

# UKRAINE

## Reconstruction and Recovery. Needs, projects, partners

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which started on 24 February, has caused widespread death, destruction, displacement and suffering, and left at least 17.6 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection.

They include 6.5 million internally displaced people, 6.9 million people who remain at their homes and 4.4 million returnees. The highest severity of needs is among people living in areas not under the Government of Ukraine's control and in areas directly affected by active hostilities (OCHA, December 2022).

The systematic destruction of civilian infrastructure, including energy infrastructure, has contributed to displacement and humanitarian needs. The war has had a profound impact on the country's infrastructure, and reconstruction and recovery efforts will require significant investment and resources.



**17.6 MILLION**

People in Need of Humanitarian Assistance in Ukraine, UN - January 2023



**5.4 MILLION**

People Internally Displaced Across Ukraine, IOM – January 2023



**\$138 BILLION**

The total amount of documented damage to Ukraine's infrastructure, KSE - January 2023



**136,000**

Civilian buildings were shattered and 50% of the energy infrastructure has been destroyed, CIVIC – February 2023



**8,709**

UN-Confirmed Civilian Deaths Resulting From the Conflict, OHCHR – May 2023

According to the Kiev school of Economics, the war has destroyed at least \$138 billion worth of buildings, roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, and over 800,000 homes.

The scale of destruction has led to a severe housing crisis, with 38% of residential units destroyed beyond repair (IOM, February 2023)

The war has also resulted in damage to over 800 health facilities (UNICEF, February 2023), and 3,500 educational institutions (GCPEA, February 2023).

Help is a mission of the international non governmental organization Help - Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe to Ukraine. It has been operating in Ukraine since 2021. The work of Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe aims at a long-term perspective. A crucial component of the organization's work is providing emergency aid in a crisis, helping people adapt to new circumstances, and maintaining decent living conditions.

The projects are financed by German Federal Foreign Office and private funds. Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe also receives the seal of approval from the German Central Institute for Social Affairs (DZI).

Help finds it vital to support and cooperate with local organizations considering localization one of its main principles of operation. The organization selects trustworthy local partners with similar values to carry out projects. For example, in cooperation with "District No. 1" and Repair.together organizations Help implemented several programs on rebuilding and reconstruction.





# RESULTS AS OF 2023

Help has been operating on Ukrainian territories since 2021

Help usually provides aid to communities actively involved in their territory's recovery or/and reconstruction. The organization tries to involve all the participants in the parts of the reconstruction activity, such as beneficiaries, and local governments. The initiative of humanitarian aid always comes from them, as Help's policy is that they can help only those people who want and need it.

## Reconstruction of 18 houses for locals in Nova Basan and Ivanivka

a list of all these people was received by local governments. They provide us with the most socially vulnerable categories of locals who really need our help.

## Construction of 17 houses for those IDP's who are ready to work in the community on the special vacancies

Hromada represents a list of vacancies (doctors, teachers, social workers etc), that can help this community to return to normal life and IDP's to integrate in the new community.

## One multi-story building in Irpin was restored by initiative from the Head of the homeowner's association.

It was damaged by a missile attack in Spring, 2022, and 2 upper stages were burnt and absolutely destroyed. Help has repaired this building to living conditions, and now 31 families (households) can live in their own homes.



Selection process of the beneficiaries is recently based on the community initiative but due to the open call, organization is also cooperating with "Diia" (Ministry of Digital Transformation), which can give Help more transparency about those people who will live in these houses.



Help is constructing 26 wooden barn houses using EU-sourced sustainable materials with eco-standards. This type of construction enables a quick-building process (1-2 months) using European construction standards.

- Sustainable materials:** Using wood from responsibly managed forests reduces the construction industry's carbon footprint.
- Energy efficiency:** Wooden structures provide excellent insulation, reducing energy costs for heating and cooling.
- Eco-standards:** Incorporating eco-friendly measures like energy-efficient heating and cooling systems and solar panels further reduces the environmental impact.
- Positive impact:** Supporting this project helps promote sustainable construction practices and benefits the local community.





### Cash for rent assistance

was provided to 1,525 households in Cherkaska, Zaporizka, Kirovohradka, and Kyivska Oblast, and an additional 3,000 households are planned to be supported. Moreover, in the initial stages of the war, 200 internally displaced persons (IDPs) received multipurpose cash assistance, and there are plans to support an additional 4,450 beneficiaries in need.



### Business support

There are plans to provide 557 business grants, facilitate business training sessions for 100 individuals, and implement professional vocational training for 50 individuals. Additionally, 10 community-based and 10 networking activities are going to be organized.



