



UNDP Resilience Building and Recovery Programme

Response to the war in Ukraine

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The war in Ukraine has caused a tremendous loss of life and livelihoods, putting stress on the economy, and sending millions of people from [their homes](#). The fallout grows as the fighting continues.

The war also threatens to turn back the clock on development in Ukraine [by almost 20 years](#). To prevent this reversal, and its global reverberations, UNDP is assisting the people and Government and the people of Ukraine to recover and reconstruct now.

UNDP Resilience Building and Recovery Programme

Using early socio-economic assessments, we launched a new programme to respond to the current crisis and development challenges. The Resilience and Recovery Programme focuses on supporting the government's emergency response, its commitment to public services, and to keeping the economy running.

Our programme taps into Ukrainians' inspiring levels of resourcefulness – which they have repeatedly demonstrated. And we are working with institutions and civil society to maintain the social fabric, uphold human rights, and ensure the inclusion, protection, and empowerment of all people.

Development Never Stops. Neither do we.

The work we implement now during crisis will have longer term sustainable impact. Every step we take considers how it will help today and shape tomorrow.

In Ukraine, our Resilience Building and Recovery Programme, in line with Government priorities and the immediate needs of the population, comprises five areas of work:

- PILLAR **1** Government Capacities for Crisis Response and Management
- PILLAR **2** Sustaining the Provision of Public Services
- PILLAR **3** Emergency Works Facilitating Return and Reconstruction
- PILLAR **4** Incomes, Livelihoods and Private Sector Response
- PILLAR **5** Civil Society and Maintenance of the Social Fabric



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BOOSTING GOVERNMENT CRISIS RESPONSE CAPACITIES

The Government of Ukraine, while operating at exceptional capacity, is facing unprecedented needs in addressing the impact of war.

Scaling up our technical assistance promoting effective governance from our existing programmes, we are now providing specific technical expertise to fill the emerging gaps in the Government crisis response.

This support includes crisis coordination with national and international humanitarian responders, boosting digital infrastructure needed to track and support the vast number of internally displaced people, countering disinformation, assessing war damages, surveying and analysing the impact of the war on human capital, and support to building the National Recovery and Reconstruction Plan to help Ukraine build forward better.

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KEEPING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UP AND RUNNING

Accessing vital government documents and services became a serious challenge in areas hardest hit by the war. With infrastructure destroyed, and thousands of civil servants joining the millions of people fleeing to safety, providing basic administrative services became a challenge at a moment when people need it the most.

UNDP is helping the Government to assess where the needs are the greatest in its ability to deliver for the people of Ukraine. This includes the provision of mobile administrative centres that can provide services to communities in need, ensuring that displaced and non-displaced people have access to these vital services, as well as digitalising the public services to ensure they are widely accessible to all. This also includes social care services and support to health structures for physical and mental health needs like psychosocial counselling, providing needed certifications, and ensuring people can apply and obtain emergency support during the war.

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SAFE RETURNS

The war sent millions of people from their homes. As many as 14 million people have fled. Of this total, 7 million remain in Ukraine, displaced. There is also a tremendous loss of infrastructure, with millions of unexploded ordnance and debris posing enormous threat to safety and wellbeing.

UNDP is helping local and national governments to restore basic services like water, sanitation, power, and public buildings, while also providing support for mine action and debris removal in accessible areas. This will grow as more areas become accessible.

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DIGNIFIED LIVELIHOODS AND ROBUST ECONOMIES

The war has resulted in a tremendous loss of lives and livelihoods for people in Ukraine. Business owners were forced to close as they fled the fighting, markets and trade flows slowed or ceased entirely, and the economic backbone of Ukraine suffered enormous setbacks triggering regional and global economic stress.

To stabilize the economy and set the foundation for recovery, UNDP is helping business owners, particularly those run by women and vulnerable communities, to resume operations in their host communities with market assessments, capital grants, and access to networks. Creating job opportunities for youth and women will be of special attention.

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STRENGTHENING SOCIAL FABRIC WITH STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY

Underpinning the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine is the social fabric, weaving a stronger sense of community, inclusion, and recognition and upholding of human rights. With an influx of people on the move living in host communities, it is important to support local civil society groups to strengthen the ties that bind people, rather than sow division.

Building strong communities and institutions of peace and resilience is the focus on this pillar. UNDP supports independent human rights institutions, people's access to justice, especially for those on the margins, and strengthens the coexistence of those displaced and their host communities.

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