The Government of Japan is a vital partner in UNDP’s mission to work with countries to expand people’s choices for a fairer, sustainable future, building the world envisioned by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – with planet and people in balance.

The Government of Japan is UNDP Ukraine’s largest government contributor, having provided a total of U.S. $169.4 million in support since 2022. In the wake of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Government of Japan and UNDP boosted their partnership to support Ukraine, making efforts both to respond to the immediate needs of its citizens, and to plan for a full, inclusive, and green recovery that enhances human security.

**UNDP projects supported by the Government of Japan**

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Critical energy infrastructure recovery

UNDP has been supplying equipment and offering support to Ukraine’s energy sector, fostering its transformative recovery, with a focus on:

Emergency response: ensuring the continuous provision of power, heating, and water supplies to communities.

Long-term goals: attaining sustainable, resilient, and decentralized energy systems.

- Helped the Government of Ukraine prepare for 2023/24 winter energy needs by developing an energy independence strategy. Delivered 2 high-voltage autotransformers, benefiting approximately half a million people by strengthening energy systems in major cities.

- Delivered 3 powerful gas turbines, operating on bio-fuel, and supported the transportation of an additional 7 autotransformers, to provide 5.5 million people with access to vital services.

- Delivered 1,000 portable power stations and 1,200 generators to critical infrastructure facilities and rescue services to ensure uninterrupted emergency response and public service delivery in case of blackouts.

An autotransformer arriving in the port of Gdansk, Poland, on the way to Ukraine – September 2023. Photo credit: UNDP Ukraine.
The handover of gas turbines and autotransformers was marked at a ceremony attended by Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, in January 2023.
Debris management

A debris removal worker in a specialized protective uniform collects asbestos-containing materials from the yard of a destroyed house, Kyiv Oblast – August 2023. Photo credits: Nazarii Mazyluk / UNDP Ukraine

UNDP is supporting local authorities in establishing an effective debris management system, which consists of the following steps:

1. Damage assessment
2. Training debris clearance teams to handle explosive ordnance and hazardous waste
3. Ensuring land is clear of explosive ordnance
4. Demolition and debris removal
5. Sorting rubble, disposal of hazardous materials, and recycling
6. Utilization of recycled materials for reconstruction

- 114,000 tons of debris cleared from 4 communities
- 230+ workers equipped with risk management skills

Currently, 57 units of heavy machinery are on the way to communities across Ukraine to enhance their capacity for handling debris. Efforts are underway to commence work on clearing debris from over 1,100 sites.
Mine action and mine victim assistance

UNDP is bolstering the demining capacity of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU) and improving the safety of personnel by delivering requested equipment.

- 106 SESU pyrotechnic divisions have received support through a comprehensive package, including personal protective gear, vehicles, demining tools, communication equipment, and technical devices. These efforts have benefitted 37% of all SESU pyrotechnic divisions.

To improve the overall safety of affected populations, UNDP has initiated:

- An educational programme reaching 20,000 at-risk individuals following the Kakhovka Dam disaster.
- A nationwide explosive ordnance risk education media campaign and research, to reach over 1 million people in war-affected territories.

To establish a common framework of victim assistance provision in Ukraine, and a multi-sector approach, UNDP has developed the Model of Victim Assistance in Affected Communities, based on the International Mine Action Standard (IMAS) 13.10 and situation analysis in Ukraine.
UNDP is enhancing the capacities of affected communities to support victims through providing training and equipment for healthcare and rehabilitation facilities, and for social and educational institutions. It is also equipping safety classes and school shelters.

- **584** social workers, psychologists, teachers, representatives of social protection departments, the State Emergency Service and other professionals enhanced their capacity to work with victims, persons with disabilities and other war-affected people via UNDP-facilitated capacity-development activities.

- In collaboration with **21** CSOs, over **800** professionals received training for supporting adults and children with war-related trauma, and over **900** children and parents received psychological and medical assistance.

- More than **3** million people were reached by publications with information about explosive ordnance-related traumas, and psychological and communications issues.

**In November 2023, UNDP held a dialogue event with key government partners to promote rehabilitation services for war victims. It was conducted in collaboration with the governments of Japan, Germany, and the Republic of Korea.**

![Photo credit: Andrii Krepkykh / UNDP Ukraine](image-url)
**Crisis management and recovery planning**

UNDP supports the Government in integrating crisis management expertise, enhancing capacities for effective crisis response and aid delivery, improving the coordination of external assistance in crisis recovery, and strengthening government abilities in crisis communication and countering disinformation.

- Bolstered capacities of 9 central government agencies: Office of the President of Ukraine, Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, ministries of Communities and Territories Development, Digital Transformation, Foreign Affairs, Culture and Information Policy, Social Policy, Youth and Sports, and Veterans Affairs.

- Conducted analyses of 170 communities to determine steps to achieve transparent local recovery.

- Launched local recovery planning for 10 communities with populations of 500,000+ residents.

- Supported the development of an Anti-Corruption Programme for the Ministry for Restoration

- Conducted 24 youth exchanges in 12 oblasts and renovated 24 youth centres, engaging more than 700 young people in the recovery process under the Vidnova:UA national initiative.

- Supported the accessibility and digitalization of public services through the provision of educational courses, technological solutions, technical equipment, software, and technical expertise to the Ministry of Digital Transformation and the Ministry of Veterans Affairs.

- Contributed to countering disinformation through supporting the National Media Literacy test, participated in by over 26,000 Ukrainians. The media campaign promoting the test reached 3 million people.

- Trained over 1,200 individuals, including communication specialists from state entities and residents of frontline communities, on web accessibility and countering disinformation.
Access to justice and human rights

UNDP is strengthening capacities of national and local actors to mainstream human rights and inclusive access to justice, prioritizing IDPs and vulnerable groups. The support encompasses training, equipment/software provision, and advocacy initiatives.

In promoting effective and sensitive communications with individuals affected by war, UNDP initiatives helped to:

- Train **1,000+** lawyers of the Free Legal Aid System (FLA) in human-centred communications, who then provided over **88,600** consultations to clients.
- Train **300+** representatives from the free legal aid system, police, Ombudsperson’s Office, and Prosecutor’s Office to improve services and communications with war-affected individuals.
- Train **70+** law enforcement officials and university professors on the integration of investigative interviews in the criminal justice system to scale up the investigative process in Ukraine, on the basis of human rights principles.

To enhance the effectiveness of the Ombudsperson’s work with the war-affected population, UNDP supported the launch of regular meetings with the families of missing persons and prisoners of war:

- **1,800+** persons attended these meetings and received updates and legal support.
- Ombudsperson’s regional network, equipped with enhanced knowledge and communication skills, provided consultation to **5,700+** persons on human rights related issues.
25 forensic experts from the Ukrainian National Police participated in the knowledge exchange study tour to Japan (Tokyo and Fukushima) to enhance their knowledge about forensic investigations of war-related crimes.

Ten forensic specialists from the National Police of Ukraine visited a school ruined in the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011 in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan, in July 2023. Photo credit: UNDP Tokyo

Fifteen delegates from the National Police of Ukraine and Ministry of Interior came to Japan in October 2023 to learn from experts of the National Police Agency of Japan about forensic techniques. Photo credit: UNDP Tokyo