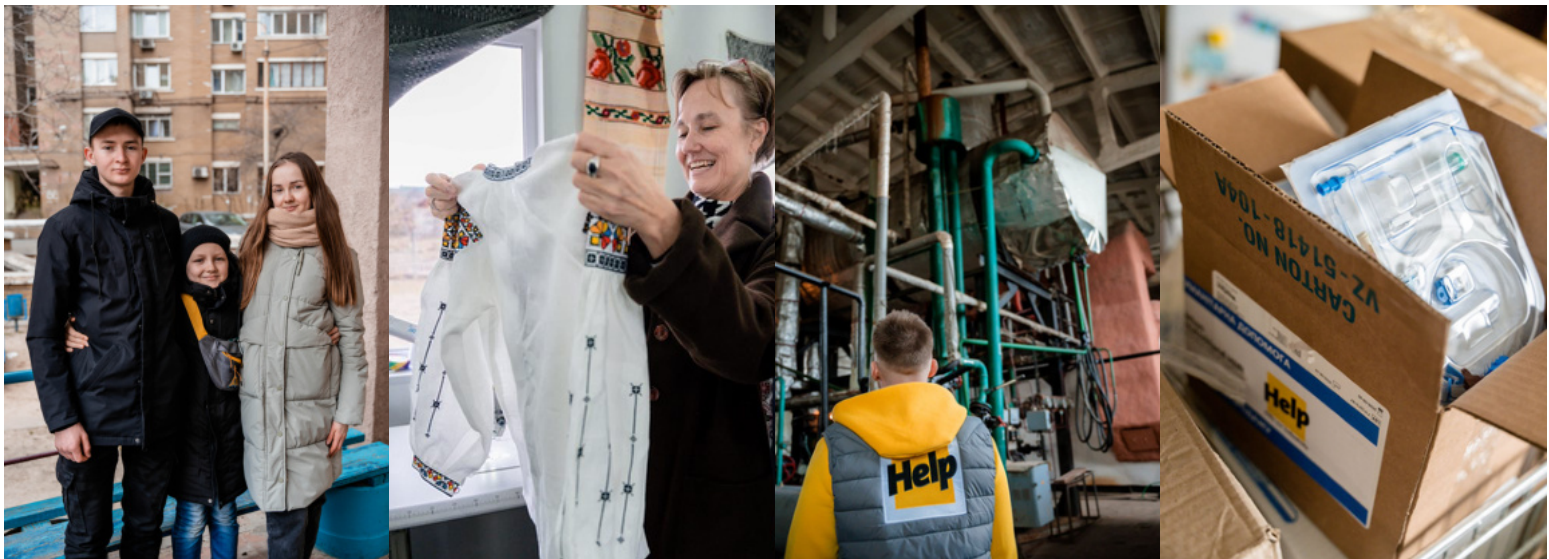
### Winterization

During the high-risk period of a power outage, 114 generators were distributed to social and medical facilities. In addition, over 1,000 individuals benefited from fuel cards donated for generators in social and educational institutions within Chernihiv Oblast. Furthermore, 81 households received heating appliances, including generators, fuel barrels, and wooden stoves, to alleviate their heating needs.



### Medical aid

Medical supplies and consumables were provided to 21 healthcare facilities as support.



## RAPID RESPONSE CONNECTED TO RECOVERY



Tragedy struck Uman on April 28, 2023, when a six-story apartment building was attacked by two rockets, resulting in 22 deaths, including six children, with nine apartments completely destroyed and 18 damaged.

In response, Help sprang into action. Within hours of the attack, Help conducted a Needs Assessment, outlining the first emergency actions aimed at mitigating the tragedy for the affected population. Help has an ongoing partnership with the local government through the implementation of several projects in the region, allowing quick start support actions with multipurpose cash assistance for 250 families, MHPSS support, and NFI support for shelters.

If the additional assessment will show a need Help plans to continue support by providing cash for rent support and connections to the organization's construction programs for IDPs.

# CONNECTING RECONSTRUCTION AND RECOVERY TO ADVOCACY



## Sustainable approach

Help ensures the sustainability of its recovery projects through close cooperation with local authorities and civil society.



## Construction

The innovative way of construction enables Help to conduct eco-friendly and quick-building processes.



## Social integration

Help conducts fair and transparent selection of beneficiaries and ensure the connect of the IDP families with the community.



## Legal aspects

Help is actively advocating for a transparent and clear transfer of tenure to beneficiaries.



**Help is working closely with Ukrainian think tanks and analytic centres to advocate for better regulatory framework of the recovery efforts**

Issues	Proposed interventions
The absence of a simplified allocation procedure for NGOs to "receive" land plots for building houses for individuals who have lost them due to a military conflict	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and the Law of Ukraine "On Land Management"
The absence of a simplified procedure for building houses on beneficiaries' land plots	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine", the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Planning Activities", and the Law of Ukraine "On Land Management"
The absence of a procedure for commencing construction for beneficiaries, at least on the beneficiary's land plot, without permit documents on a declarative principle	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Planning Activities"
The absence of a simplified procedure for commissioning restored or newly constructed property	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Planning Activities"
The need to remove responsibility for the restoration/construction of housing for affected persons without documents during the period of martial law and for a certain period after its termination	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Responsibility for Violations in the Field of Urban Planning Activities"
The absence of a mechanism for compensating for lost property to persons whose property has already been restored	To amend paragraph 6 of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 21, 2023, No. 381
Simplified or automatic commissioning of restored buildings	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine" and the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Development Activities".
A clear distinction between temporary and permanent buildings, clear step-by-step procedure for their commissioning	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Development Activities"
The inability of NGOs to be clients of restoration/construction works	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Development Activities"
Simplified or automatic approval of the start of construction	To amend the Law of Ukraine "On Regulation of Urban Development Activities"