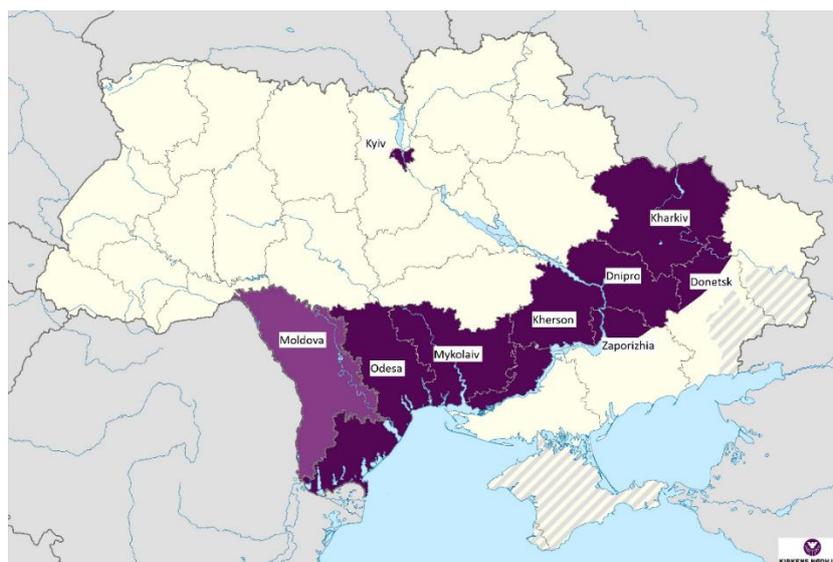


## NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID'S RESPONSE TO CRISIS IN UKRAINE



**The overall goal:** Enabling access to and provision of protection, humanitarian assistance and lifesaving aid to people affected by the war in Ukraine, according to humanitarian needs and in line with the humanitarian principles.

**Thematic areas:** GBV and MHPSS, WASH, MPCA, winterisation. The response is complementary with responses of our ACT sister organisations- DCA (mine action, shelter, MPCA, food, group cash) and HEKS (shelter, food, MPCA)

### Response modality:

- Implementation with national and local partners, associations, volunteer networks and communities.
- Operational response with HEKS-EPER and DCA, there where implementation with partners not possible (primarily in hard-to-reach areas)
- Implementation and coordination with national or local authorities and/ or national organisations and cluster coordination structures.

### Partners:

- ACT Alliance members- DCA (DanChurchAid), HEKS-EPER
- Local partners- Kindness and Love Foundation (WASH), Ukraine Mental Health (MHPSS/GBV), Way Home (GBV), Faith Hope Love (GBV/MHPSS), National Coalition Life Without Violence (Moldova, GBV), NGO National Centre for Training, Assistance, Counselling and Education in Moldova (CNFACEM) (Moldova, GBV and counter-trafficking)
- Other stakeholders- for example Vodokanal, Social Development Center of Kramatorsk, other authorities.

### Results (until 31.10.2023):

Through a coordinated response with international and national partners and local stakeholders, NCA has been able to assist **more than 250 000 people** in need in collective shelters and affected urban and rural sites, including frontline and de-occupied areas across 7 oblasts (Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Donetsk).

### Plan for 2024 (from 1.11. 2023):

The planned response is designed to reach **approximately 330,000 people** in conflict affected, de-occupied and frontline areas, across **eight Oblasts (Mykolaiv, Kherson, Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Odesa, Donetsk and**

**Kyiv).** In addition, NCA will target an estimated 10,000 beneficiaries in Moldova, including both Ukrainian refugees and vulnerable host populations, with GBV and protection activities.

### **Current and planned key activities:**

#### **WASH**

- Repair, rehabilitation and maintenance of **drinking water supply** infrastructure
- Direct procurement and donation of equipment and supplies to municipalities for supporting and maintaining the functionality of **public water utilities and services**, based on urgent needs in frontline communities.
- **Provision of new drinking water infrastructure** in conflict affected areas, to accommodate for increasing demand, due to displacement, and in cases where existing critical water infrastructure has been damaged beyond repair.
- Provision of **temporary drinking water supply and distribution** during system damage and failure periods.
- Repair and maintenance of **gas and technical water systems for non-drinking purposes** (e.g., **district heating, irrigation**), to especially support winterization.
- Complementary distribution of menstrual hygiene management (**MHM**) kits and incontinence management supplies (e.g., adult diapers), targeting women and adolescent girls, elderly and people with disabilities.

#### **GBV/MHPSS**

- Integrated Mobile Teams providing **emergency SGBV case management and PSS activities**.
- Providing **access to the Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGGS)** in Odesa, Kramatorsk and Kharkiv and services provided in the centre such as SGBV case management, individual and group PSS sessions, recreation, and empowering activities and health care services. Distribution of dignity kits, and or/cash assistance to women, adolescent girls and SGBV survivors. Provision of awareness raising on SGBV and gender inequality through WGSS. Psychosocial activities in the centers.
- Conducting **outreach activities** for women, girls, boys and men, creating IEC materials to increase awareness, engage them in life skills programs and information sessions that can support their recovery and adaptation including SGBV and anti-trafficking.
- **MHPSS activities for women, girls, boys, and men focused on healing and recovery** using a digital innovative tool which will focus on adolescent and parent emotional wellbeing. The tool will seek to respond to the anxiety and depression experienced by adolescents.
- In Moldova, NCA will seek to **strengthen community protection mechanism** to reduce the incidence of SGBV and address the root cause of SGBV in Moldova. Women's organising efforts have been leading the way in SGBV prevention in Moldova. To maintain this and build on this success, NCA will be supporting the feminist movements ongoing advocacy and policy work in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Moldova.
- Mobile teams providing **structured PSS activities**, life skills and peer-to-peer groups for adolescent girls. Facilitate **access and referrals** for specialised MHPSS services.
- **Integrated teams with protection officers embedded within Mine Action teams**.
- **Facilitation of training on SGBV Case Management, Referral Pathway for the SGBV service providers, SGBV guiding principles and SGBV core package and services**, etc.

#### **NCA Added Value:**

- NCA's longstanding experience with delivering principled humanitarian responses in conflict, post-conflict, and protracted crises.
- NCA as multi-mandated organisation working in humanitarian and development context.
- Ukrainian professionals, institutions and organizations are lacking knowledge and experience in delivering humanitarian response, practicing humanitarian principles, working in conflict zones and with people traumatized by war. The seconded experts are working closely with national experts and staff, building their capacity to take on leading roles in later phases of the response.