



SITUATION UPDATE

# UKRAINE CRISIS

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## EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

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The month of May saw the most intensive attacks by missile, rockets and drones since the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Major cities a cross the country suffered attacks, with Kyiv targeted an unprecedented 18 times, resulting in damage to health facilities and civil infrastructure, and causing deaths and injuries to civilians. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) said that more than 1,500 children have been killed and injured in Ukraine since the invasion started in February 2022. Due to the escalation in hostilities, and such events as the June 6 breach of the Kakhovka Dam, humanitarian needs remain high throughout the country. Despite difficult and dangerous conditions, all International Medical Corps staff have continued to provide services.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Kakhovka Dam Flood Response



*Flood affected people in Khersonska oblast gather to receive clean water from International Medical Corps staff.*

In the aftermath of the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam and subsequent massive flooding, the humanitarian situation in Khersonska oblast involving cities and villages along the Dnipro River remain acute. Over the coming days and weeks, International Medical Corps believes that needs will be multifaceted, requiring emergency medical care, potable water and sanitation facilities, shelter for IDPs, food and nutrition assistance, psychosocial support and, as the risk of water-borne illness increases, disease prevention measures.

In response to this emergency, International Medical Corps has responded in a variety of ways, including:

- distributing 88,612 liters of bottled water to 3,692 people in need, 7,800 water purification tablets for Bilozerka Multidisciplinary Hospital and 5 dewatering pumps to Bilozerka Vodokanal in Khersonska oblast;
- distributed 5,100 liters of bottled water in the Tomakivka community, in Dnipropetrovska oblast;
- distributed 108 household hygiene kits and 36,903 liters of bottled water in four primary healthcare centers and communities in Mykolaivska oblast; and
- distributed 212 household hygiene kits, 16,527 liters of bottled water, 90 dignity kits, 80 power banks, 37 complementary food kits appropriate for children 6–23 months and 148 packs of diapers to IDPs relocating to Odesa city from flooded villages.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

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# Kakhovka Dam Flood Response



*A woman affected by the flooding registers to receive clean water distributed by International Medical Corps.*

In addition, we are:

- providing ongoing support to healthcare facilities in Khersonska, Mykolaivska, Odeska and Zaporizhska oblasts, including essential medicines and medical equipment;
- operating eight MMUs in Dnipropetrovka, Khersonska, Mykolaivska and Zaporizhska oblasts, to reach the most remote populations in need;
- distributing household hygiene kits to IDPs relocating from areas affected by the flooding;
- continuing MHPSS support for IDPs in Mykolaiv and Odesa, and adapting activities to meet the needs of those affected by flooding; and
- donating oral rehydration solutions and other essential medical supplies to hospitals in Khersonska and Mykolaivska oblasts, in anticipation of an outbreak of diarrheal diseases caused by the flooding.

International Medical Corps will continue to respond to this emergency with planned distributions of lifesaving assistance, including bottled water, hygiene kits, complementary food kits and essential medicines.

## FAST FACTS

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# OUR IMPACT

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

- ✚ 245 primary and secondary health centers supported
- ✚ 6,718,206 non-food items (NFIs) distributed
- ✚ 1,003,451 liters of drinking water distributed
- ✚ 1,718,242 primary outpatient health consultations delivered
- ✚ 12,714 individual mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations delivered
- ✚ 37,399 people reached with direct infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services
- ✚ 18,111 people reached with gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services
- ✚ 20,462 people reached with multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)



## OUR WORK

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# OUR RESPONSE

Our response efforts throughout Ukraine are tailored to each region's needs. In regained and post-conflict zones, International Medical Corps provides a full range of services, including health, MHPSS, protection, GBV prevention and response, nutrition, NFIs, MPCA, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). We also provide health facilities with medical equipment and supplies, including vehicles, to help restore and continue healthcare services. International Medical Corps works with local non-governmental organizations and local authorities to build resilience and increase the reach of our interventions.

In active conflict zones, International Medical Corps has adopted a dynamic programming strategy focusing on critical lifesaving operations, which include supporting frontline hospitals with essential medicines, medical 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), with an integrated approach that includes MHPSS, WASH, food, MPCA and NFIs. We also help health facilities prepare for and become more resistant to potential attacks and mass-casualty events.

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

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Health



*International Medical Corps' Ukraine leadership meets with the Minister of Health and other Ministry leaders in Kyiv.*

During May, we provided 175,037 medical consultations through 90 primary healthcare facilities (79 ambulatories and 11 mobile medical units, or MMUs) and 17 polyclinics. Since February 2022, we have provided about 1.7 million consultations.

