



International Medical Corps has operational centers throughout Ukraine, with each providing services and supplies specific to each region's needs.

FAST FACTS

Our Impact

- 3.3 million people benefitting from improved access to services
- 158 primary and secondary health centers supported
- 611,060 water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and non-food items (NFIs) distributed
- 297,935 health consultations delivered
- 1,958 mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations delivered
- 15,812 people reached with infant and young-child feeding services
- 5,464 people reached with cash assistance

Following explosions in early October on the Kerch Strait Bridge, which connects the Crimean Peninsula with Russian Federation territory, Russia has stepped up missile and drone attacks across Ukraine. Though power plants and other critical infrastructure have been targeted in some of the strikes, many of them hit unrelated facilities in urban centers—including schools and healthcare centers—leading to a large number of civilian casualties.¹ Given the damage to critical infrastructure, most of the country is suffering from power shortages and systematic blackouts, which not only impede the everyday life of citizens but—with winter weather already affecting the country—also pose a threat to health.

Ukrainian forces have launched successful counter-offensive operations to retake territory in Kherson and Kharkiv oblasts. In some regained areas, Ukrainians have discovered mass burial sites and evidence of war crimes, with the Ukrainian Ministry of Reintegration reporting that the number of victims in Izium may exceed those of Bucha.

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](#).

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. International Medical Corps currently has operations in Chernihiv, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Odessa, Striy and Vinnytsia. In regained and post-conflict zones in the northern part of the country—including Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Kyiv and Sumy—communities have experienced widespread and significant devastation, leaving health facilities and lifesaving medical equipment damaged or destroyed, and rendering water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure inoperable, resulting in surging health- and mental health-related needs, as well as significant needs in other sectors. To respond to these needs, International Medical Corps has launched an integrated multi-sectoral response focusing on health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and treatment, nutrition, food security, non-food items (NFIs), multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) and

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/ukraine/ukraine-situation-report-12-oct-2022-enuk>

WASH services. We also are providing durable medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to health facilities to support the restoration and continuity of healthcare services.

In active conflict zones in the eastern parts of the country—including Donetsk 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 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 prepare for and become more resistant to potential attacks and 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 October, we carried out a rapid needs assessment in Mykolaiv to identify the most urgent needs there and provide assistance to people in need.

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. These interventions also aim to reduce 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. We also 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 across the country 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.

To help alleviate these needs in Kyiv oblast, International Medical Corps is currently supporting 33 primary healthcare centers—10 in Irpin, 13 in Bucha, five in Makariv, two each in Nemishaevo and Ivankiv, and one in Kotsiubynske—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's Clinical Hospital 7, Borodianka District Hospital and Ivankiv District Hospital) that 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 to the District Hospital, which conducts more than 12,000 consultations per month.

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 medicines, medical materials and equipment, and generators to the



An IDP gave birth to triplets who were kept under phototherapy machines at Odesa Maternity Hospital 5, which is supported by International Medical Corps.

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 include setting up temporary facilities, replacing facilities that have been destroyed and installing protection panels in key healthcare structures. 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—is expanding and will include rehabilitation of the basement, as well as continued donation of essential equipment. International Medical Corps also is working with the Regional Hospital team to explore the possibility of extending telemedicine services to rural areas of Kharkiv.

In September, Ukrainian forces regained control of Balakliya, Iziurm and Kupiansk. As part of our support to the Iziurm Hospital, and by request of the local city administration and hospital authorities, International Medical Corps is providing a Forensic Medicine Specialist to perform forensic examinations in the hospital morgue. And at the request of Ukraine's Center of Disaster and Emergency Medicine— part of the country's Ministry of Health—International Medical Corps initiated assessments in other newly accessible areas surrounding Kharkiv (including Chuhui, Iziurm, Savinci and Schevchenko). Based on the assessments, International Medical Corps began providing facilities with generators and medicines to ensure continuity of healthcare to conflict-affected populations in the newly accessible areas. We also are in discussion with authorities to deploy a mobile health unit in areas affected by war.

In October, International Medical Corps also carried out a needs assessment in the Donetsk and Mykolaiv regions. As a result of this assessment, we deployed a mobile health unit in Sviatohirsk, a village in Donetsk. In addition, the Odesa team is opening an office in Mykolaiv to provide integrated health, nutrition, MHPSS and WASH services to affected population in three districts: Bashtanka, Mykolaiv and Pervomisk.

