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ONE YEAR LATER: **HELPING UKRAINE WIN THE WAR AND BUILD LASTING PEACE**

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SUMMARY

USAID is committed to helping Ukraine win the war against the Kremlin's aggression and, ultimately, win the peace by emerging strong and capable of continuing to advance as a sovereign, independent, democratic, and prosperous society free to choose its own future. Since the start of Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine on February 24, 2022, USAID has focused on meeting Ukraine's urgent needs, while maintaining support for long-term development goals: helping Ukraine maintain a well-functioning state with strong institutions free of corruption; fostering a vibrant, inclusive economy, a free press and robust civil society; encouraging greater citizen engagement in civic activities and democratic processes; and helping build a health system that is transparent, efficient, and responsive to the needs of the Ukrainian people.

To help meet Ukraine's wartime needs and lay the foundation for a successful recovery, USAID has provided **\$13 billion in direct budget support**, helping the Government of Ukraine (GoU) fund basic public services like healthcare, education, and emergency response; **\$1.4 billion in humanitarian assistance** to save lives and meet the urgent needs of the Ukrainian people; and over **\$800 million in development**

assistance to bolster Ukraine's energy grid, governance institutions, agriculture, small businesses, and civil society in wartime, while also remaining focused on what will be needed for recovery and reconstruction.

During the past year, we **invested in Ukraine's economy** and prepared it to recover from the Kremlin's ruthless attacks. We helped **repair the country's energy and heating systems** to counter Putin's attempts to wield the harsh winter as a weapon against the people of Ukraine. We **supported Ukraine's government** to continue delivering critical public services, pay its civil service, and provide emergency relief to the people most in need. We rapidly expanded our work in health to **protect the public health system** from the deadly consequences of Russia's war, and supported Ukraine's health institutions to restore services while advancing progress on critical reforms. And we **continue to bolster Ukrainian efforts to fight corruption** at every level to build public trust, maintain donor support, attract private sector investment, safeguard the country's institutions, and speed up its integration with its European neighbors.

ASSISTANCE TIMELINE - KEY INFLECTION POINTS

- On **February 24, 2022**, the same day that Russia launched its invasion, USAID deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to lead the U.S. humanitarian response to Ukraine. Based in Poland with a presence in Ukraine, the DART continues to provide lifesaving aid to people in need across Ukraine.
- On **February 26, 2022**, Administrator Power visited Poland to meet Polish government officials, the U.S. Ambassador to Poland, the USAID DART, and members of the Ukrainian diaspora to outline the United States' humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine caused by Russia's invasion. Administrator Power also visited Brussels at the end of the month to meet with EU officials to discuss the U.S. government's coordinated response with European partners to help address Ukraine's emerging needs.
- **Immediately after the invasion**, USAID urgently shifted our assistance to meet Ukraine's needs. All 40+ development assistance programs continued operating, and about 700 of our implementing partner staff remained in Ukraine to continue working. These development programs pivoted their support to respond to the emergency situation on the ground.
- During the **last week of February 2022**, we delivered 644 satellite photos and 250 internet data terminals to the Government of Ukraine (GoU) and critical infrastructure operators. This vital cybersecurity support helped the GoU secure its communications networks.

Only weeks into the war, Putin's armed forces became increasingly brutal. The massacre in Bucha in March indicated the kind of war Russia intended to fight against Ukraine. USAID continued to adapt and expand our assistance to meet the emerging humanitarian challenge. While the DART ramped up humanitarian programs to meet changing needs, USAID's other early interventions were aimed at helping stabilize key institutions so that Ukraine's government could continue to function.

- At the **beginning of March 2022**, USAID delivered the first shipment of flak jackets and helmets to reporters and media organizations so that they could report on the terrible impacts of the war and the atrocities being committed by Russia's armed forces. During the past year, we have delivered more than 1,800 sets of helmets and flak jackets for journalists.
- On **March 16, 2022**, Ukraine successfully synchronized with the European energy grid, as a result of long term USAID support, increasing its energy security in the face of Kremlin attacks. Since then, USAID has helped Ukraine's Ministry of Energy and the country's electricity and gas Transmission Service Operators to ensure continuous flow of power and gas during the war, and to use remote imagery to identify damage to critical energy transmission infrastructure.

- **In March 2022**, USAID anticipated the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine on national and global food security, and began delivering assistance to Ukraine's farmers so they could plant spring crops despite the devastation and instability caused by the war. Over the past year, USAID has provided seeds, fertilizers, and other assistance to more than 13,600 farmers across Ukraine, or nearly 30 percent of the country's registered agriculture enterprises.
- **In March 2022**, USAID rapidly expanded support for Ukraine's public health supply chain systems, enabling Ukraine to transparently and efficiently receive, distribute and account for more than \$400 million in medicines and supplies donated from around the world during the first six months of the war, helping to sustain access to lifesaving medicines.

By the late spring, the war showed no signs of letting up. USAID continued to push assistance to the communities and sectors hit hardest by Russia's attacks while underpinning the work of the Government of Ukraine (GoU). During this time, USAID also provided immediate assistance -- including life-saving HIV and tuberculosis medical assistance -- to newly liberated areas of Chernihiv and Zhytomyr.

