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7257 (OHCHR)

INJURED

CONFLICT-RELATED

HIGHLIGHTS

The Russian Federation's military offensive in Ukraine in February 2022 has triggered one of the world's fastest-growing displacement and humanitarian crises, with geopolitical and economic ripples felt across the globe.

The ongoing war has caused large-scale disruptions to the delivery of health services and a near collapse of the health system. The crisis also saw an extraordinary mobilization and crisis response to a health emergency by WHO and its more than 100 partners.



WHO has published an interim report demonstrating what has been achieved in just over three months. For further information, click here.

- WHO greatly appreciates the European Union's (EU) contribution to strengthening Ukraine's health-care system, which was first impacted by COVID-19 and now is suffering due to the war. The support of a strong and affordable healthcare system is now needed more than ever in Ukraine. For further information, click here: ENG and UKR.
- United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Denise Brown of Canada as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Ukraine, with the host Government's approval. Ms. Brown takes up her post on 30 July. She will also serve as Humanitarian Coordinator, For further information, click here.

WHO KEY FIGURES

<u> 15</u> 709

SUPPLIES DELIVERED

METRIC TONNES

USD 80 MILLION **FUNDING REQUESTED**

149

HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS

MILLION

TARGET POPULATION

1 630

TOTAL NUMBER OF **HOSPITALS**

434

VERIFIED ATTACKS ON HEALTH

127

NUMBER OF PERSONNEL DEPLOYED & REPORPOSED IN UKRAINE



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SITUATION UPDATE

- Ukraine announced the evacuation of more than 200 000 people from the Donetsk region. Among them are 52 000 children. There is no gas and electricity supply in the Donetsk region ahead of the winter period. For further information, click here.
- The Ukrainian Minister of Health (MoH) is calling on international organizations to assist in the organization of humanitarian corridors for the delivery of medicines and health services to Ukrainian territories temporarily occupied by Russia. Currently, Russians are blocking every pathway available to the Government of Ukraine for supplying medicines to these territories. For further information, click here.
- Since the beginning of the conflict, over 800 health facilities were shelled, while 122 were completely destroyed. In addition, more than 481 pharmacies were damaged, 43 of which cannot be restored. Nearly 103 ambulances were destroyed and more than 200 were seized by the occupiers.
 - A plan to rebuild damaged infrastructure is already in place. To date, 30 medical facilities damaged by the Russian occupiers have been fully restored. It is estimated that several billion US dollars are needed to bring these facilities back to their original state. Update: as of 25 July nearly 900 medical facilities have been damaged or destroyed in the conflict. At least 18 medics were killed and over 50 health workers were injured. For further information, click here.

Leadership & Coordination

- In addition to treatment for trauma and injuries, the Incident Management Team (IMT) is focusing on delivering the needed life-saving support in all aspects of health and well-being, including for pregnant women, children, older people, communicable and noncommunicable diseases, genderbased violence, rehabilitation and mental health.
- Access to conflict-affected populations is becoming more difficult. The WHO IMT has joined UN convoys and is working with implementing partners, with the goal of leaving no one behind.
- WHO delivered monkeypox test kits and trained health-care professionals to use them.
- The WHO Representative participated in a follow-up meeting of the diplomatic community to discuss the Lugano conference.
- The WHO Representative continued high-level engagement with the MoH, authorities and partners.
- WHO supports Ukraine in addressing physical rehabilitation needs caused by the war. A team of physical rehabilitation experts travelled throughout Ukraine and shared its findings with the Minister of Social Policy and the MoH. In parallel, WHO continues its operational support in the area of burns, spinal cord injuries, prosthetics, as well as general support to enable Ukraine to offer patients unified pathways towards a high quality of care.



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Local media monitoring

- Nearly UAH 200 million was collected through the United24 platform for the purchase of 54 C-type ambulances fitted with all the equipment needed for fast and safe transportation of the severely injured to the hospital. A targeted fundraiser was launched on United24 on the initiative of the First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska on the eve of the second Summit of First Ladies and Gentlemen, which took place on 23 July in Kyiv. For further information, click here.
- President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited defenders who are undergoing treatment and thanked the medical workers for their hard work and reliable medical support. "Our doctors also deserve our utmost respect. They work around the clock, taking care of the lives of thousands of our people. Thank you for being there for us on the medical front," President Zelenskyy told the medics. For further information, click here.
- Ilmars Duritis, Parliamentary Secretary of the MoH of Latvia, visited Ukrainians in Lviv who became injured as a result of the military operations. Mayor of Lviv Andrii Sadovyi stated that during the five months of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine 4315 civilian and military patients with war injuries were treated in the First Medical Association. For further information, click here.
- The Ukrainian MoH approved the use of the second booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, which should be administered at least four months after the first booster dose. For people with weakened immune systems, the MoH approved the administration of a second booster dose after less than four months. Booster certificates are valid for nine months. For further information, click here.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Conflict-related health information