In Lviv oblast, International Medical Corps continues to support the expansion and response time of emergency services by rehabilitating facilities in Novyi Rozdil and bolstering health services in Stryi, helping to meet the needs of IDPs who have surged into the region. In central Ukraine, International Medical Corps has identified two health facilities for rehabilitation in Dnipro, and is drilling boreholes to ensure access to water at healthcare facilities across the country.

Training

In October, International Medical Corps continued delivering trauma-care response training programs in Kyiv and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts. The program, developed in partnership with the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI), is a six-course curriculum for healthcare providers, first responders and laypeople that addresses immediate healthcare needs in Ukraine related to trauma, mass casualty and mass disruption. Three courses—Stop the Bleed®; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE); and Pre-Hospital Trauma Fundamentals—include training-of-trainer (ToT) courses, which provide certified participants with the resources and skills they need to facilitate their own training programs. With the escalation of conflict and increase in potential nuclear threat in Ukraine, the program is expanding its course offerings in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts, aiming to double the number of Stop the Bleed and CBRNE sessions planned. During October, we trained 1,018 people through this program, with 2,166 people trained since August. We have trained 116 healthcare workers in Bucha, Irpin and Ivankiv on pharmaceutical supply-chain management, international trauma life support and vaccine safety.



Participants of the Pharmaceutical Supply Management course take a break during a training session in Kyiv.

MHPSS

Our MHPSS teams continue to implement psychosocial support activities, training and individual consultations to support the well-being of conflict-affected people in Ukraine. Our teams are currently active in Chernihiv, Kyiv, Lviv and Odesa oblasts. To provide support to newly accessible areas within Kharkiv oblast, the MHPSS team conducted an assessment that highlighted the scale of needs and identified key entry points for service delivery. International Medical Corps staff already is being deployed to provide needed services.

In collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), International Medical Corps began two ToT courses in Kyiv on mhGAP during the last week of October, to increase the available number of mhGAP trainers who can help primary healthcare staff better identify and manage persons with common mental health conditions. Participants included 30 psychologists, psychiatrists, primary healthcare doctors and other mental health professionals. We will provide follow-up supportive supervision to those trained to support participants and ensure that they are able to apply their knowledge as trainers. The mhGAP trainings are a continuation of International Medical Corps' longstanding commitment to strengthening the integration of mental health within primary healthcare. This continued partnership resulted in a

Memorandum of Cooperation just signed by International Medical Corps, the WHO, the Ministry of Health and other key mental health actors, helping to consolidate stakeholders' common commitment toward continued mhGAP training.

Due to the widespread attacks in Ukraine that occurred on World Mental Health Day on October 10, and continued instability across the country, the Ukraine MHPSS team was unable to conduct activities celebrating the day. The team is instead working with government authorities in various oblasts to perform these activities in November, highlighting the importance of mental health, especially during times of insecurity. In Chernihiv, Kyiv, Odesa and Stryi, staff pre-recorded key messages on the importance of mental health and well-being, and provided important information on how to access care when needed. We plan to use these pre-recorded messages to increase awareness on mental health at the national level.

GBV

In October, International Medical Corps continued to implement GBV awareness and prevention activities through direct implementation in locations across Kyiv, Lviv and Odesa oblasts, focusing on increasing the capacity and understanding of GBV core concepts and promoting help-seeking behaviors among GBV survivors. Through participatory sessions that included group dialogues and workshops, we reached 237 people, including 206 women and 31 men. International Medical Corps is also delivering GBV prevention and response services through partner women's rights organizations in locations across Ukraine, and reached 44 women with GBV response services, including case management and cash assistance, during the month.

Nutrition

During October, our nutrition team continued to provide services promoting infant and young-child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E), reaching 15,802 people. Three mother-baby spaces are now fully functional: one in the city of Stryi, and two in Kyiv, in the cities of Bucha and Iprin. We reached 161 children (86 girls and 75 boys) aged 0–23 months by providing their lactating mother/caregivers with IYCF counselling, education and messages at the mother baby space and during visits to maternity hospitals in Stryi (143) and Kyiv (18), focusing on the benefits of breastfeeding and how to introduce complementary foods to children aged of 6–23 months. We provided 100 pregnant women with counseling on maternal and child nutrition individually or through small group session at health facilities.

We also reached 15,519 (8,442 female and 7,077 male) people with messages about the importance of continued breastfeeding children aged 6–23 months and appropriately introducing complementary foods, and trained 32 health workers from Drohobrych and Stryi districts on proper IYCF-E practices.



Health workers attend IYCF-E training in Stryi.

