



## Development support for Ukraine

### *BMZ contribution to the engagement of the German government (as at February 2023)*

The **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)** has reacted quickly and effectively to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, using the full range of instruments at its disposal. **Since the beginning of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine in February 2022**, the BMZ has made available **some 652 million euros** to support Ukraine. The BMZ can rely here on established partners and draw on 21 years' experience of development cooperation with Ukraine. The projects are being implemented in particular via the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (**GIZ**) and the KfW Group (**KfW**), and also in collaboration with the **EU**, the **United Nations** and the **World Bank**. **Municipal partnership work and cooperation with civil society** are further important elements of our engagement in Ukraine.

### *Emergency support after the beginning of the war in February 2022*

The BMZ's emergency support programme for Ukraine, which was set up after the start of the Russian invasion on 24 February, is endowed with a total of **185 million euros**. The **priority areas** of the programme include procuring accommodation for **internally displaced persons**, support for **municipalities** and for **civil protection**, and providing **medical supplies**. The BMZ is contributing towards **mitigating the impacts of the war for the population** and securing **basic services** (incl. water, sanitation, health and energy supply) for the population – especially for displaced families and other vulnerable population groups.

### *Medium-term support since summer 2022*

The emergency programme, which was set up as a crisis response, was expanded in the second half of 2022 to include the goal of stabilising Ukraine and assisting the country in **coping in structural terms** with the dramatic economic and social impacts of the acute war situation. At the Ukraine Recovery Conference in Lugano in early July 2022, Federal Minister Svenja Schulze pledged additional funding to be used to continue providing support for Ukraine, including a further **406 million euros** from the BMZ's budget. These funds will be used to support **central and local government structures** in particular as they strive to provide for **internally displaced persons** and keep **basic public services** running.

### *Paving the way for reconstruction and recovery*

Rebuilding Ukraine will be a mammoth task. It is important to make sure, now, that the right course is taken. For the German government, the BMZ is working at bilateral and international level to ensure that reconstruction efforts in Ukraine are **partnership-based, sustainable, inclusive and reform-oriented**. In order to make the transition from the quick-impact measures of the first few months to the first steps of reconstruction, Development Minister Svenja Schulze, during her trip to Odessa on 19 January 2023, committed **52 million euros** for strengthening communities, health care services and energy supply.



## What is the BMZ doing specifically?

### *Examples from the BMZ emergency programme since February 2022*

#### → We are supplying Ukraine with **life-saving equipment**.

- The first deliveries of protective clothing, respiratory protective devices and fire extinguishers were already handed over to our Ukrainian partners on the eighth day of the war. Since then other equipment has followed, including about 40 firefighting and search-and-rescue vehicles, 1,700 respiratory protective devices, firefighting helmets and masks, tools and equipment, and fire hoses.
- Since February 2022, together with the EU and other donors, we have been supplying urgently needed equipment to Ukrainian municipalities that had been receiving assistance for implementing administrative reforms from us before the start of the war. Goods have been transported from Poland to Ukraine by road using 156 heavy goods vehicles. These goods include 2,430 generators that local authorities can use to set up public “warming centres”, for example.
- A consignment of 900 first aid kits was delivered to 19 partner municipalities, while 38 communities received hygiene products and items for personal care.

#### → We are creating **accommodation** for people who have been displaced.

- Via a project with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), accommodation is being created for at least 7,000 internally displaced persons in Ukraine. To do this, shelters are being refurbished, public buildings are being converted for use as accommodation and pre-fabricated buildings are being erected.
- In Lviv and Chernivtsi we are supporting efforts to provide supplies and accommodation for internally displaced persons, e.g. in 55 student halls belonging to vocational training schools. So far, 22,000 units of baby food, 5,500 pillows, 4,000 mattresses, 1,500 blankets and 1,500 folding beds have been delivered to the halls.

#### → We are offering **psycho-social counselling** for displaced persons – especially for women and children.

- Since the start of the war, 3,300 psycho-social counselling sessions have been provided for staff in social and medical facilities (shelters, hospitals).
- At the same time, measures are being implemented to strengthen the resilience of both internally displaced persons and the inhabitants of host communities – e.g. by offering psychotherapy and short vocational training schemes.

#### → We are strengthening the **infrastructure** in Ukraine.

- Through German development cooperation we are supporting the rehabilitation of the electricity network and also the infrastructure for water, education and housing.
- This means, in concrete terms, for example: Together with Plan International we are rehabilitating or refurbishing child-friendly social and physical infrastructure (schools, libraries, kindergartens and youth centres) in four administrative districts. With these activities we are reaching about 38,000 people; around 80 per cent of them are youth between the ages of 14 and 18, and more than half of them are female.



- We are also working with arche noVa in the liberated areas in northern Ukraine to make living accommodation fit to be used again and to rebuild infrastructure. These measures are directly benefiting 24,500 people, more than half of whom are women.

→ **We are helping to improve access to education.**

- We are supporting education institutions and are also providing additional educational offerings for internally displaced persons.
- A total of 21 newly developed online training courses have helped make it possible for vocational training schools to continue offering classes.
- More than 2,000 trainees have taken part in interactive online learning cafes, including 1,000 internally displaced persons. Half of them were girls and young women.
- Careers seminars, advice on how to continue studying, and training courses have been offered to more than 400 young people.
- There are also offers for unemployed adults. For 1,000 such adults, further training in IT is currently being offered.

