while our GBV team will work with the MHPSS team to directly provide services to women and girls in Irpin.

## Nutrition

International Medical Corps nutrition interventions continued to provide infant and young-child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E) services in the Kyiv and Stryi regions in several ways. Forty children (18 boys, 22 girls) received support and advice through their mothers/caregivers, based on their IYCF needs, at International Medical Corps’ mother-baby space (MBS) in Stryi, where 69 pregnant women were selected to participate in small-group and individual sessions on maternal nutrition and the importance of early



*Children and mothers participate in activities within a mother-baby space.*

initiation of breastfeeding. 16,157 (7,399 male, 8,758 female) people have received messages on how to improve IYCF practices through small-group discussions, as well via TV and radio channels, while we trained 41 (2 male, 39 female) health workers on IYCF-E. In Bucha and Irpin, we trained 42 (2 male, 40 female) participants. In total, 16,257 (7,407 male, 8,850 female) individuals have received behavior-change interventions to improve IYCF-E.

## **WASH**

International Medical Corps' WASH team conducted needs assessment in liberated areas in Dnipro and Kharkiv oblasts. In Izyum, one of the liberated areas in Kharkiv oblast, access to water for cleaning and disinfection of the health facility, as well as access to drinkable water, remains a challenge. To provide emergency relief, International Medical Corps' WASH team installed one 20-foot container with five water-storage tanks with a capacity of 1,000 liters each, and a water purification system. The WASH team also installed three tap stands to ensure easy access to water for the hospital staff, as well as for people living near the health facility. Additionally, International Medical Corps delivered 1,000 liters of drinking water to the health facility to be used for one week.



*International Medical Corps' WASH team conducts testing on the newly installed water tanks at Izyum Hospital.*

In Kharkiv city, International Medical Corps has completed the protective fence around the modular ambulatory care center we installed there; the protective fence is constructed with galvanized iron pipes and sandbags, with three two front gates and a rear gate. The team also trained two technicians at Polyclinic No. 10 on the operation and maintenance of delicate equipment at the modular care center. The team continues work on installing protective panels at Polyclinic No. 11 in Kharkiv, while materials for the installation of protective panels at Kharkiv Regional Blood Bank and the perinatal center have been delivered to the sites.

International Medical Corps' WASH team continues to supervise the rehabilitation of five health facilities in Chernihiv oblast, working closely with the contractors. Rehabilitation is expected to be fully completed within the next month.

## **MPC**

International Medical Corps has registered 5,220 people across Chernihiv, Kyiv and Lviv oblasts for MPC assistance. Of these, 5,087 have been able to receive their cash payments through MoneyGram, mobile bank or post office pickup. For those who cannot receive cash through these means, we have established a process of direct International Bank Account Number (IBAN) transfers. In addition, International Medical Corps has signed memoranda of understanding with regional authorities in Bucha, Irpin and Stryi for MPC assistance programs, and has an advance team currently in Chernihiv coordinating with local authorities to secure the needed signatures for an agreement. We also have recruited 15 enumerators based out of Dnipro and are training them on the MPC procedures to implement in the area, even though the Russian shelling in Zaporizhzhia has resulted in the cancellation of some registration events in the city.

## **Poland**

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International Medical Corps' team in Poland is implementing projects in health, MHPSS and GBV, operating out of Warsaw and Krakow, and are currently working with four local partners in Poland, including a partner to cover the needs of marginalized groups, such as the Roma population in the country.

### **Health**

International Medical Corps is working with a physical rehabilitation and disability care partner in Warsaw to design, implement and digitize information-management tools, including interactive dashboarding systems.

Between the beginning of September and October 6, International Medical Corps' partner provided 608 remote consultations through a hotline (via telephone and the social-media app Telegram). The majority of the consultations focused on how to access existing physical rehabilitation services in Poland—revealing that a lack of information is one of the key barriers to refugees' access to available public services. International Medical Corps has provided 41 physical rehabilitation consultation sessions since the beginning of September. International Medical Corps' partner distributed 55 assistive devices to people with disabilities, and 50 assistive devices to public institutions. International Medical Corps continues to help Krakow's Children Hospital increase its capacity to provide medical care to Ukrainian children, enhancing its human resources with Ukrainian translators and medical staff, equipping the hospital with additional medications and supplies required for the increased patient intake, and procuring additional rehabilitation equipment for war trauma patients. As a result, Krakow's Children's Hospital has hired 12 assistant doctors, seven assistant nurses and five Ukrainian translators. Relevant staff have supported 374 Ukrainian patients since the beginning of August.

## MHPSS

International Medical Corps continues to assess and support the evolving needs of Ukrainian refugees, so far providing 132 one-to-one counseling sessions and group activities in women centers. International Medical Corps also has supported 255 Ukrainian refugees of Roma descent, and 273 people from Roma communities in Poland, providing access to education, medical services, schools and hotline services.

## GBV

Our Women's and Girls' Safe Space conducted its first awareness session at the end of August, reaching 170 Ukrainian women participants. Furthermore, 80 women registered for Polish-language classes during September. International Medical Corps continues to provide case management services, along with a range of training to the center's staff on such topics as safeguarding and ethics, safety and security, and monitoring and evaluation. The safe space also plans to distribute hygiene kits in October.



*International Medical Corps staff made presentations to all Department of Social Protection offices during a conference in Warsaw.*

OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)		
<b>3,198,491</b> beneficiaries reached with supplies, equipment and services		
Health		
<b>122</b> health facilities supported	<b>1,212</b> health kits distributed	<b>230,140</b> health consultations delivered by supported facilities (88,744 men, 114,396 women)
Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)		
<b>1,870</b> MHPSS consultations delivered to unique beneficiaries (300 men, 1,570 women)	<b>1,551</b> people trained in MHPSS-related topics (176 men, 1,375 women)	<b>4,577</b> beneficiaries reached through MHPSS sessions (966 men, 3,611 women)
Gender-Based Violence (GBV)		
<b>31</b> representatives of local GBV organizations participated in a GBV workshop that we organized. (4 men, 27 women)		
<b>92</b> beneficiaries reached through GBV awareness raising sessions (12 men, 80 women)	<b>35</b> people trained in GBV related topics (2 men, 33 women)	
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)		
<b>603,590</b> WASH and NFI items distributed	<b>32,394</b> beneficiaries received WASH and NFI assistance	
Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPC)		
<b>5,464</b> beneficiaries reached by cash assistance (2,051 men, 3,413 women)		