WASH

In Kharkiv, International Medical Corps continues to assess newly regained areas—for example, the team conducted an assessment in Oskil Gromada, and has already distributed 300 household hygiene kits from the first batch of 4,000 hygiene kits planned to benefit this community.

International Medical Corps provided cleaning and disinfection supplies to the Iziom Hospital morgue—currently overwhelmed with bodies from the frontlines and those exhumed from mass graves, processing seven times the volume it was designed for—to support proper sanitation procedures related to corpse management. Improper disinfection and sanitation of corpses can lead to transmission of numerous diseases.

We are continuing efforts to ensure thermal insulation of the basement at the regional Blood Bank, and are continuing installation of protective panels in the interior of the building. We also are nearing completion of the protective fence around oxygen tanks at the Regional Clinical Children's Hospital.

In Chernihiv, we have completed rehabilitation of the City Hospital #2 and the Kianka Ambulatory; in Bucha, we have completed rehabilitation of the Lubianka Ambulatory; and in Hostomel, we have begun rehabilitation of the ambulatory there.



The Kianka Ambulatory, before and after rehabilitation by International Medical Corps.

MPCA

International Medical Corps has registered around 9,000 people in Chernihiv, Kyiv and Lviv oblasts for multi-purpose cash assistance for winterization purposes. In October, the organization provided cash for winterization activities in Chernihiv to

1,537 people. The transfer value per household was based upon assessments done by the Shelter NFI coordination body, estimating the average solid-fuel costs per family for the entire winter season. The MPCA team also has registered 1,900 people for MPCA in the Bucha and Chernihiv regions.

Zaporizhzhia is one of the most severely impacted areas of the conflict, with more than 100,000 IDPs in the city alone. Though we planned to conduct registration activities in Zaporizhzhia in October, we postponed these activities until November due to shelling in the operation areas, and have changed the locations to guarantee the safety of staff and the people we're trying to help. International Medical Corps expects to register an additional 6,000 households for winterization in Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia in November.

Poland

International Medical Corps' team in Poland is implementing projects in Health and GBV, in 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

Since the beginning of October, International Medical Corps has worked with a local partner to provide 543 remote health consultations through a hotline (via both telephone and the social-media app Telegram) and 93 physical rehabilitation consultation. 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. We have supported the distribution of 52 assistive devices to people with disabilities, and are working on distribution of 150 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, providing Ukrainian translators and medical staff, providing additional medications and supplies to meet the increase in need and procuring additional rehabilitation equipment for war trauma patients. As a result, the Children's Hospital has hired 12 assistant doctors, seven assistant nurses and five Ukrainian translators who have supported 374 Ukrainian patients since the beginning of the project.

GBV and Protection

International Medical Corps continues to assess and support the evolving needs of Ukrainian refugees, so far providing 304 one-to-one counseling sessions and 32 group activities in women's centers. International Medical Corps also has helped 313 Ukrainian refugees of Roma descent, providing access to education, medical services, schools and hotline services.

Our Women's and Girls' Safe Space continued to conduct awareness sessions in October, reaching 134 Ukrainian women. We also provided 100 women with access to Polish-language classes during October. The safe space also distributed 1,145 hygiene kits in October.

International Medical Corps continues to provide case management services, along with a range of training, to women's center staff on such topics as safeguarding and ethics, safety and security, and monitoring and evaluation.



Participants take a break during an educational trip to Copernicus Science Centre, organized by International Medical Corps and the Central Council of Roma.

OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)

3,301,889 beneficiaries reached with supplies, equipment and services

Health

158 health facilities supported

2,333 people trained in health-related topics
(739 men, 1,594 women)

297,935 health consultations delivered by supported facilities
(134,173 men, 163,762 women)

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

1,958 MHPSS consultations provided
(305 men, 1,653 women)

2,752 people trained in MHPSS-related topics
(220 men, 12,532 women)

6,319 people reached through MHPSS sessions
(1,380 men, 4,939 women)

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

31 representatives of local GBV organizations participated in a GBV workshop that we organized.
(4 men, 27 women)

836 people reached through GBV awareness raising sessions
(47 men, 781 women)

99 people trained in GBV-related topics
(6 men, 93 women)

Nutrition

110 people trained in nutrition-related topics
(6 men, 104 women)

284 children under 5 years reached with nutrition-specific interventions
(145 males, 139 females)

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

611,060 WASH and NFI items distributed

36,249 people received WASH and NFI assistance

Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPC)

5,464 people supported with cash assistance
(2,051 men, 3,413 women)