During May, we supported 9,733 inpatients through 14 hospitals, and have supported about 150 thousand inpatients since February 2022.

In May, we provided 73 health facilities (including one polyclinic, one blood services facility, 36 ambulatories and 35 hospitals) with donations of medicines, medical equipment and medical supplies. Since February 2022, we have supported about 300 healthcare facilities and 10 organizations with similar donations.

During May, we conducted a series of training courses on infection prevention and control (IPC) in medical facilities, holding six events in Chernihivska and Kyivska oblasts that were attended by 174 medical workers.

In May, International Medical Corps' Ukraine leadership met with the country's Minister of Health, along with other leaders at the Ministry, to discuss how to further strengthen our cooperation and improve coordination mechanisms.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Training



*International Medical Corps trainers prepare kits for a “Stop the Bleed” training session.*

International Medical Corps, in partnership with Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI), completed the second phase of our series of Trauma Care Training courses for both healthcare providers and community members throughout Ukraine. This phase of the training—which included 85 sessions in 10 cities—reached 2,494 participants from November 2022 to April 2023. Our teams also distributed “Stop the Bleed” kits to 895 people.

Since the beginning of the training initiative, we have trained 4,540 people, including through train-the-trainer sessions. We have reached thousands more through short Ukrainian-language videos (with English subtitles) posted on our YouTube channel.

Planning for Phase 3 of the trauma care training courses, which will take place from August 2023 to January 2024, is underway. We also are continuing to donate equipment to healthcare providers and community members.



## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



*International Medical Corps staff prepare to distribute hygiene kits in Rivnopillya, Chernihivska oblast.*

In May, International Medical Corps distributed 10,917 hygiene kits and 61,644 liters of bottled water, reaching 29,171 people in Chernihivska, Donetsk, Khersonska, Kyivska, Mykolaivska and Odeska oblasts. The WASH team also delivered 35 IPC kits to five healthcare facilities in Lvivska oblast.

In addition, we delivered 62 shopping trolleys (kravchuchkas) to IDPs and the elderly population in Yuzhne, Odeska oblast.

Other activities by the WASH team in May included:

- Completion of minor rehabilitation works two facilities in Bucha, one site in Dnipro and three sites in Kharkiv.
- Completion of refurbishment of communal shower rooms in one IDP center in Stryi.
- Completion of construction work at the Blood Bank in Kharkiv, where we built a concrete apron around the building. We also connected generators to distribution boxes at the Perinatal Center in Kharkiv.
- We conducted three “cleaning campaigns” in three villages in Khersonska oblast.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)



Members of International Medical Corps' MHPSS team proudly display certificates after participating in an emergency simulation training in Kyiv.

International Medical Corps continues to lead mental health coordination mechanisms at the national, regional and local level. In May, as MHPSS working group co-lead, International Medical Corps and WHO—in coordination with the IASC MHPSS reference group—organized an MHPSS in Emergencies simulation exercise. This three-day workshop trained more than 60 participants from international and local NGOs, as well as representatives from the First Lady's initiative for Mental health in Ukraine and the Ministry of Health. We also recently signed an memorandum of understanding with Barrier Free, an NGO that represents the First Lady's initiative for Mental Health.

We continue to supervise doctors and nurses that we have trained in mhGAP, to ensure quality of implementation.

In Stryi, Lvivska oblast, we continue to provide psychosocial (PSS) services to groups and individuals, including community members and IDPs who suffered from the atrocities of the war and fled to the west of the country. We continue to provide sessions on positive parenting, active longevity and awareness-raising, and provided one Self Help+ training to school psychologists and teachers in Stryi to enhance their capacity to support students experiencing stress.

The team also provided psychological consultations to beneficiaries who are experiencing mild to moderate mental health conditions, primarily addressing anxiety, stress and depression.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

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# Gender-Based Violence (GBV)



*Members of International Medical Corps' GBV team facilitate a training session in Kharkiv on GBV core concepts.*

During May, International Medical Corps directly reached 3,160 people (2,486 females; 673 males; 1 N/A) with GBV outreach, raising awareness and conducting recreational PSS activities in communities in Kyivska, Kharkivska, Lvivska and Odeska oblasts.

International Medical Corps is also distributing dignity kits to women and girls to support their mobility and menstrual hygiene needs through safe shelters, women's and girls' safe spaces and women's rights organization (WRO) partners.

