



Tetyana Medvid, Corus' GBV and protection expert in Ukraine, stands by the Corus Mobile Medical Unit, which provides health care to people living in previously Russian-occupied territories.

REPORT

# Humanitarian Response: War in Ukraine

## 2023 RESPONSE

To respond to the complex humanitarian crisis that emerged from the February 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, Corus International committed more than \$13 million to meet the short-term and early recovery needs of the most vulnerable in Ukraine and refugees in Poland. Our response included cash transfers, shelter support, non-food items (NFI) and food distribution, health care and psychological support services through primary care facilities and a mobile clinic, mainstreamed protection and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and mitigation, and expansion of the Ukrainian government's electronic platform for registering to receive aid.

In 2023, Corus organizations Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health continued much of this work in Ukraine's Western and Eastern regions and launched new early recovery livelihood programming, **reaching more than 50,000 Ukrainians**. As tensions and attacks on civilian infrastructure escalated, our programming focus shifted to the Eastern region, where extensive, collaborative relationships with local government, communities and local civil society organizations were established to further support operations on the front lines.

### 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- **1,624 extremely vulnerable families were supported with hot meals and shelter** across six housing centers (sanatoriums) over 12 months. This subsidy resulted in **295,117 bed/overnight stays**.
- **579 Ukrainians were hired** in full-time and part-time roles in housing centers, providing individuals with much-needed income.
- **5,500 farming families received food security and livelihood support**. We provided vegetable seeds and trainings on improved and adjusted farming practices, accounting for mine contamination of fields.



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- **500 farmers received chickens and farming tools** to restore their destroyed farms as well as **543 mentoring sessions in poultry and plant production**.
- **155 farming micro-grants were issued** with a 20% co-financing requirement, enabling farmers to restart production and provision of services.
- **More than 2,600 people received hygiene kits and basic medication** in the highly insecure Kharkiv region.
- **2 large emergency tents were provided to the State Emergency Services to shelter 350 evacuees** from the Kakhovka Dam explosion. The tents were used for 15 days and had to periodically be rolled up to safeguard the displaced from ongoing aerial attacks and shelling. In addition to clean and safe shelter, evacuees were provided with meals, NFIs, and psychological first aid.
- **3,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 quilts (blankets) were provided to evacuees** from the Kakhovka Dam explosion.
- **750 cubic meters of firewood were distributed** to the frontline and most affected communities, who were cut off from gas and other means of heating and cooking.
- **More than 250 tarpaulins, 250 cookstoves, 860 quilts and 860 hygiene kits were distributed** in the continuously under-attack Liptsy community.
- **43,443 medical services were provided to more than 12,400 patients across 36 settlements** in the Poltava, Kharkiv, Chernihiv and Sumy regions. The services included diagnostics, screenings, and prescriptions. The services were offered through Corus' Mobile Medical Unit, which is staffed with Ukrainian medical professionals. The program also provided training and accompaniment to overwhelmed health workers.
- **12,000 psychological and psychotherapy sessions were extended** to 9,636 patients.
- **More than 3,000 people attended GBV awareness sessions** and were trained on violence prevention and mitigation, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, case disclosure barriers and stigma, referral pathways, and other types of services for survivors.
- **6 housing centers (sanatoriums) conducted campaigns** to raise awareness about different types of GBV, referral systems and survivor-centric care options.
- **A "safe space" for women and girls was piloted** in the Lozova community in Kharkiv. The site hosted social events as well as reintegration and social rehabilitation activities, medical check-ups, and psychological support for more than 200 participants.



### Total NFIs

A total of 16,470 quilts, 17,130 hygiene kits, 970 wood cookstoves, 750 cubic meters of firewood, 450 tarpaulins for temporary roofing, and 810 school kits were distributed to critically affected families in Eastern Ukraine.



### The Corus Effect

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