- As of 31 July 2022, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded:
 - 5327 civilians killed (2056 men, 1400 women, 146 girls, and 165 boys, as well as 41 children and 1519 adults whose sex is yet unknown); and
 - 7257 civilians injured (1446 men, 1048 women, 155 girls, and 221 boys, as well as 195 children and 4192 adults whose sex is yet unknown).
- According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as of 1 August over 10.1 million Ukrainians crossed the border to neighbouring countries, of whom just over 5 million and over 1 million crossed the border to Poland and Hungary, respectively.

Surveillance

COVID-19 and other communicable diseases

As of 31 July, the seven-day average daily polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests performed increased to 1224 from 1206 in previous week (it was 42, 460 just before the war), while the average number of new COVID-19 cases increased slightly, with average of 398 daily cases reported in the last seven days, compared to 300 in the previous week). A similar trend is observed with rapid diagnostic tests performed in laboratories and at primary health-care and hospital level. A comprehensive weekly COVID-19 dashboard can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-exam



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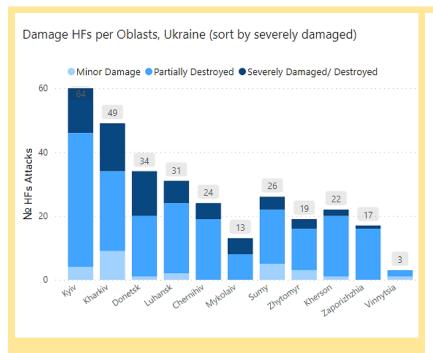
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ATTACKS ON HEALTH

Verified reports of attacks (as of 3 August 2022) For further information, click here.





HFs Attacked in Oblasts, Ukraine Oblast, Ukraine № Avr № of Attacks patients treated in HFs Attacked HFs Vinnytsia 3 8080 Mykolaiv 13 23017 Zaporizhzhia 17 11800 Zhytomyr 19 36455 Kherson 15941 22 Chernihiv 24 30086 22293 Sumy 26 Luhansk 31 30672 Donetsk 34 40607 Kharkiv 49 78001 Kyiv 64 19297 In Total 302 316249

Based on matched HFs names, as of 31 July 2022 there are 302 attacks on health facilities in 11 oblasts (including Kyiv city), 168 health facilities were attacked, on average around 316 thousand patients were treated per month in these health facilities according to pre-war data from eHealth.



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Health operations – Emergency Medical Teams (EMT)

- There are currently 22 EMTs from nine organization. The supporting EMT are broken down as follows:
 - > 5 type 1 mobile health teams
 - > 2 type 1 fixed teams
 - 3 specialised surgical teams
 - 4 training teams
 - 4 specialised patient transfer and medevac teams
 - ➤ 4 rehabilitation teams
- EMTs are operating in nine oblasts, mainly in the east and northeast, south and the western hub. The main areas of activity continue to be:
 - trauma care (inpatient & outpatient)
 - rehabilitation (including burns and spinal cord injury)
 - > mobile health
 - patient transfer and medical evacuation
 - > Trainings
- The rehabilitation team has completed three of the four weeks allocated for its assessment of selected regions of Ukraine. This involved visits to several hospitals, meetings with organizations supporting rehabilitation activities, and high-level MoH engagement.
- Approval has been granted for the national EMT Concept and the first phase of its development. This
 is a collaborative project between WHO, the Centre for Disaster Medicine and the All-Ukrainian
 Resuscitation Council.
- Delays continue with the medevac hub in Rzeszów, Poland. There is a need for the facility to serve as both a medevac hub and a repatriation hub.
- Technical guidance was provided to the MoH by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO)/Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) with regard the categorization of patients based on a functional, social and wellbeing assessment.
- On 22–28 July a total of ten patients received patient transfer and medevac support. Of those, only
 three underwent international medevac through partners. The others were transferred between
 facilities from east to west.
- Discussions began with the MoH and DG ECHO to develop a fast-track medevac process based on the experience gained in recent mass casualty events that brings into focus the importance of urgent medevac support.
- Discussions are under way to consider other potential medevac hubs in Romania and Slovakia.
- A training was held on advanced trauma life support (adult and paediatric), basic emergency medicine and trauma, surgical management of penetrating trauma, and tactical emergency casualty care.
- Planning for the national EMT Awareness Workshop is in full swing and the list of participants has been agreed with the MoH.
- Discussions are under way to determine how the EMT Coordination Unit that will sit within the MoH / Centre of Disaster Medicine and the recently approved and funded National EMT Programme, which is a joint initiative by WHO and the Centre for Disaster Medicine, led by the All-Ukrainian Resuscitation Council, will interlink and coordinate with each other.



