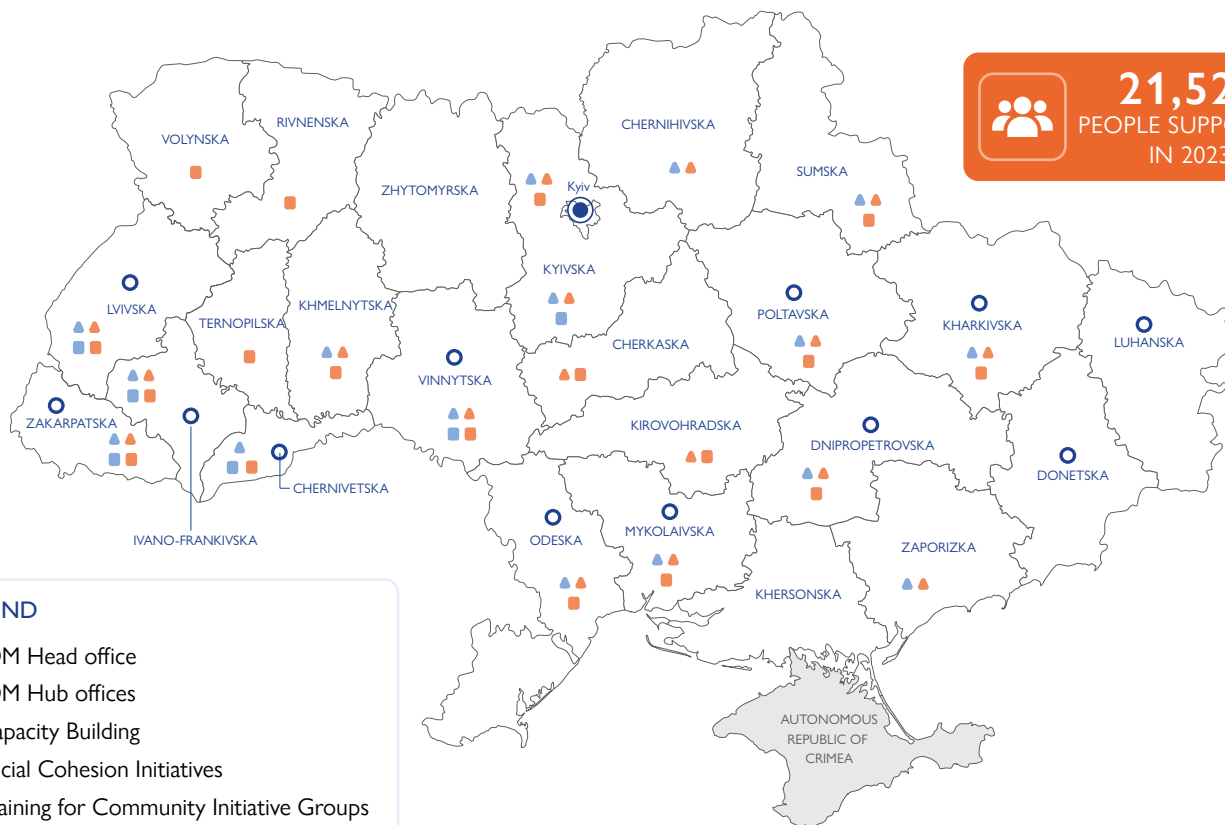


TRANSITION AND RECOVERY | 2023

21,524
PEOPLE SUPPORTED
IN 2023



LEGEND

- IOM Head office
- IOM Hub offices
- ▲ Capacity Building
- ▲ Social Cohesion Initiatives
- Training for Community Initiative Groups
- Workshops

OVERVIEW

The Transition and Recovery Unit contributes to the Government of Ukraine’s recovery and reconstruction efforts through technical experience to authorities at the central, regional, and local levels, as well as through community-driven processes supporting durable solutions in Ukraine. Interventions identify and address risks to recovery and social cohesion across multiple dimensions to lay the foundations for resilient and empowered

communities that are drivers of peace and positive change by mainstreaming social cohesion, creating access to justice and human rights and creating an enabling environment for the reintegration of veterans into civilian life. Programming contributes to the identification, prevention, and resolution of potential conflicts as a driver of displacement and an obstacle to safe return and reintegration.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

90
Community-driven social cohesion initiatives supporting 16,527 community members, and 7,391 local actors trained on social cohesion, inclusive decision-making and participative governance.

387
People trained on human rights principles and/or restitution and reparation frameworks.

14
Community support networks for veterans established and 14 veteran-related organizations supported to provide services to veterans, their families and families of the fallen.

9,752
People taking part in MHPSS¹ community projects, and 6.6 million people reached via public information campaigns to reduce stigma.

¹ Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

- Veterans' Reintegration programming that supports sustainable and effective reintegration of veterans through the provision of social, psychosocial and economic support for veterans, their family members, families of the fallen and the broader community.
- Community Participation and Cohesion programming that builds resilient and empowered communities. The programme uses the community-based planning and cohesion approach that engages local communities.
- Peace, Security and Human Rights programming to support war-affected and local populations to identify causes of conflicts, mediate conflict and manage security concerns.
- Supporting the Government of Ukraine in developing a survivor-centred, comprehensive reparations framework, its operationalization, advocacy and outreach, that addresses crimes and human rights violations related to the conflict, including forced displacement, destruction of property, looting, murder, conflict-related sexual violence, torture, enforced disappearances, and forced deportations of civilians.

95%

of participants felt more capable as a result of the Social Cohesion Training.

95%

of participants said they would use the materials after the Community Participation and Cohesion (CPC) Programme Training.

91%

of participants felt they gained practical skills after the Social Cohesion Training.

CULTURE REVIVAL AMIDST THE RUBBLE

Natalia Vyshynska from Borodianka has led her town's culture department for nearly two decades. She continues to work from the local cultural centre, still scared of shelling and standing next to homes destroyed from the devastating March 2022 bombings. "On 26 February 2022, two days into the invasion, my finance colleague and I were here to ensure our staff would get their salaries. We resumed working on 15 April 2022, and worked for a year with broken windows covered with plastic film," she recalls.

At the beginning of the war, Natalia and her family took refuge in a cellar, where they survived weeks of heavy

fighting. Eventually, the family was able to escape and briefly relocated to Western Ukraine before returning to find their hometown in ruins.

Of its 26 cultural establishments, 18 were damaged or destroyed, losing 95 per cent of their facilities and assets, among them a local arts school. The Borodianka cultural centre relies on grants from businesses and international organizations like IOM for its revival and recovery. With support from IOM, Natalia and other community members took part in inclusive dialogue sessions, where they could collectively shape the future of their community through projects for social change.



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