- **In April 2022**, USAID provided the first tranche of U.S. direct budget support to the GoU. Since then, we have provided a total of \$13 billion in budget support. This funding has helped the GoU pay the salaries of 618,000 educators, 517,000 health workers, and 56,500 first responders. It has also helped the GoU to sustain critical healthcare services, meet its pension responsibilities for 9.8 million people, assist 1.3 million internally displaced persons, provide housing assistance to 4.1 million people, and provide social assistance to 240,000 low-income families and 480,000 persons with disabilities.
- **In April 2022**, USAID delivered 5,000 Starlink terminals to the GOU through a partnership with SpaceX. The Starlink satellite terminals provide internet connectivity to citizens, government officials, and critical infrastructure operators.
- **During the spring**, we launched grant programs to help Ukrainian small and medium-sized businesses continue operating and creating jobs. This included helping businesses relocate away from the frontlines to safer parts of the country. Since the full-scale invasion, USAID has supported more than 4,200 small Ukrainian businesses in the manufacturing, information technology (IT), and agricultural sectors, helping Ukraine create or retain more than 47,000 jobs.

As summer came to Ukraine, USAID assistance pivoted again, this time to address two key strategic issues that would significantly impact the country's economic and physical survival for the rest of the year: its position as the breadbasket of the world, and its ability to withstand the impacts of the coming winter.

- **In July 2022**, we expanded our agriculture assistance by launching the AGRI-Ukraine initiative, a \$100 million initiative to support Ukraine's agriculture sector, whereby USAID partners worked with the private sector to help farmers store, transport, and export their harvests despite wartime conditions.
- **During the summer**, USAID started delivering large quantities of generators to communities across Ukraine to start preparing for both heat and power outages in the coming winter. Since those early deliveries, USAID has delivered more than 1,750 generators across Ukraine, helping provide power to vital services from schools, hospitals, and accommodation centers for IDPs to drinking water systems and district heating companies.

As summer turned to fall, it became evident that Russia's forces would start to use the falling temperatures as a weapon of war. The Russian military expanded their strikes on Ukraine's critical infrastructure, disabling power systems and district heating networks, and leaving whole neighborhoods without heat, power, or water. In total, USAID is providing Ukraine with roughly \$400 million in winter-related assistance —including

energy repair recruitment, generators, and humanitarian items like winter clothing —ensuring that Ukrainians have access to heat, hot water, electricity, healthcare, and basic supplies this winter.

- **During the fall of 2022**, USAID started delivering large quantities of energy repair equipment to enable Ukrainian energy supply companies to rapidly restore damage caused by Russia's targeted strikes.
 - This started with heating pipes for Kyiv's main heating utility to restore heat and hot water to about 22,000 residents who had lost access due to Russia's strikes. USAID later sent more heating pipes to Ukraine (16 kilometers delivered so far), and have more on the way. USAID also delivered nearly 1,500 shut-off valves to repair heating pipes.
 - USAID delivered 60 excavators to repair heating infrastructure in 48 cities.
 - Our local governance activities delivered 250 large tents to local governments in 25 communities to help set up communal heating points.
- **As Ukraine's armed forces began to turn the tide on the battlefield, liberating large swathes of territory in Kharkiv region in September and Kherson region in November**, USAID rushed assistance to people liberated from Russia's occupation. USAID brought in humanitarian supplies including food, water, and clothing, power generators, and support to get local governments up and running again after the occupation. For example:
 - USAID has delivered more than 150 generators to provide electricity and heating to liberated communities in Kherson.
 - USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance partners have delivered food, medicines, and safe drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people in Kherson.
 - USAID supported the Ministry of Health to rapidly distribute medicines and supplies to Kherson starting on November 14 - including essential medicines, from antibiotics and painkillers to drugs for allergies, oncology, and cardiovascular conditions —and medical devices and equipment like oxygen concentrators, ultrasound machines, surgery kits, and childcare kits.

As winter approached, the Kremlin focused its fire on critical infrastructure, including Ukraine's electricity and heating systems. USAID ramped up deliveries of energy repair equipment and generators and delivered heaters, fuel, and blankets to help Ukrainians survive the harsh winter. We continued to invest in long-term development programming aimed at laying the groundwork for Ukraine's robust recovery from the war.

- **In November 2022**, USAID partnered with the U.S. Development Finance Corporation to offer a \$15 million, 10-year loan portfolio guarantee with Bank Lviv. This guarantee provides much-needed access to finance for micro, small, and medium sized businesses in the region who will help restart Ukraine's economy and provide needed jobs for the Ukrainian people.
- **In late 2022**, USAID delivered 60 excavators to repair and maintain heating pipes in 48 Ukrainian cities, including in areas where infrastructure has been severely damaged by Russia's strikes.
- **In February 2023**, USAID delivered a 28 megawatt (MW) mobile power generator large enough to power more than 100,000 Ukrainian homes at any given time; 12 transformers to restore the operations of four electricity substations in Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Sumy regions; and over 46 kilometers of steel heating pipes to restore damaged heating systems in 23 cities across Ukraine.

ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE

USAID is investing **\$85 million in Ukraine's heating and electricity infrastructure** to aid Ukraine's preparations for winter amid the Russian Federation's brutal war. This assistance, covering things like heating pipes, transformers, excavators, and power generators, supports repairs and maintenance of Ukraine's energy grid **to deliver heating and electricity to homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses across Ukraine**. The new USAID assistance will directly benefit up to seven million Ukrainians in 19 regions.

