

# FAST FACTS

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## UNDP in Ukraine



Ukraine is a lower middle-income country of 44.8 million people in Eastern Europe. It ranks 84<sup>th</sup> in Human Development Report 2016 and is in the group of countries with high human development. Despite progress, regular outbreaks of fighting along the contact line in eastern Ukraine continue to negatively affect its economy. A modest economic growth and decreased inflation have improved the overall economic situation in 2016. However, unemployment remains relatively high – 7.5% among women and 11.1% among men.

Over 3.8 million people are in need humanitarian assistance, resulting in significant deterioration in standards of living and personal safety. Nearly 1.7 million internally displaced people (IDPs) (61% women) were registered by December 2016. Women, particularly IDPs, are disproportionately affected by the crisis, facing social exclusion in terms of livelihoods and access to housing and public services.



UNDP Grantee, a Specialized Enterprise Producing Equipment for Seed-Cleaning and Calibration of Grain, Kreminna, Luhansk Region (UNDP)

Ukraine has launched an ambitious reform agenda. It already received international recognition for its health reform efforts, including the international procurement of drugs. It helped reduce corruption risks and made procurement procedures more transparent and efficient. Innovative sustainable and inclusive development grounded in Agenda 2030 is a pathway for addressing economic decline, inefficiencies in resource use and management, and conflict which the country faces.

### Priorities in Ukraine to Build Resilience

- **Vital Infrastructure:** Social, Economic Infrastructure, including Water, Power Supply Systems, Educational and Health Facilities; Energy Efficiency; Bioenergy
- **Social Cohesion:** Restored Governance; Post-Conflict Reconciliation; Community Resilience; Social Reforms
- **Sustainable Growth:** Sustainable Economic Recovery; Support to SMEs; Job Creation; Reducing Inequalities

### MATTERS OF FACT

- **285** core and projects' staffs
- Offices in Kyiv, Kramatorsk and Severodonetsk with long-term project presence in all the regions of Ukraine
- **\$98.78m** budget in 2017, \$81.18m in 2016
- **21** projects in 2017, 21 projects in 2016
- Main donors: Gov. of Ukraine, EU, GEF, EIB, Danish MFA, Gov. of Japan, Gov. of Poland, Dutch MFA, SDC, SIDA, Austrian MFA, DFID, Gov. of Netherlands

### UNDP PRIORITIES IN UKRAINE (2018-2022)

- Inclusive and Effective Democratic Governance
- Inclusive and Gender-Responsive Sustainable Development
- Recovery and Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Areas

### Investment Priorities of the Government

The National Strategy for Sustainable Development and Action Plan (2017-2020) prioritize key reforms including anti-corruption, decentralisation, justice, healthcare, pension system and environmental protection. The EU Association Agreement and the IMF Memorandum on Reform outline further reform commitments, designed to promote an inclusive economy, accountable government, human rights safeguards and democratic pluralism. The State Programme on Recovery (to be endorsed in 2017) prioritizes recovery and peacebuilding in Eastern Ukraine.

### UNDP Relations with Government

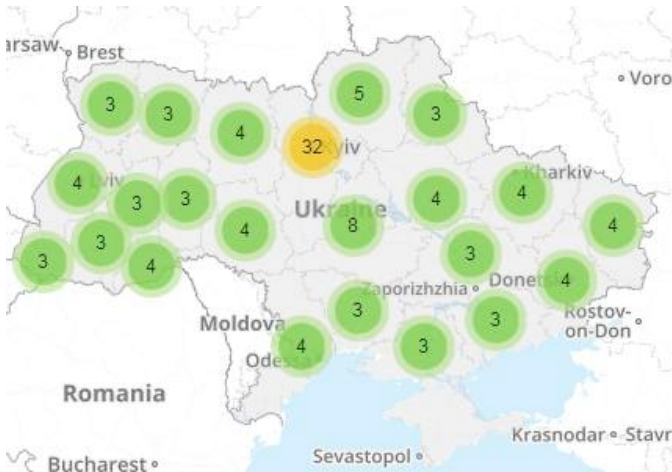
UNDP works with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to mainstream SDGs into national policies. UNDP has also built strong partnerships with other national authorities, including but not limited to:

- Cabinet of Ministers
- Presidential Administration
- Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament)
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of the Interior
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Regional Development
- Ministry of Social Policy and Labour
- Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories & IDPs
- Parliamentary Commissioner on Human Rights (Ombudsperson)
- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

UNDP is also working closely with the Government of Ukraine to promote climate resilient policies and support responsible ministries in the areas of infrastructure rehabilitation and economic recovery in partnership with regional and local authorities.