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Health operations - Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Trauma

- WHO held a meeting with the Minister of Social Policy Oksana Zholnovych to discuss a pilot project to integrate social workers into health-care facilities, delivering multidisciplinary rehabilitation services as well as collaboration on practical implementation of primary prosthesis delivery at inpatient rehabilitation departments in multiprofile hospitals. For further information, click here.
- WHO activities on the emergency rehabilitation response are fully aligned with requests from the MoH. Current WHO–MoH collaboration on the development of regulatory documents involves drafting a rehabilitation pathway order, developing proposals on the lists for minimum sets of equipment and assistive products for non-specialized inpatient rehabilitation departments, as well as lists of minimum sets of assistive products for delivery of acute rehabilitation.

Ongoing collaboration to support the development of a specialized rehabilitation centre for spinal cord injuries at a Rivne oblast veterans hospital and a non-specialized inpatient rehabilitation department at a Poltava oblast clinical hospital will be expanded to include five more multiprofile hospitals, with efforts under way to deliver rehabilitation services in acute and subacute phases. For further information, click here.

Health operations - Vaccine-preventable diseases and Immunization (VPI)

- WHO facilitated a coordination meeting between national health authorities and the COVAX Facility. During the meeting the ongoing distribution of the Pfizer COVID-19 (Tris-sucrose) vaccine to the regions was discussed. Planning has also commenced for the next delivery of COVID-19 vaccines expected in October.
- WHO held a series of meetings with the regions involved in the vaccination of internally displaced persons (IDPs) that delivered a low performance in the past month. The meetings were aimed at discussing the difficulties faced by those regions with vaccinating IDPs in the past month, as well as finding solutions to improve their performance.



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Health operations – Health Cluster/Partner updates

- Since 15 April, Health Requests, Planning and Response tool (HRPR) have been revised and upgraded with 230 requests have been logged since the launch.
- As of 19 July Health Cluster Partners have reported completed and/or ongoing activities in 554 Ukrainian settlements reaching 4.4 million people. Health Cluster Ukraine had collected 5W (who, what, where, when, why) data from 149 implementing Partners; 125 Partners reported completed and/or ongoing status of health activities, 24 reported planned activities.
- Pipeline data collected by the Health Cluster from Partners contribute to the inter-Cluster effort to coordinate the delivery of supplies. As of 27 July, 29 Partners have contributed information on the status of supplies in the pipeline (delivered, to be delivered and ready for shipment).

Medicines, Medical supplies & Equipment				
Status	Items	Kits	Metric tonne	USD
Delivered	27 909 414	92 834	973	12.3M
To be Delivered	737 626	31 994	564	4.0M
To be Shipped	2 416 153	105	144	12.1M

- The Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Technical Working Group consists of over 270 partners at national and subnational levels. The group supports the MoH in collecting and referring requests for assistance from psychiatric hospitals and psychoneurological facilities to partners. The recently launched course titled "Introducing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in emergencies" can be found here.
- The May–July 2022 Health Cluster Ukraine bulletin has been released. For further information, click here.

National laboratories

- WHO continues to work on collecting standard operating procedures (SOPs) for further distribution among the laboratory community in Ukraine. Twenty SOPs on biosafety and biosecurity were edited and translated into Ukrainian. The purpose of this SOP collection is to provide laboratories with a technical backstop in the development of the missing SOPs, save time for laboratory managers, and expedite the accreditation of laboratories in accordance with international standards.
- WHO continues the procurement of laboratory reagents, consumables and equipment to support national laboratories, including for cholera and monkeypox.
- WHO continues to provide technical support to the New Generation Sequencing at Ukraine Public Health Centre. Library preparation for sequencing of 72 SARS-CoV-2 samples was performed. 40 genome sequences of previously sequenced SARS-CoV-2 samples were uploaded to <u>GISAID</u> database.
- WHO conducts a series of webinars on various aspects of clinical laboratory diagnostics. A webinar
 on sample preparation methods for subsequent PCR testing is scheduled for 5 August.