- **In late 2022**, USAID delivered 60 excavators to repair and maintain heating pipes in 48 Ukrainian cities, including in areas where infrastructure has been severely damaged by Russia's strikes.
- Relay protection equipment provided by USAID's Energy Security Project in December 2022 enabled Ukrenergo, Ukraine's main electricity company, to repair an electricity substation severely damaged by Russia's shelling. The facility has resumed providing power to homes, hospitals, schools, and businesses in several of Ukraine's regions.
- **In December 2022**, USAID's Energy Security Project completed the delivery of 3,297 first aid kits to Ukraine's leading electricity and gas companies (Ukrenergo, Naftogaz, and the Gas Transmission Operator of Ukraine) to keep energy workers safe as they repair damage inflicted by Russia's attacks.
- **In January 2023**, USAID's Energy Security Project delivered nearly 1,500 shut-off valves to local governments and district heating companies in 18 cities across Ukraine. The shut-off valves allow energy workers to promptly repair heating pipes and restore heat and hot water to homes, hospitals, schools, businesses, and critical infrastructure.
- **In February 2023**, USAID's Energy Security Project delivered 12 transformers to restore the operations of four electricity substations in Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Sumy regions.
- **In February 2023**, USAID's Energy Security Project delivered over 46 kilometers of steel heating pipes to restore damaged heating systems in 23 cities across Ukraine. The steel pipes are part of USAID's larger assistance to Ukraine's local governments and heat supply companies, allowing them to swiftly make repairs to district heating networks damaged by Russia's strikes. In total, USAID plans to provide 70.5 kilometers of steel pipes as part of our effort to help millions of Ukrainians keep warm this winter.

With Russia intensifying its attacks against Ukraine's electricity system, **USAID has delivered more than 1,750 power generators to help hospitals, schools, emergency services, government agencies**, and other public service providers continue working amid the war (generator deliveries began in summer 2022 to help Ukraine prepare for the coming winter). Kyiv's district heating company is using more than 100 of these generators **to establish emergency heating centers** around the city for neighborhoods without service. In total, USAID has helped equip more than 360 civilian heating shelters across Ukraine.

- **On February 7, 2023**, USAID announced the delivery of a 28 MW mobile power generator large enough to power more than 100,000 Ukrainian homes at any given time.
- USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) and USAID/BHA have rushed generators to communities most in need in newly-liberated areas and in places near the frontline. Notably, USAID/OTI has delivered more than 680 power generators to support critical infrastructure in

frontline communities in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhzhya, and Dnipropetrovsk regions. USAID/BHA partners have delivered approximately 230 power generators, providing support to key facilities such as health and water and sanitation facilities. On November 16, USAID/OTI provided **two industrial size generators** (440kW and 220kW) to the Kherson Regional Clinical Hospital and the Kherson City Clinical Hospital, which are enabling **essential care for up to 800 patients at any given time**, despite frequent power outages. Swift delivery of these generators from warehouses in Dnipro was made possible due to a preexisting transportation and logistics arrangement organized by USAID.

USAID's **cybersecurity program** has helped protect critical Government of Ukraine (GoU) entities and operators of essential services against cyberattacks, and support to restore systems following cyberattacks. This has helped the GoU protect telecommunications, energy, data storage, and other critical infrastructure systems from cyberattacks. On February 10, USAID announced it would invest up to \$60 million in strengthening Ukraine's cybersecurity capabilities through September 2025, including by helping the GoU protect existing digital transformation initiatives such as Diia.

Throughout the war, USAID has supported Ukraine's cybersecurity needs in the following ways:

- Helping procure technology needed to secure critical infrastructure networks and to rebuild infrastructure damaged through kinetic attacks.
- Providing the GoU's Cyber Center with a comprehensive suite of services to help protect against basic and advanced threats that will be shared with cybersecurity infrastructure operators and stakeholders to enhance their own defenses.
- Helping build capabilities for threat intelligence exchange and analysis, data backup, and cloud migration of critical information systems for priority GoU stakeholders, and reinforcing GoU's national preparedness training through the support of tabletop exercises to simulate cyber incidents, improving coordination procedures and processes in response to cyberattacks.

USAID/Ukraine's cybersecurity program has also provided support to **ensure communications for key Ukrainian institutions**. For example, USAID deployed more than **1,200 satellite phones** and **5,175 Starlink satellite data terminals** with high-speed internet service into Ukraine. The units have been distributed in areas with compromised network connectivity, including in areas liberated from Russian troops, as well as to critical infrastructure operators and the Ukrainian government. USAID/Ukraine's cybersecurity program also delivered 80 generators to the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection to help Ukraine's government maintain critical communications channels if and when power is knocked out by Russia's strikes.

AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

Putin's unjustified invasion of Ukraine triggered major threats to global food security and nutrition because it severely disrupted agricultural production, input supply, finance, and exports, and Ukraine is a major global supplier of wheat (#7), sunflower oil (#1), barley (#6), corn (#3), and rapeseed (#3) (USDA rankings).

USAID immediately pivoted its work in Ukraine after the invasion to address the war's impacts on farmers and agribusinesses, given the sector's importance to Ukraine's economic stability and global food security. In July, USAID launched **the \$100 million Agriculture Resilience Initiative-Ukraine (AGRI-Ukraine)** to

help Ukraine's farmers continue feeding the world. AGRI-Ukraine is addressing Ukraine's immediate agriculture production and exports needs and challenges while building the sector's capacity and resilience. AGRI-Ukraine covers four areas that are critical to sustain Ukraine's agricultural exports and help mitigate the global food crisis: Providing critical inputs for farmers, improving export logistics and infrastructure, increasing farmers' access to financing, and supporting crop drying, storage, and processing needs.

