



MdM responds to the emergency in Ukraine

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Security Situation

After 8 years of ongoing conflict, the Russian Federation launched a full-fledged war in Ukraine on 24 of February 2022. The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded **7,564 civilian casualties** in the country: **3,668 killed** and **3,896 injured**. As of now these have resulted in one of the biggest humanitarian crises in the known history with **18M people affected**, of whom **6.7M IDPs**; **15.7M people in need**; **6M people targeted** (Source: 2022 Flash Appeal). Steadily rising internal and cross-border displacement as a result of the war is now about **5.4M people have crossed international borders** and at least **7.7M have been displaced internally**.

Since February 24th, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA) Ukraine has endured **226 attacks on healthcare facilities, which have killed 75 people, and injured 59 others**. According to WHO, the **health system in Ukraine has been severely disrupted**, with around 300 health facilities situated in areas affected by hostilities and 1,000 health facilities in changed areas of control. As a result of the HFs ruined hundreds of thousands of people lost access to the needed medical care, many frontline regions have a very limited access to important medications. Continued fighting and shelling destroys critical life-saving infrastructure daily, in particular Sievierodonetsk City Hospital in Luhansk Oblast was attacked again with two buildings destroyed, as the Head of Luhansk Oblast reports.

WHO Regional Emergency Director Dorit Nitzan has said that **infectious diseases**, particularly cholera, could spread in Mariupol owing to a severely damaged water supply system.

Some 13 million people are estimated (UNHCR) to be staying in the severely affected areas, such as encircled and occupied cities with no or extremely limited access to life-saving resources, to water and sanitation, medicines and healthcare, food and information on where to find safety and accommodation. **The delivery of life-saving aid and humanitarian access is challenging** to say the least.

The Ministry of Healthcare of Ukraine called upon the assistance of ICRC, WHO, and MSF to monitor the provision of healthcare to Ukrainians who happen to be under occupation, held in captivity or illegally displaced. The violation of human rights for those who have to go through the filtration camps on the occupied territories is dire.

Women and children face increased risks to their health and safety as access to health and social services declines. There are reports of **GBV and sexual violence**, exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment, along with a high risk of trafficking at borders. Referral pathways for GBV survivors are not fully functioning in many locations, and access to police services is limited.

Thus, the situation with significant needs in Ukraine involving health, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS); and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response require immediate coordinated response that will support and strengthen the leading role of the governmental efforts, which will combine both humanitarian and early recovery.



MdM activities in Ukraine



682

SRH and MHPSS consultations conducted



732

IDPs got help through mobile outreach team



463

IDPs supported through MHPSS interventions

Direct provision of healthcare services

To respond to the urgent needs of the most vulnerable population in Chernivtsi and Dnipro oblasts, MdM is launching mobile outreach units to cover the collective centers of IDPs. Provision of direct health services remains our priority, also MdM continues to provide remote SRH consultations to people in need, having conducted **183 online consultations** as of now.

In Chernivtsi oblast, since April 14th, MdM outreach team has started to conduct daily visits to carry out consultations and provide essential medical services. The outreach team consisting of a family doctor, a midwife, a psychologist, and a pharmacist have already provided services for **732 IDPs**.

The mobile outreach team ensures access to comprehensive primary healthcare, including preventive and curative care, free medication, awareness raising sessions, and referrals to the secondary level of healthcare for the most vulnerable populations.

After needs assessments, MdM MHPSS outreach team started to provide direct psychological support services in Bucha raion, Kyiv oblast. MdM plans to start MHPSS service provision in Irpin raion, Kyiv oblast.

MdM is launching a project with a private clinic in Kharkiv whose medical team is now working as volunteers to support people hiding from shelling in the subway with direct provision of health services and medication.

A mobile team consisting of a midwife and a psychologist has started working in Dnipro. MdM has signed the Memorandum of Cooperation with the YaMariupol Center and plans comprehensive cooperation on direct health care provision for IDPs from Mariupol.





MdM activities in Ukraine

21
health facilities assisted

255,686
people supported

90
assessments conducted

MHPSS

MdM continues to provide remote MHPSS support to people in need in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts having conducted **414 online consultations**. On April 26, MdM launched a helpline to address the MHPSS needs of people who do not have access to the MHPSS services available around Ukraine. **77 MHPSS interventions** is being implemented in collective shelters. Individual and group psychological consultations are set up in the office in Chernivtsi. Since April 15, MdM have already provided MHPSS services for **463 IDPs**. MDM is co-coordinate the Regional MHPSS TWG in Chernivtsi. Assessments have been done in 4 collective centres in Bakhmut raion, Donetsk oblast; as well as in 29 collective centres in Chernivtsi oblast; and 11 collective centres in Dnipro oblast.



Donation of life-saving medicines

MdM assisted more than **255,000** people through donations of life-saving medicines to the health facilities. During the response, MdM assisted **21 health facilities** and is in the process of organizing humanitarian assistance to the **27 health facilities** around Ukraine. Distribution of maternity kits in Luhansk oblast is ongoing. Around 666 maternity kits have been distributed and the distribution is to be completed in May. Furthermore, another six emergency medical kits have arrived in Chernivtsi. Each of these kits contains basic medical care for **10,000 people for three months**. The kits are now being sent to different health structures in Dnipro, Kharkiv, Donetsk oblasts and Kyiv city for distribution to selected health facilities.



About MdM

“Médicos del Mundo” and **“Ärzte der Welt”** are respectively the Spanish and the German divisions of the international MdM network and jointly implemented humanitarian assistance programs in Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts in the East of Ukraine. The MdM mission in Ukraine was established following the emergency assessment conducted in April 2015 and focused on changes in the availability of and access to healthcare, particularly for the most

vulnerable population, including the elderly and those with chronic diseases.

One of the main goals of MdM is extending the access of the Ukrainian population to timely and quality primary healthcare (PHC), Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services, and Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response.



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