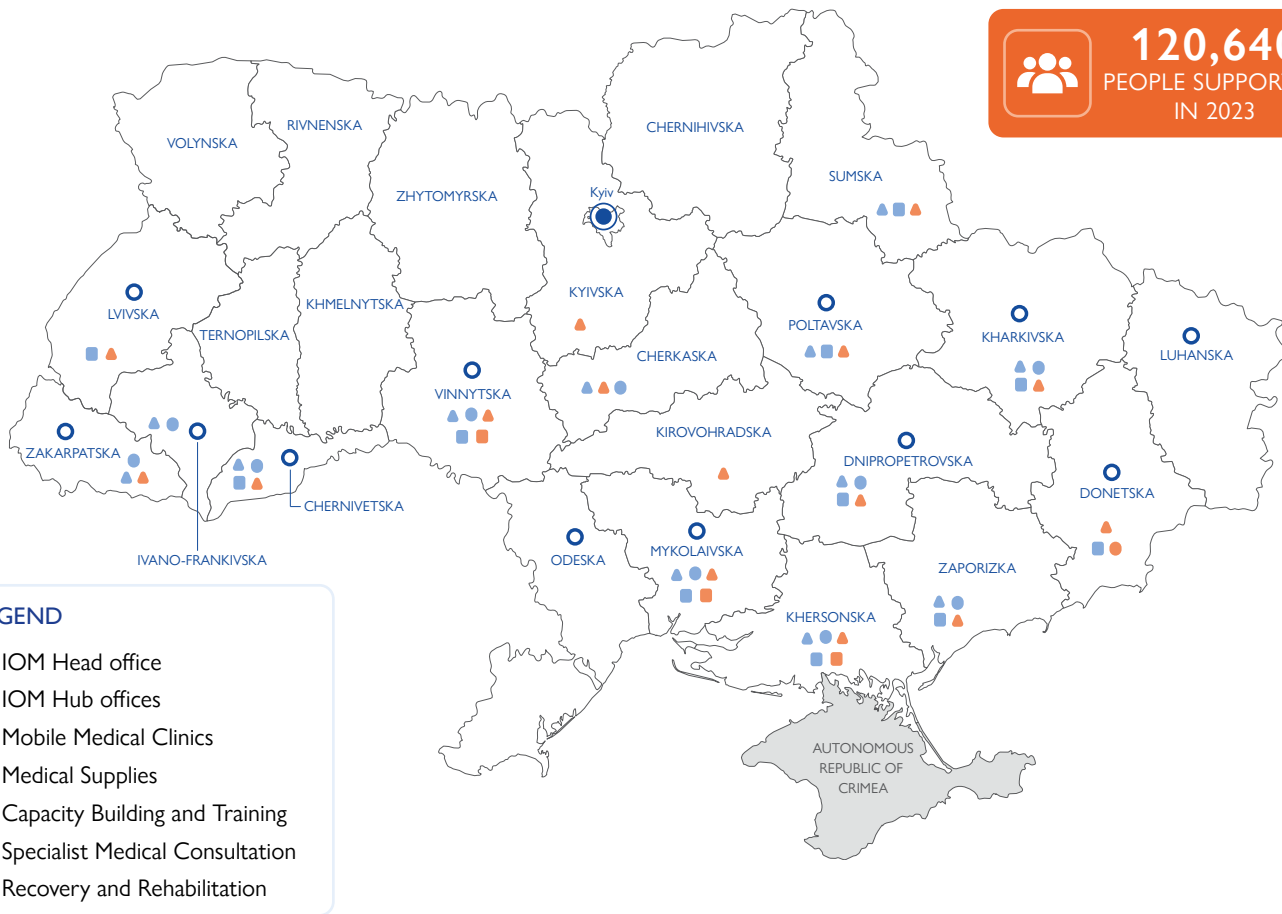


# EMERGENCY HEALTH | 2023

**120,640**  
PEOPLE SUPPORTED  
IN 2023



## OVERVIEW

The war in Ukraine has hampered access to routine and emergency health services, damaged and destroyed medical facilities and overburden the remaining facilities resulting in grave public health consequences. IOM emergency health programme maintains support for essential life-saving health care accessible to those affected. The immediate priorities are to restore essential

health services, respond to urgent medical needs, protect public health, and create a safe and dignified environment for both health professionals and the general population to return home. As the war continues, people with disabilities, those with chronic illnesses, and the elderly are especially vulnerable to treatment disruptions and lack of access to proper health services.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

**72,850**  
People supported with primary health-care consultations from IOM Mobile Medical Clinics, 72% women and 28% men.

**10,369**  
People supported with community-based psychosocial support and risk communication services, 66% women and 34% men.

**32,086**  
Specialized consultations provided to 76% women and 24% men.

**3,686**  
Medical practitioners and front-line health staff, 63% women and 37% men, provided with capacity-building sessions on change management, advanced trauma and psychological first aid as well as surgical mentoring.

## PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

- Deploying providing curative, preventive, and promotive services, including trauma care and psychological counselling, improving access to health-care services, including support for non-communicable diseases, and reducing the burden on the health system in remote and hard-to-reach areas with high concentration of displaced populations.
- Providing emergency medical supplies and equipment for targeted health facilities to grant continuity of quality and dignified emergency and essential health services.
- Providing health-care services such as consultations, vaccinations, non-communicable child and maternal care and referrals.
- Capacity development on management of outbreak response, strengthening infection prevention and control, disease surveillance among displaced populations, and vaccinations.
- Engaging in risk communication and community engagement, health promotion and outreach.

98%

of respondents were satisfied with the assistance.

95%

of respondents were satisfied with the modality of the support.

93%

of respondents reported the assistance did not cause any tensions in their community/institution.

## PLANTING SEEDS AND HOPE IN RURAL UKRAINE

The pervasive presence of war and its associated stressors takes a heavy toll on a person's health. The continuous exposure to violence and uncertainty can lead to heightened levels of stress and anxiety, which in turn contribute to a range of health issues or exacerbate the existing ones; access to healthcare services in these areas becomes an even more pressing issue.

While the population of the village Khrystovorivka in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, decreased significantly, with many leaving to seek refuge, those who remain are currently lacking adequate access to healthcare. There are no proper medical facilities in the village, with the nearest hospital being an hour's drive away.

In case of serious emergencies, calling for an ambulance from a nearby town can be equally time-consuming, often taking 30 to 40 minutes, a precious time delay in emergencies. The situation becomes even more dire during the colder months when the road conditions deteriorate.

"We see a few dozen patients each time we come, sometimes even up to 50 a day. Many are repeated patients who rely on us to continue their treatment," shares Iryna Semenenko, a member of Medical Teams International.

The mobile medical teams who come a long way to visit their patients in hard-to-reach areas are able to conduct blood tests, diagnose medical conditions and prescribe necessary medicine. For the residents of Khrystovorivka, this assistance is nothing short of a lifeline.