AGRI-Ukraine achievements to date:

- Provided nearly 30 percent of registered farmers with seeds, fertilizers, crop protection, storage, access to finance, and other services, helping over 13,600 farmers deliver this year's harvest and plant winter crops.
- Enabled **1.5 to 1.7 million metric tons (MT) of grain storage** that will serve **up to 2,000 Ukrainian small and medium farmers**, helping the country close a 15 million MT storage gap caused by Russia's heartless destruction of storage sites, and ensure an ongoing supply of exports for the world.
- Helped hundreds of farmers and agribusinesses **access much-needed financing** to stay afloat:
 - Enabled over **600 farmers to access \$48.2 million in state loans and grants** by supporting the development of digital finance apps.
 - Leveraged **\$100,000 in donations from global credit unions** to help over 1,086 farmers repay loans, and have used our Liquidity Fund to help credit unions extend \$1.048 million in loans to nearly 500 farmers.
- Piloted and began scaling **the use of large bags for safe and hygienic grain transport** in open railcars, allowing Ukraine Railways to maximize its current car stock for food transport and get more food to the world.
- Co-investing in transshipment improvements, which will **increase export speed and volumes** by making the process of transferring grain across transport modalities faster and more efficient (e.g., rail to sea vessel), and increasing storage capacity at transshipment points (e.g., ports, land borders).
- Engaged private sector actors to co-invest in Ukraine's agricultural sector
 - Enlisted **Bayer as an AGRI-Ukraine partner**, through an aligned **\$35 million investment that Bayer is making** in its existing corn seed plant in Ukraine, ensuring long-term seed supply for Ukraine, while increasing the market for Ukrainian farmers' seed. Bayer also is donating vegetable seeds for 25,000 household farmers.

Under AGRI-Ukraine, we are also harnessing technology to help Ukrainian farmers and exporters maximize their capacity to feed the world:

- AGRI-Ukraine has **identified several high-priority innovations** to increase capacity and efficiency for rail exports, including Radio Frequency Identification technology to track rail shipments, materials that increase railcar capacity, and equipment that speeds loading and unloading.

- AGRI-Ukraine is **expanding the use of drones** to spray crop protection products on farmers's fields. These drones reduce operating costs and increase efficiency by minimizing plant damage, reducing the use of fuel (up to 90 percent), agrochemicals (up to 30 percent), and water (up to 95 percent), and saving time and labor. They also enable farmers to treat fields that are dangerous to walk in due to mines.

In support of the “**Grain from Ukraine**” initiative announced by President Zelenskyy at the G20 Summit in mid-November, USAID provided **\$20 million in humanitarian funding support to the UN World Food Program (WFP)**. This funding will be used to help address global food insecurity by **facilitating additional shipments of Ukrainian grain under the Black Sea Grain Initiative (BSGI)**. This new humanitarian funding builds on USAID's previous allotment to WFP, bringing USAID's total contribution to \$193 million, which was used to facilitate WFP's shipping of wheat from Ukrainian ports under the BSGI to support global humanitarian efforts.

WAR CRIMES ACCOUNTABILITY

USAID's Human Rights in Action activity helped launch two coalitions (Ukraine 5 AM and the Tribunal for Putin) that have **documented more than 25,000 instances of alleged war crimes and human rights abuses**. USAID's Justice for All program is building the capacity of Ukraine's judiciary to administer and adjudicate domestic war crimes cases, implementing a series of training sessions for judges. USAID's Transformation Communications Activity has embedded four experts in the Prosecutor General's Office to promote documentation and evidence collection and raise public awareness of war crimes accountability efforts. The Ukrainian Center for Civil Liberties, a USAID-supported human rights organization, [received the Nobel Peace Prize](#) in December for their work documenting Russia's war crimes with the goal of bringing perpetrators to justice, and generally protecting human rights in Ukraine.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Since the start of the war, the United States has provided more than **\$1.9 billion in humanitarian assistance** to support people in Ukraine and those fleeing to neighboring countries, including more than \$1.4 billion from USAID.

USAID has provided approximately \$299 million in humanitarian assistance to help people in Ukraine survive the harsh winter. USAID's humanitarian partners continue to provide winterization assistance to at-risk populations in Ukraine, including the provision of winter-specific household items, thermal blankets, and warm clothing, as well as key heating appliances and fuel supplies to address the immediate and long-term needs of vulnerable households.

Relief actors—including U.S. government partners—are continuing efforts to scale up assistance in newly accessible areas of eastern and southern Ukraine that were recently retaken from Russian forces. On November 20, the UN deployed its second inter-agency convoy into Kherson city to deliver assistance, including **USAID-funded rapid response food rations, blankets, emergency hygiene kits, and winterization kits**. This assistance followed an initial November 14 UN-organized convoy into Kherson, which **provided assistance within 72 hours of Government of Ukraine forces retaking the city**. As of early February, more than 30 inter-agency UN convoys, including USAID partners, have reached vulnerable communities in eastern Ukraine since the start of the conflict.

USAID/BHA, through UNICEF, supports a clothing factory in Kyiv that produces winter clothing kits which include a coat, hat, mittens, and other items. With USAID assistance, the factory has produced **75,000 winter clothing kits for internally displaced children across Ukraine.**

On November 25, USAID provided **22,500 winter blankets to Ukrainian Railways. Ukrainian Railways equipped their shelter and underground passages, as well as nearby medical units, with blankets in preparation for winter**—anticipating the need for warm spaces during air raid sirens, power cuts, and periods marked by increased population displacement. The Railways will retain between 3,000 and 4,000 blankets in the Main Station in Kyiv, while also prepositioning blankets in stations across the country.

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Since Russia’s full-scale invasion on February 24, USAID has provided nearly **\$371 million in food assistance inside Ukraine.** With USAID support, WFP had delivered more than **168,000 MT of in-kind food assistance to conflict-affected populations in Ukraine** as of late January 2023. Through both multi-purpose cash and food assistance, WFP has reached an average of over 2.8 million people per month since July.