We continue to strengthen capacity by providing training to government, local WRO and international NGO service providers in Kharkiv, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa and Stryi on GBV core concepts and GBV minimum standards.

As a part of an ongoing training series, International Medical Corps organized an online training on GBV and PSS to enhance communication with GBV survivors, improve understanding of when to refer cases of GBV to MHPSS specialists, and provide considerations for inclusive structured and unstructured PSS activities for diverse women and girls.

International Medical Corps was recently appointed co-chair of the GBV Sub-Cluster Capacity Enhancement Working Group, and is supporting the 2023/24 capacity-enhancement needs assessment.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

# Nutrition



*An IYCF educator talks to pregnant women at a maternity hospital in Kyivska oblast.*

In May, our Nutrition team provided infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) services in the Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Stryi and Vinnytsia areas. We have opened five mother-baby spaces (MBS) in Ukraine.

- We provided 2,607 children (1,294 girls, 1,313 boys) under 5 with direct IYCF support, including individual counselling in the mother-baby space that reached 972 children (471 girls, 501 boys).
- We supported 566 pregnant women through individual and group sessions in maternity hospitals, and at MBS.
- 3,617 people (3,225 women, 392 men) participated in IYCF group sessions organized by the Nutrition team in more than 45 health facilities (maternity, pediatrics and ambulatories) and in community centers.
- We trained 69 health workers (66 women, three men, family doctors and pediatricians) on IYCF in emergencies.

## OUR RESPONSE: UKRAINE

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# Cash Assistance



*People register for cash assistance provided by International Medical Corps in Zaporizhzhia.*

In May, International Medical Corps took part in a rapid-response initiative to provide cash assistance to victims of Russian shelling of residential communities around Zaporizhzhia city, and to recent IDPs who had fled Mariupol to Dnipro city. Our mobile team of enumerators and cash staff registered 133 families for cash assistance in Zaporizhzhia city and 148 IDP families in Dnipro.

Since the beginning of our response, we have provided \$4.9 million in cash assistance to 20,462 people.

## OUR RESPONSE: POLAND

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# Health

As part of its overall strategy, International Medical Corps' team in Poland is currently providing capacity building in MHPSS in Warsaw and Krakow and supporting the most vulnerable by providing hygiene kits in multiple locations across Poland.

During May, International Medical Corp donated 600 hygiene kits to people living in the PTAK Warsaw EXPO accommodation center, Warsaw. These beneficiaries—many of whom belong to families with no means of financial support or have disabilities—are among the most vulnerable in their communities.

## OUR RESPONSE: POLAND

# MHPSS



*An International Medical Corps MHPSS team member in Warsaw provides a supervision training session.*

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, during May, International Medical Corps conducted a training-of-trainers on Problem Management Plus (PM+), which covers evidence-based psychological interventions developed by the World Health Organization.

We conducted this PM+ Training in Warsaw, attended by 16 participants (psychologists and psychiatrists, as well as non-MHPSS specialists). We also conducted 46 supervision sessions for participants on PM+ and Self-Help Plus. Following the training, participants will conduct their own training sessions to PSS staff across Poland on PM+ while receiving ongoing supervision from International Medical Corps MHPSS staff.

# OUR RESPONSE IN NUMBERS (UKRAINE)

8,624,739 beneficiaries reached with supplies, equipment and services

## HEALTH

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

**4,942** people trained in health-related topics (3,454 women, 1,488 men)

**1,718,242** outpatient health consultations delivered by supported facilities (992,099 women, 726,141 men)

## MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

**12,714** MHPSS individual consultations provided with 6,725 unique beneficiaries (5,293 women, 1,432 men)

**4,046** people trained in MHPSS-related topics (3,639 women, 407 men)

**22,138** people reached through MHPSS sessions (17,170 women, 4,903 men, 65 not disclosed)

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

**1,003,451** liters of water distributed

**38,722** people received WASH assistance

**50,519** hygiene NFI kits distributed

**2,040,021** people received NFI and FI assistance

## NUTRITION

**284** people trained in nutrition-related topics (272 women, 12 men)

**2,828** pregnant women provided with nutrition-specific interventions

**18,749** children under 5 years reached with nutrition-specific interventions (9,301 girls, 9,448 boys)

## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

**18,111** people reached through GBV interventions (15,532 women, 2,566 men, 13 not disclosed)

**2,611** people trained in GBV-related topics (2,406 women, 205 men)

## MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE (MPCA)

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