

# Rapid assistance for people in need

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REBUILDING UKRAINE TO BE FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is causing suffering and destruction across the entire country – more than 14.5 million Ukrainians depend on assistance. Massive bombardments have damaged or destroyed hospitals, schools and other public institutions, particularly in areas close to the front line. Large parts of the population are traumatised and require protection. As a result, there is a high need for medical, psychological and psychosocial support. On behalf of the German Government, the EU and other donors, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports Ukraine in securing the provision of services to the population across the country.

Together with its Ukrainian partners, GIZ works to strengthen the resilience of individuals and Ukrainian society. There is a particular focus on the population groups that are affected most by the impacts of the war, such as children, women, the elderly, people with disabilities, internally displaced people and veterans.

For instance, GIZ is supporting municipalities that are directly impacted by the war in repairing and reconstructing schools, hospitals and housing. It provides relief goods such as generators, repair vehicles and solar panels so that municipalities that are particularly affected by the destruction of the energy infrastructure can maintain their education and health care services. In this way, around 200 health care facilities have been able to continue operating since Russia's war of aggression began, for example. Furthermore, Ukrainian civil society organisations are receiving financial support to

provide urgently needed assistance for the population in areas close to the front line.

Demands on health care provision have changed as a result of Russia's war of aggression, too. GIZ is responding to the increased number of war-related injuries, for example by setting up the country's largest orthopaedic technology centre for the production of prostheses and orthoses in Lviv. The neighbouring hospital was also provided with equipment for diagnostic and rehabilitation medicine. In 2023 alone, around 1.7 million people received medical care with support from GIZ. In addition, there is close cooperation with civil society organisations across the country to provide psychosocial support for children, internally displaced people and veterans. More than 300,000 people have already benefited from this since the beginning of 2022.

GIZ also supports host communities that are reaching their limits due to large numbers of internally displaced people, for example by providing accommodation. Around 160,000 internally displaced people and residents of host communities received assistance including housing and medicines in 2023 through this support.

At a societal level, GIZ works with Ukrainian civil protection mechanisms and local fire services. For example, it procures special equipment such as emergency vehicles, fire-fighting robots and protective clothing for rescue personnel, and thus contributes to ensuring that cities, towns and villages can provide rapid assistance to the population when bombings occur.



## Health care with specialists



**DMYTRO**  
Orthopaedic technology specialist

The number of war wounded in Ukraine is increasing rapidly and with it the need for prostheses for veterans and civilians with disabilities. This is where the UNBROKEN centre in Lviv comes in. UNBROKEN is a rehabilitation facility that has a centre for orthopaedic technology in addition to a hospital and is supported by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Dmytro, an internally displaced person from Kharkiv, received training at the UNBROKEN centre to become a specialist for lower limb prostheses. He has been employed at the centre on a regular basis since September 2023: 'I always wanted to help people. When the war began, it turned out that this was exactly where I was needed. Because there are a lot of military personnel and also civilians with amputations as a result of the war who require prostheses. Often, their injuries are caused by mines and explosives, but also by traffic accidents, oncological diseases and electric shocks. Our patients motivate me in my work because they are strong and do not give up.' Dmytro is one of 60 specialists that have been trained as orthopaedic technicians at the UNBROKEN centre to date. They produce up to 1,200 prostheses and orthoses per year.

## At a glance

<b>Area of intervention</b>	Resilient society
<b>Objective</b>	Strengthening the resilience of the Ukrainian population at an individual and societal level – through rapid assistance in the areas of health care, education and psychosocial support in addition to maintaining and rebuilding infrastructure.
<b>Priority areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health care and social services</li> <li>• Mental health and psychosocial support</li> <li>• Civil protection</li> <li>• Maintenance and reconstruction of infrastructure</li> </ul>
<b>Commission volume</b>	EUR 180 million
<b>Commissioning parties/financiers</b>	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), EU
<b>Partners</b>	Ukrainian ministries, municipalities, civil society partners



### GIZ Ukraine

In its role as a highly effective implementing organisation, GIZ is supporting Ukraine's efforts to begin rebuilding the country. The focus is on building municipal and social infrastructure, ensuring reliable energy supplies and strengthening the Ukrainian economy. At the same time, GIZ is supporting the country on its path towards EU accession. It is providing advice on necessary reforms and driving the modernisation of public administration. Its decades-long record of cooperation and a partner network spanning the entire country mean that GIZ is well placed to offer tailored support that is both forward-looking and responsive to citizens' needs. Around 560 staff work for GIZ in about 45 projects in Ukraine.

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