USAID has provided nearly **\$88 million to support humanitarian partners providing health care services across Ukraine to address both the short-term devastation of conflict-related trauma injuries, as well as longer-term health needs.** With USAID and other donor support, UNICEF has provided **medical supplies sufficient to treat nearly 5 million people** across Ukraine since late February. This includes medicine; first aid, resuscitation, and surgical kits; and hygiene supplies to hospitals across Ukraine.

With USAID support, the UN World Health Organization (WHO) has also provided essential medicines and medical devices sufficient for more **more than 5.6 million cases of non-communicable disease,** delivered Interagency Emergency Health Kits equipped to cover the primary health care needs of nearly 1.9 million people, and trauma and emergency surgery kits sufficient for nearly 37,000 trauma and emergency surgeries. WHO has also delivered nearly **60 ambulances, and 80 generators** to maintain power supplies in health facilities since February.

USAID has provided nearly **\$79 million to address water, sanitation, and hygiene** needs in Ukraine. With support from USAID and other donors, UNICEF has facilitated access to **safe drinking water for more than 4.6 million people** in Ukraine since February 24. UNICEF’s water, sanitation, and hygiene assistance includes increasing water availability in collective centers for internally displaced peoples (IDPs), health facilities, and other key sites; conducting water trucking services; rehabilitating water systems; and distributing bottled drinking water. The UN agency had also distributed **water, sanitation, and hygiene commodities to nearly 1.6 million people** across Ukraine as of December 31, 2022.

USAID has provided more than **\$114 million to support the provision of protection services** for conflict-affected populations in Ukraine. Nearly **20 USAID partners are providing protection**

assistance, including mental health and psychosocial support to children, persons with disabilities, and older people; gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response activities, legal assistance, and mental health and psychosocial support to remote communities via mobile protection teams; and other protection activities.

TRANSITION INITIATIVES

Following Russia's full-scale invasion, USAID/OTI expanded its Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative III (UCBI III) to help Ukraine's citizens, civil society, and government authorities address the impacts of Russia's war and maintain unity around a European, democratic, sovereign Ukraine. During the first 340 days of the war, USAID/OTI has implemented over 260 distinct activities across 23 regions of Ukraine, with a substantial focus on arts and culture that exemplify Ukrainian values.

- USAID/OTI partnered with a group of top Ukrainian animators to produce a YouTube series featuring **Patron, the bomb-sniffing dog**, who became a global celebrity and symbol of Ukrainian bravery and resilience during the war. Launched in January 2023, the animated short has reached over 1.3 million people with a positive message about keeping children safe and highlighting Ukrainian identity through entertaining content.
- USAID/OTI partners **mobilized more than 34,000 volunteers** to deliver food and personal hygiene kits, operate IDP and youth centers, rehabilitate community infrastructure, and solidify a sense of national unity and whole-of-society response to Russia's war of aggression.
- USAID/OTI partnered with a Ukrainian civil society organization to create murals in Vienna, Berlin, Marseille, and Brussels **to amplify pro-Ukrainian messages about freedom and unity through public art**. The murals are created in partnership between well-known Ukrainian and European artists as symbols of mutual cooperation and shared values, whose emotionally resonant artwork is reaching international audiences and strengthening the bonds among Ukraine, Europe, and the world.
- As the anniversary of Russia's invasion approaches, USAID/OTI helped Ukrainian partners create the **Module of Temporality**, an art gallery and exhibition space that will live in central Kyiv through mid-May. The exhibition includes art from 28 artists across 10 countries, a gift store with special collaborations with Ukrainian brands, and evening film screenings and performances – the proceeds from which will help restore damaged and destroyed cultural objects.
- Since June 2022, USAID/OTI has helped the GoU and local partners **evacuate over 42,000 people from Russian held, frontline, and reclaimed areas in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya, and Kherson**. Evacuees were transported to OTI-supported IDP Assistance Centers to receive further assistance.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

USAID has provided **\$13 billion in direct budget support** to the Government of Ukraine and is working with Congress to deliver additional support in the coming months. This support has helped Ukraine continue to provide critical public services, including health care, education, and humanitarian assistance. We ensure

accountability and transparency in the use of these funds through third party monitoring and other support to the Ministry of Finance.

With support from Congress, the \$13 billion provided to date has been used so that **56,500 first responders** can provide services; **1.7 million IDPs** received assistance; **240,000 low-income families** and **480,000 people with disabilities** received social assistance; **1.6 million households** received housing subsidies to pay for utilities; **618,000 teachers, school workers, and professors** were able to provide education services; **517,000 health workers** provided health care; **287,000 people** received one-time assistance for temporary unemployment, and **7,100 tons of cargo of humanitarian goods** were purchased for affected regions of Ukraine. These funds have enabled doctors like Kseniia Nesterenko to continue serving her community in the hard-hit region of Kharkiv; Tetiana Shevchuk, who specializes in caring for children affected by the war; Svitlana Apostol, a psychiatrist in Uzhgorod who is on the frontlines of Ukraine's efforts to provide mental health services, and hundreds of thousands other Ukrainians who continue to step up on behalf of their communities and country.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

According to the Ukrainian Ministry of Economy, the country's GDP declined by approximately 30 percent in 2022. USAID is helping mitigate the war's shock to Ukraine's economy by helping businesses keep operating and continue creating jobs, and laying the groundwork for a strong economic recovery as soon as possible. In addition to directly supporting businesses and key sectors, USAID continues to support reforms to improve Ukraine's long-term economic environment.