→ **We are helping to ensure the provision of health care and social services.**

- In collaboration with of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), numerous communities are receiving assistance to help them provide improved social services. Thanks to these measures, 4 million children affected by the conflict and their families are to be given support.
- In addition, together with Caritas, we are making 5 social centres available, which will serve about 23,000 people. Apart from that, 15 hospitals and health centres have received surgical equipment, and 34 social and medical facilities have received rehab equipment. In addition, 55 medical and social facilities received additional equipment to help them through the winter months and beyond.
- As part of several German-Ukrainian clinic partnerships, medicines and surgical equipment are being provided for clinics in various regions of Ukraine (incl. Kyiv, Lviv and Kharkiv) and training is being carried out.

***Examples from our medium-term support for Ukraine since summer 2022***

→ **We are taking from the Ukrainian government some of the burden of supporting people who have been displaced and of maintaining essential services for its citizens.**

- The BMZ has made available 200 million euros that the Ukrainian government is using to support children and adults who have been displaced from their homes. This amount corresponds to the assistance for more than 3 million people for one month.
- In addition, we have provided an amount of 50 million euros for an international aid fund managed by the World Bank. This will facilitate the continuing employment of Ukrainian teachers, for example.

→ **We are supporting German-Ukrainian municipal partnerships.**

- We are supporting more than 120 German-Ukrainian municipal partnerships via advice and the funding of assistance, and by providing platforms for exchange. For example, we have made available an additional 5 million euros for the procurement of urgently needed goods (medicinal products or vehicles).



- In addition, we are supporting water utility partnerships where German municipal water supply utilities are standing by their Ukrainian partners to help secure water supplies.

→ We are supporting **small and medium-sized enterprises**.

- With the funds provided as transitional development assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises, damage caused by bombing can be repaired and we can help to make sure that businesses survive and jobs are not lost.
- Companies from critical production sectors are also being supported, so that for example the availability of metal roofs, doors and windows can be improved.
- Just via one GIZ programme, roughly 300 companies have so far received a total of 1.5 million euros.

→ We are strengthening **democratic and civil society structures**.

- We are strengthening the work of the political foundations so that they are able to continue working in and outside Ukraine under the now changed conditions.
- Promoting Ukrainian media centres and supporting media companies and regional creators of media content is of key importance. On the one hand for the purpose of providing information for volunteer centres, internally displaced persons and partner schemes, on the other hand in order to counteract the spread of fake news.

→ We are working closely with **international partner organisations**.

- By increasing our voluntary core contributions, we are making it possible for international organisations to continue their ongoing programmes and activities in Ukraine and the region in response to the global social and economic impacts, and be able to react quickly.
- We are working with the World Bank, UNICEF, IOM, UN Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Food Programme (WFP).
- This means, in concrete terms, for example: Through our funding for the UNICEF fund Education Cannot Wait, we want to make it possible for children and young people to have a safe learning environment and psychosocial support. In addition, we are making funding available to UNDP, for example, so that the Ukrainian government's emergency management can be continued, and to UN Women so that information and counselling can be provided that meets the specific needs of Ukrainian women and girls.



## *Paving the way for reconstruction and recovery*

→ We are working to advance a sustainable reconstruction and recovery at the **national and international level**.

- BMZ State Secretary Jochen Flasbarth was appointed by Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz as Senior Government Representative on the Multi-agency Donor Coordination Platform for Ukraine for G7 coordination of reconstruction efforts. The platform coordinates civil support and preparation of reconstruction efforts in Ukraine.
- With the German Platform for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, which is currently under preparation, the German government provides a platform for actors from civil society, the private sector and academia, and local authorities in Germany to find information about reconstruction in Ukraine, channel their efforts and network with each other.
- As regards the priorities of our work, we are focusing on the ecological transformation of the economy and sustainable infrastructure rehabilitation, strengthening Ukrainian civil society, rule of law, the continuation of decentralisation efforts and the fight against corruption.

→ We are continuing to strengthen **Ukrainian communities** through the provision of **material, training, and support in the delivery of basic services – including for internally displaced persons**.

- We are continuing to provide support with regard to alternative energy supply as power lines and power stations are still under Russian attack. This kind of quick-impact support remains important and is the basis of our ongoing and future longer-term projects and programmes.
- Building on these measures, we are continuing to strengthen communities and staying focused on municipal rescue services. In this context, we are planning to provide further support with regard to equipment.
- Efforts to expand capacities for the production of prostheses in Ukraine, which were started by the German government in 2022, will be continued and scaled up. Training and further training of skilled staff in Ukraine plays an important role in this regard.
- The support reaches both Western Ukraine, for instance Lviv and Chernivtsi, and regions situated more in the east as well as areas that have been liberated from Russian troops.

→ **Further commitments and funds will follow in 2023** for continuing collaboration with **cities and municipalities and strengthening areas that are important for reconstruction and recovery, such as energy efficiency, economic development or vocational training**.