

# A hope for health

Providing health and humanitarian assistance, **Ukraine and neighboring countries**

Project HOPE is mobilizing an emergency response team, medicines and medical supplies to respond to the pressing health and humanitarian needs within Ukraine and among refugees in neighboring countries as the situation evolves.

## The problem

Already, 4.5 million people who have become refugees and over 7 million people displaced within Ukraine are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Trauma, separations, instability, and other stressors are making psychosocial and mental health needs among the most urgent. A rapid scale up of mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) as well as protection programming is required to meeting growing needs.

## The partner

For more than 60 years, Project HOPE has transformed the health and well-being of people and communities globally. They work on the frontlines of the world's health challenges, partnering together with communities, healthcare workers, and public health systems to ensure sustainable change. During times of disaster, Project HOPE is on the ground, providing direct healthcare services, equipping clinics and hospitals, training local healthcare workers, and delivering solutions that help people access the health care services they need.

## The philanthropic solution

Project HOPE is actively responding to the crisis in Ukraine. Its response is focused on providing health and humanitarian

assistance to internally displaced persons in Ukraine as well as refugees in neighboring countries fleeing the ongoing invasion. Project HOPE's activities include among others:

- Increase access to primary health services for refugees in Poland and Moldova through mobilization of Emergency Medical Teams
- Procure, ship, and distribute essential medicines and medical supplies to address acute healthcare needs of refugees in Romania, Poland, and Moldova as well as inside Ukraine
- Procure and distribute water, sanitation and hygiene supplies
- Provide mental health and psychosocial support services
- Conduct gender-based violence response and prevention programming
- Provide pediatric care for children from Ukraine

## The evidence

Project HOPE has a long history in the region and first began working in Ukraine in 2002 on drug use prevention, HIV prevention, and education for children in primary schools. From 2012-2017, Project HOPE helped decrease the burden of TB and lower TB morbidity and mortality in Ukraine.

## The impact

Project HOPE will ensure that displaced Ukrainians have access to essential health services and supplies as well as psychosocial support.

Source:1 UNHCR

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