- In total, USAID has supported 4,700 small businesses through grants, relocation assistance, business support, and advisory assistance (reaching 2,958 businesses in agriculture, 713 in IT, and 1,045 in manufacturing). This has helped beneficiary businesses retain or create more than 55,000 jobs.
- USAID workforce development initiatives have reached more than 19,000 students and individuals, including through the IT Generation Project launched in June 2022 to help 1,000 Ukrainian workers reskill to pursue employment in the information and communications technology (ICT) industry.
- USAID's support for Advantage Ukraine, a Government of Ukraine initiative to attract foreign investment, has helped secure approximately \$64 million in financing for SMEs.
- Throughout the war, USAID has helped Ukrainian companies promote their products abroad, including through participation in major trade fairs such as the Las Vegas Trade Show, High Point Market in North Carolina, Paris Fashion Week, New York Fashion Week, and others.
- USAID assistance to IT startups, Lviv Tech portal, and Diia.City has generated \$4.3 million in new investments, and \$4.6 million in sales.
- USAID provided technical assistance to the Export Credit Agency of Ukraine, helping it facilitate approximately \$3.7 million in 32 loans to exporting companies through two of their member banks in November 2022 alone.
- USAID supported a group of four Khmelnytskyi-based textile manufacturers to produce clothing for **9,750 internally displaced persons** in Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Vinnytsia, Khmelnytskyi, and Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts.

- USAID supported a Lviv-based food processor to produce and deliver 24 tons of non-perishable food to IDP centers in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Sumy, and Poltava regions, reaching **45,000 displaced Ukrainians**.
- Building on prewar USAID assistance, a Lviv-based potato producer started exporting its products to Germany, Poland, China, and Peru, allowing it to expand its workforce and create \$525,000 in revenue to local potato farmers.
- USAID helped establish the Lviv-Kharkiv Hub, a group of businesses that relocated to western Ukraine from Kharkiv in Ukraine's east. The group of seven businesses has successfully restarted profitable operations and is creating jobs for IDPs.
- In September 2022, USAID launched a **new financial sector reform activity** to help Ukraine build a more transparent and well-regulated financial system that can enable broad-based economic growth after the war.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

USAID provided **\$102 million for the European Democratic Resilience Initiative (EDRI)** to support a free press, counter disinformation, enable the documentation of human rights violations, and protect activists and vulnerable groups in Ukraine and surrounding countries.

- Since its launch on March 24, EDRI has enabled USAID to **expand its efforts to document human rights abuses** and provide legal aid to survivors and conflict-affected people; provided Ukraine's media with personal protective equipment (PPE) and other resources to continue reporting from combat areas; and **helped 28 civil society partners refocus their activities** to support IDPs with humanitarian assistance and support for evacuation, shelter, and education, benefitting more than 80,000 people; and **mobilized youth volunteers** to deliver humanitarian assistance to more than 142,000 people across Ukraine.

USAID has worked for years to help Ukraine stand up anti-corruption institutions, in concert with our support to independent media and civil society. This support has enabled Ukrainians to establish the basis for preventing, monitoring, and countering corruption and help to ensure funding intended to support the needs of Ukrainians reaches Ukrainians in need.

- Since the invasion, Ukraine's National Agency on Corruption Prevention (NACP), which USAID helped establish, has been supporting the war effort in multiple ways—specifically including **addressing corruption risks related to the provision of humanitarian and other aid**. The NACP is also advocating and managing sanctions policy, engaging in asset tracing and recovery, and coordinating humanitarian aid delivery to local communities.
- With USAID assistance, the Government of Ukraine's e-procurement system successfully integrated with public registries such as the Road Construction Register, ensuring greater transparency in the use of taxpayer funds. USAID also helps Ukraine recover private sector assets and maintain a digital record of damage to civilian property, which is critical for Ukrainian citizens to receive compensation for losses suffered due to the war. In addition, we have relaunched an Open Data small grants competition with the Ministry of Digital Transformation to help civil society and the private sector address current needs with the help of open data.

USAID's local governance programs are providing **emergency assistance to more than 100 communities in 18 oblasts**, including in Ukraine's east and south, **helping local governments meet the needs of citizens** amid Russia's war. Assistance includes excavators, power generators, solid-fuel stoves, batteries, winter tents, PPE, firefighting equipment, IT equipment, Starlinks, washing machines, dryers, and humanitarian items. Notably, this includes helping set up heating points, shelters for displaced persons, and helping restore operations at local government buildings damaged or destroyed during the war. USAID also provided expert assistance to more than 500 communities Ukraine wide and trained more than 9,000 local government employees to strengthen their capacity to operate under the currently changing environment and be able to effectively respond to ongoing challenges.

USAID is also helping members of parliament **plan policy measures to help restore infrastructure and logistics in newly-liberated territories**, benefiting up to 2.5 million Ukrainians.

EUROPEAN UNION ACCESSION

We applaud the European Union's (EU) decision to grant Ukraine candidate status. We view this decision as recognition of Ukraine's achievements in democracy building and protecting democratic values.

The reforms required for accession to the EU are also integral to Ukraine's democratic development and have been and will continue to be a core part of USAID's partnership with Ukraine. USAID is helping Ukraine to bring its legal and regulatory frameworks into harmony with the EU's, including for the financial sector, competition policy and enforcement, the private sector, public health, and energy. For example, USAID provided technical assistance to Ukraine's financial sector regulators to harmonize regulatory requirements with EU rules and standards and enhanced their ability to implement and enforce new financial regulations. Our technical assistance in strengthening public health and medicines regulatory frameworks is also helping to bring Ukrainian systems and standards in line with public health components of the EU Association Agreement.