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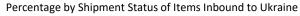
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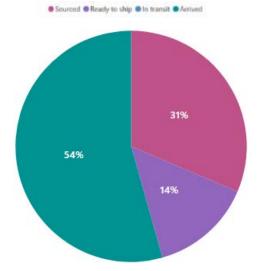
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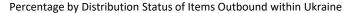
- As of 29 July WHO warehouses in multiple locations have received medical supplies with a value of over US\$ 808 000 and a total weight of more than 45.8 metric tonnes.
- In Week 29 medical supplies and equipment with a total value exceeding US\$ 2.28 million and a total weight of more than 43 metric tonnes were delivered to various oblasts; 25 procurement procedures exceeding US\$ 16 million were initiated. Over 36 metric tonnes of medical supplies are expected to arrive in the Lviv warehouse in Week 30.

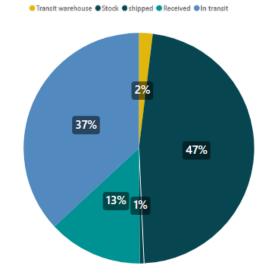


- The eleventh and final Ford Transit ambulance is expected to arrive on 5 August.
- Coordination has begun for the distribution of WHO supplies using demand data provided by the MoH's MoHData stock management system.
- An insulin delivery with a total weight of more 14.7 metric tonnes is expected to arrive in Kyiv on 1 August, with another 14.5 metric tonnes scheduled to arrive on 8 August.
- Continued support is being provided to Médecins Sans Frontières in the importation of 99 controlled medicines kits to Ukraine.











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Communications

From 25 to 29 July the WHO CO published 20 Twitter posts and eight Facebook posts that received a total of 96 622 and 25 070 impressions, respectively, covering topics such as further development of Ukraine's public health system with the MoH; vaccination of internally displaced people in eight regions; Jarno Habicht's interview for Novoe Vremya; health attacks; meeting of WHO representatives with the Minister of Social Policy Oksana Zholnovych, to discuss cooperation to develop comprehensive rehabilitation services; publication of an interim report on WHO's response to the Ukraine crisis; the latest situation report; video about WHO and EU cooperation.

Media/Polio mission:

The interview with the WHO Representative for a key media outlet named Novoe Vremya was published.

- News about the polio mission to western Ukraine was cleared by the WHO/Europe team and published on the WHO regional website.
- A separate news story summarizing WHO deliveries was drafted and is awaiting clearance for publication on the WHO regional website.

Visibility:

A video highlighting the activities undertaken to date by the EU and WHO in response to the health emergency, shared on <u>Facebook in UKR</u>, <u>Twitter in ENG</u> and <u>Twitter in UKR</u>, received more than 10 000 views in total.

Social listening:

Rumours related to COVID-19 lockdowns during the war, new COVID-19 vaccination requirements for air travel, and children's hepatitis related to COVID-19 vaccination are being monitored and evaluated.





- ➤ Pre-launch testing of the HealthBuddy+ chatbot on the web platform, Telegram, and Viber is under way.
- > There are conversations among health-care workers about the lack of funding for health-care facilities.



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Key links and useful resources

Learning package on protection from sexual misconduct available in Ukrainian and Russian

Sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment remain key concerns as WHO and partners rapidly respond to the health emergency triggered by the war in Ukraine.

The Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC) learning package "Saying No to Sexual Misconduct" has been launched in Ukrainian and Russian to ensure partner organization staff have the skills and tools to define, detect and respond to sexual misconduct.



The Learning and Capacity Development Unit of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme coordinated the translations together with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The IASC learning package is also available in Arabic, English, French, Polish, Portuguese and Spanish.

WHO and its partners recently published **the Strategic Response Plan** for June – December 2022 which aims to minimize mortality and morbidity for all people affected by the war in Ukraine, wherever they are, whether in the Ukraine or in refugee-receiving countries, by providing time-critical, life-saving assistance, non-discriminatory access to emergency and essential health services and priority prevention programmes, as well as supporting and strengthening health systems to cope and recover from this crisis.

The Strategic Response Plan will be implemented in collaboration with partners providing life-saving support to people affected by the Ukraine crisis. For further information, click here.



- Online courses & knowledge-transfer platform
 For updated interactive, web-based, online courses, click here.
- Emergency Medical Teams (EMT)
 For updated EMT network activities, click here.
- WHO Publications and Technical Guidance

For updated WHO Publications and Technical Guidance on technological hazards and health risks in Ukraine, click here.

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