

# UNDP Resilience Building and Recovery Programme

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The war in Ukraine has caused a tremendous loss of life and livelihoods, putting stress on the economy, and forcing millions of people to leave their homes. Nine months into the war, the fallout grows not just in [Ukraine](#), but also in the [region and the world](#).

## DEVELOPMENT NEVER STOPS. NEITHER DO WE.

Relying on its expertise in converging humanitarian, development and peacebuilding goals, UNDP, as part of the coordinated UN response, is assisting the people and the Government of Ukraine to recover and reconstruct now, ensuring that immediate needs are linked to long-term goals. The work we implement today will have a long-term sustainable impact.

Leveraging our remaining presence on the ground and close cooperation with state authorities and local communities, our programme prioritizes approaches that are digital, inclusive, just and green.

From sustaining essential service provision to enabling humanitarian aid access and safe return of population through mine clearance and debris removal, UNDP's support, in line with Government priorities, comprises five main areas of work:

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### GOVERNMENT CAPACITIES FOR CRISIS RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT

The Government of Ukraine is facing unprecedented challenges in responding to the impact of war. Assessments of war-induced damage and coordination of recovery and reconstruction are key to prioritize and sequence vital recovery work. To date, UNDP has mapped and assessed war-damaged infrastructure in 60 settlements in the Kyiv region alone, with plans to continue in all affected areas throughout the country, using machine-learning algorithms, big data scans, [Geographic Information Systems](#) (GIS), remote sensing, and drone image analysis to complement recent assessments by the World Bank and the European Union.

UNDP is also boosting the Government's crisis response capacities, providing supplies, training and logistical support to national and regional emergency services, and providing technical assistance to the National Recovery and Reconstruction Plan.

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### SUSTAINING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES

With infrastructure being destroyed and thousands of civil servants displaced, providing public services has become a challenge. UNDP is helping local governments across Ukraine to provide immediate support through [mobile administrative services](#) and also to analyse and address current gaps in social care services with a 'build forward better' approach.

As a key partner of the Ministry of Digital Transformation, UNDP provides [continuous support](#) to the expansion and digitalization of essential and priority public services. Since the onset of the war, we supported the registration of 1.4 million internally displaced persons on the flagship [Diia platform](#) and helped develop 13 new digital solutions for [key public services](#), including support structures for physical and mental health needs.

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## EMERGENCY WORKS FACILITATING RETURN AND RECONSTRUCTION

Attacks on energy infrastructure have left **10 million people without electricity**. With the onset of winter, providing energy and heating to the wider population will be critical to avoid a fresh wave of displacement and increased humanitarian needs.

UNDP is actively supporting energy security, with work ongoing to restore energy supply to critical public facilities (including hospitals, fire and police stations), through provision of energy equipment, water supply and heating. We support **energy efficiency initiatives**, contributing not only to immediate response and winterization needs, but also setting the trajectory for green recovery.

UNDP's interventions in **assessing the presence of explosive devices and procuring debris removal and recycling** are also critical for safe and environmentally conscious returns that support a circular economy and the rapid recovery of affected communities. Once completed, our work in Kyiv oblast will create safe access for over 1 million people.



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## INCOMES, LIVELIHOODS AND PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONSE

Due to the effects of the war, Ukraine expects a 39 percent contraction of the GDP in 2022. **Ukraine's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)**, which employ over 7 million people and are crucial for economic sustainability at the local level, are the hardest hit. UNDP's strong relationships with business organizations has made it possible to engage with over 10,000 MSMEs with business support services during the war.

In addition, UNDP is helping relocated businesses, particularly those run by women and vulnerable groups, to resume operations in their host communities with market assessments, job creation projects, capital grants, and access to networks.



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## CIVIL SOCIETY AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SOCIAL FABRIC

The active role of civil society is crucial to promote inclusive participation and engagement in the recovery process. UNDP assists the Government, National Human Rights Institution (Ombudsperson), civil society and the people of Ukraine in advancing democratic policies and practices needed to accelerate progress on sustainable human development.

This work includes advocating for human rights and gender equality for all, supporting anti-corruption efforts, and empowering civil society and youth activists.



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