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

USAID has invested in Ukraine's digital transformation in alignment with President Zelenskyy's commitment to digitize government services, including most prominently through the agency's support since 2016 for the development of Diia (Дія, 'Держава і Я' -- 'the State and Me'; in Ukrainian 'дія' means 'action'), a single digital platform launched in 2020 to allow citizens to access 120 public services. Diia functions as a one-stop digital shop for citizens to pay taxes, register businesses, and even display a valid passport on their phones.

- Since February 24th, USAID has supported the expansion of services through Diia, including the documentation of property damage, an online portal **enabling approximately five million Ukrainians working in war-affected areas to apply for and receive a one-time government subsidy to help with living expenses** (a partnership with the United Kingdom), an e-service that offers financial support for legal entities and private entrepreneurs who hire internally displaced persons, and an online portal which simplified the unemployment registration process. Moving forward, USAID will support the development of the "second generation" of the Diia environment, including the creation of a single IT architecture for both the Diia Portal and Diia Mobile App.

- From January through May 2022, IT was the only Ukrainian export industry that registered positive growth, due to industry and firm competitiveness and resilience, business relocation, and efficient and coordinated steps by IT clusters, associations, the government and IT companies to withstand and overcome the challenges brought by the war. USAID has been fostering the growth of the IT industry through the agency's support for shaping a pro-growth legal and regulatory environment, business internationalization projects including LvivTech portal, the Ivano-Frankivsk IT Shared Space, and the IT export alliance, and tech workforce development initiatives, all of which laid the foundation for a quick recovery for this critical economic sector. **For example, USAID supported the Ministry of Digital Transformation's launch of Diia.City in February 2022, a digital platform designed for IT companies and startups to foster new investments, jobs, and cutting-edge technological development through a special legal and regulatory framework.**

On February 10, 2023, USAID announced it would invest up to an additional \$60 million in Ukraine's cybersecurity and ongoing digitalization. This will help the Government of Ukraine ensure that critical infrastructure is protected against cyberattacks, a key Kremlin weapon in its war against Ukraine.

- USAID assistance will also help safeguard digital transformation initiatives, including the Ministry of Digital Transformation's Diia platform, which reduce corruption and allow the Ukrainian people to access more transparent and accountable public services. USAID will partner with New Zealand to advance Ukraine's cybersecurity, and will pursue partnerships with other countries who share our commitment to standing with Ukraine.

MEDIA & CIVIL SOCIETY

USAID's civil society activity supports a network of **75 local organizations that respond to the needs of Ukrainians, including internally displaced persons.** Local partners have delivered more than 25 tons of humanitarian assistance, benefitting more than 6,000 people, and helped nearly 12,000 war-affected citizens receive legal and psychological consultations.

USAID's youth activity has helped nearly 60,000 young Ukrainians participate in volunteering and education, civic, and humanitarian activities during the war. USAID also supports the GoU's SpivDiia ("Joint Action") platform, which mobilized youth volunteers to deliver humanitarian supplies to more than 350,000 people.

Protective equipment for journalists: USAID has provided more than **1,800 sets of flak jackets and helmets, and 200 satellite phones to over 50 media organizations,** including national and regional independent media outlets operating in the areas close to the frontlines.

USAID empowers Ukraine's journalists to inform the country, and the world, about Russia's war against Ukraine. Currently, USAID supports **175 national and local media entities to report fact-based news content.** USAID assistance has helped Ukraine's public broadcaster reach more than 1 million subscribers on its Telegram channel, a critical platform for sharing information during Russia's invasion. In addition, USAID assistance helped make Ukraine's **public service radio available to 17 million Ukrainians.**

HEALTH

USAID's health assistance to Ukraine during 2022 more than doubled, to over \$100 million, building on the existing capacity and partnerships across the country. Response efforts and adaptations to ongoing projects active across Ukraine have focused on three main objectives, enabling USAID/Ukraine to play an essential role in supporting Ukraine's response to the health impacts of Russia's unprovoked invasion. USAID moved swiftly to support national local health authorities in protecting vital health systems, institutions, and resources, and minimizing disruptions to the delivery of critical healthcare services. USAID/Ukraine health assistance complements humanitarian assistance as well as direct budget support by supporting Ukrainian institutions and partners to sustain and restore services, and protecting critical systems and reforms that enable accountability and help system reforms critical to Ukraine's recovery.

- **Protect public health and well-being:** USAID adapted efforts across the country to help sustain HIV, tuberculosis, and COVID-19 services, and address heightened risks of vaccine-preventable diseases including polio and measles. To address new needs of people directly affected by the war, USAID also expanded support for mental health and physical rehabilitation services to protect Ukrainians' wellbeing. Key achievements include:
 - Since February 2022, **USAID has supported the delivery of 53 million doses of PEPFAR-funded antiretroviral drugs for 150,000 people** across Ukraine living with HIV/AIDS, as well as **3.3 million additional doses of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines**, bringing our total contribution to 6.4 million vaccine doses since the start of the pandemic.
 - USAID helped increase outreach to close COVID-19 vaccination and routine immunization gaps, including outreach to IDPs, procurement of cold chain equipment, and the **donation of 99,500 doses of inactivated polio vaccine**.
 - USAID adapted and expanded long standing support for physical rehabilitation services to respond to war-related injuries, reaching 657,706 Ukrainians with information about rehabilitation services, training 91 healthcare providers, and enabling 303 patients to access specialty care. USAID initiated support across 8 regions to establish Assistive Technology facilities in regional health centers that will provide assistive technology to patients, and launched support to establish a Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the Lviv Territorial Incorporation Multidisciplinary Hospital, and that will reach over 3,500 people with rehabilitation services.
 - In May 2022, USAID launched a new **five-year, \$45 million Public Health System Resilience & Recovery activity** and expanded support to eight oblast-level Centers for Disease Control to increase preparedness, surveillance and response to public health threats, strengthen immunization services, and expand access to mental health services.
 - USAID is partnering with the Office of First Lady Zelenska, the Ministry of Health (MoH), and other partners to improve and increase access to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to those impacted by Russia's brutal invasion. Across USAID/Ukraine programs and the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, USAID has committed nearly \$36 million to expand support for MHPSS. This includes ongoing support for community-based mental health treatment services, such as the Common Elements Treatment Approach (CETA), which has been proven to effectively treat mental health disorders through USAID-supported programming since 2015. As of mid-February, 592

people were receiving active counseling through the CETA program, of whom 60 percent were considered high-risk.