## Key Projects in Ukraine (2017)

- Procurement Support Services to MOH (\$68,655,896)
- Early Recovery Programme (\$10,291,048)
- CBA Project – Phase III (\$8,220,037)
- Bioenergy Technologies in Municipal Sector (\$1,307,207)
- Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings (\$1,293,355)
- Rule of Law for Stabilization (\$1,271,324)
- EIB Technical Assistance Project (\$1,310,248)
- Enhanced Public Sector Transparency and Integrity (\$1,012,527)



Map of UNDP Initiatives in Ukraine (June 2017 / open.undp.org)

## UNDP in Action

### • Recovery and Peacebuilding Programme (RPP) (\$43.4m – 2014-2019)

In accordance with the Recovery and Peacebuilding Assessment, endorsed by the Government, UNDP interventions in eastern Ukraine are structured along the following three programmatic stream: (1) sustainable economic recovery; (2) restoring and reforming local governance structures; (3) community security and social cohesion. UNDP RPP covers 5 target regions — Donetsk, Luhansk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

Under **sustainable economic recovery** stream – UNDP facilitates cooperation among stakeholders for the restoration of critical social and economic infrastructure affected by the conflict as well as provides policy advice on building an enabling environment for sustainable economic growth emphasizing private sector development and green job creation. Programme interventions focus on training for business and professional skills, small grants for SMEs and micro-businesses, support for the development of business infrastructure.

Under the stream of **restoring and reforming local governance structures**, UNDP strengthens local government administrative capacity to lead community engagement in the planning, coordination, delivery and monitoring of recovery efforts.

Under **community security and social cohesion** stream, UNDP provides policy advice and technical assistance to the law enforcement agencies, local governments, and CSOs to strengthen the resilience of displaced populations and host communities, protect conflict-affected population, and promote social cohesion. Programme activities prioritize civic engagement, community empowerment, women and vulnerable groups.

### • EIB Technical Assistance Project / Implementation Support to Final Beneficiaries (\$3m - 2017-2019)

Under this project UNDP will provide technical assistance to the European Investment Bank (EIB) and local authorities in capacity development and project cycle support, including monitoring. UNDP will provide support in preparation and implementation of over 200 sub-projects of the EIB Early Recovery Programme at the local level. In cooperation with the Government of Ukraine EIB provides financing for a first Early Recovery Programme ) multi-sector framework loan of EUR 200 million targeting early recovery investments on critical infrastructure in affected areas, and basic needs to ensure decent living conditions for displaced people and host communities.

### • Development and Commercialization of Bioenergy Technologies in the Municipal Sector (\$4.7m – 2014-2018)

The objective of the project is to significantly increase the use of biomass energy as a fuel source for heating and hot water services in the municipal sector in Ukraine by at least 20% over the baseline scenario to reduce direct greenhouse gas emissions by 63,577 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over the 4-year life of the project and, subsequently, 19,143 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> during each year of the remaining 16-year life of the boiler equipment. Partners of the project include the State Agency on Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Agrarian Policy and the Ministry of Regional Development.

### • Community Based Approach to Local Development Programme - CBA (\$53,3m -2008-2017)

CBA is a long-term and comprehensive capacity building initiative to promote community-based approach to local governance and sustainable development in Ukraine. The program covers the entire country working with more than 2,000 community organizations and 387 of 450 rayons (districts). Over 9 years, improved health services, access to clean water and waste management, learning environment and public safety achieved through the participatory implementation of community projects - renovation of 1323 schools/kindergartens, 599 health posts, 110 water supply, 17 environment, and 556 energy-saving street illumination projects.

### • Procurement Support Services to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (\$117m – 2015-2017)

As an attempt to fight corruption in the healthcare sphere, UNDP was entrusted by the Government of Ukraine with the procurement of medicines for more than \$39m in 2016 and \$78m in 2017. In 2016, UNDP's transparent and competitive procurement processes saved the government up to \$7m which allowed to procure additional 74,000 units. Under the procurement budget allocated for 2017, UNDP handles the centralized procurement of medicines and medical products as required by 23 state health care programmes. The project also entails capacity development elements on international procurement standards, anti-corruption, good governance and management of public assets.