- USAID, in partnership with UNICEF and WHO, expanded efforts to drive uptake of routine and COVID-19 vaccination among IDPs in Western Ukraine. A national online campaign coupled with regional media engagement on immunization reached over 10 million Ukrainians and extended outreach to IDP centers across five regions, reaching thousands of patients, educators and children. A separate hotline was set up to combat misinformation about vaccines.
- To protect against the threat of disease outbreaks, USAID partnered with WHO to support 35 laboratory sites to re-establish or enhance disease surveillance. In November 2022, USAID also donated a mobile laboratory to the MoH to strengthen the identification, diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases during the war.
- **Sustain health systems critical services and protect reforms:** USAID adapted long standing support for health governance and anti-corruption reforms to enable a more efficient and accountable response, and protect critical institutions and systems vital to enabling Ukraine's healthcare system to respond to extraordinary needs facing Ukrainians. USAID support helped to adapt supply chains and keep medicines flowing, protect information systems from cyberattacks and counter disinformation about availability of care, adapt health financing mechanisms, and strengthen accountability and transparency in national response efforts. Key achievements include:
 - USAID's SAFEMed program assisted the Government of Ukraine in setting up and managing the delivery of humanitarian medical supplies, from essential medicines to emergency first aid kits and hospital stretchers. During the first six months of the war alone, USAID supported the MoH to distribute \$400 million worth of donated medicines and medical supplies to 4,300 service delivery points throughout all regions of the country. USAID also helped the Ukrainian Government to expand the MedData information system—an information system developed with USAID support—from 44 to 12,458 sites, enabling transparency and accountability.
 - USAID has supported GoU efforts to expand the Affordable Medicines Program, which provides reimbursement to patients for covered medicines purchased from private pharmacies, helping to support Ukraine's pharmaceutical sector. USAID also advised on legislation to ease barriers to importing medicines and accepting donated products, and supported a GoU initiative to allow medical students to dispense treatments by partnering with local universities to train over 700 students.
 - USAID is supporting GoU counterparts and local partners to strengthen telemedicine governance and policies; advance access to telemedicine health services in an inclusive, sustainable manner; and leverage telemedicine to respond to wartime health needs. With USAID support, the MoH leveraged eight telemedicine solutions to expand access to key services, including: a video consultation platform for gunshot and explosive wound care; a platform for telerehabilitation; numerous platforms for mechanical and thermal traumatic injuries, remote fetal heart rate monitoring and neurosensory disorders; and virtual surgery rooms. USAID has **trained 1,060 health care providers across 296 clinics in**

providing telemedicine services, enabling 2,521 patients to benefit from teleconsultations.

- USAID support for medical procurement reform continued to demonstrate gains against corruption in public procurement. **With USAID support, the Central Procurement Agency (CPA) generated an estimated \$20 million in savings in central level procurements** compared to MoH budget estimates in 2022 through transparent procurement—despite dramatic fluctuations in spending due to the war and war-related prices increases.
- **Support restoration of services and reconnect people with care:** Through ongoing programs active in **more than 800 healthcare facilities across the county**, USAID is helping to restore critical services and reconnect people with health care in response to health system disruption. At the national level, USAID is supporting Ukrainian leadership in planning, coordinating, and implementing recovery efforts in line with Ukraine’s National Recovery Plan.
 - USAID has helped the MoH to develop new regulations and legal frameworks to enable recovery and reallocation of resources to address war-related impacts; develop a national recovery plan for health care; establish a recovery unit to coordinate recovery efforts including winterization of health facilities and services; and extend services to IDPs, such as through the use of mobile teams and community outreach workers.
 - USAID has continued to leverage anti-corruption and governance resources to advance health sector reform. USAID pivoted support to key state health agencies - the National Health Service of Ukraine (NHSU) and Central Procurement Agency (CPA)—to help protect systems and sustain essential services during the war. **More than 32 million (79 percent) Ukrainians are now registered for state-funded health services under Ukraine’s guaranteed package of services, the Program of Medical Guarantees (PMG)** and the NHSU has continued to contract with almost 98 percent of public primary healthcare facilities. U.S. Direct Budget Support, totalling approximately \$2 billion in 2022, enabled the NHSU to sustain salary payments to healthcare workers providing PMG services to patients nationwide in 2022. USAID/Ukraine technical assistance complemented this investment by supporting the NHSU’s efforts to sustain critical systems needed to administer the PMG and support providers, local health system managers, and patients.
 - USAID has adapted infectious disease and public health programs to help reconnect displaced persons to critical services, and restore services in unoccupied areas. In Chernihiv, for instance—which has been at the front line of hostilities, resulting in massive damage to healthcare and other civilian infrastructure—local USAID partners such as the “Chernihiv Network” have continued to maintain uninterrupted HIV and TB treatment for patients across 10 facilities, enabling HIV testing services to close to 600 Ukrainians despite the war.