

**ALLIANCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH:**  
**response to challenges caused by Russian aggression against Ukraine:**  
**humanitarian aid**  
*(situational report as of 08.04.2022)*

**Executive Summary:**

**APH has modified its activities to address humanitarian needs and provide emergency support in the context of Russia's war against Ukraine.**

Since the first days of the war APH has been regularly sending **Humanitarian convoys** for transporting aid, medications and civilians:

- **more than 140 tons of cargo have been transported**
- **hundreds of people from the most affected regions have been evacuated, and dozens of wounded** taken to safety.

**Transportation of OAT drugs** to 19 healthcare facilities in six oblasts:

- **APH has delivered more than 970,000 tablets of OAT drugs procured by the MoH of Ukraine**
- **We have also delivered 120,850 tablets of OAT drugs procured by APH**

To address humanitarian needs, APH endorsed **adjusting activities of partner organizations:**

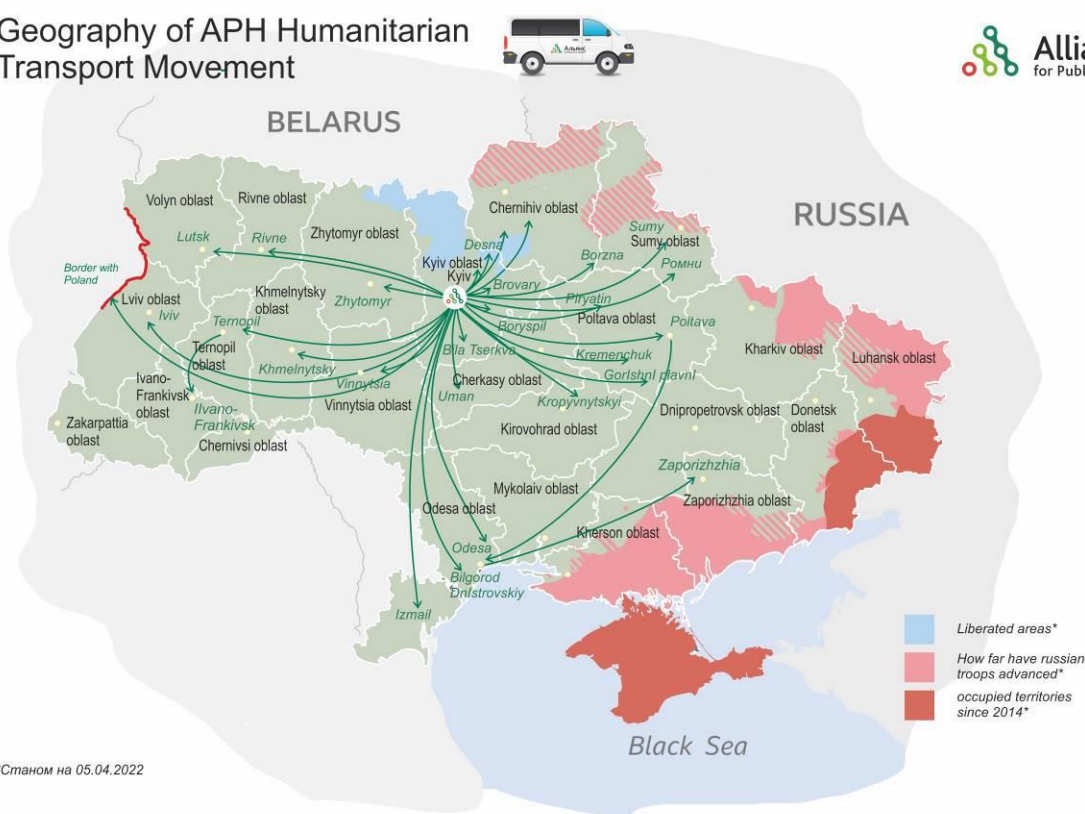
- **Food packages for patients (OAT, TB)**

**HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS**



APH has decided to use its **mobile ambulatories** to meet pressing humanitarian needs, including evacuation of the most vulnerable populations and delivery of food and medicines.

## Geography of APH Humanitarian Transport Movement



The minibuses work virtually 24/7 delivering **humanitarian goods** (medicines including ART and anti-TB drugs, medical devices, food, power generators, etc.) from Lviv to dedicated warehouses in Kyiv, and further distribute them to end users (**healthcare facilities, childcare facilities, territorial communities affected by fighting etc**)

APH's humanitarian convoy minibuses also took part in **evacuation of the population from Irpin, Bucha, Gostomel, Vyshhorod district** and from hard-to-reach areas of Kyiv to the railway station.



Humanitarian convoy car at Okhmatdyt Hospital



Evacuation of the population from Irpen

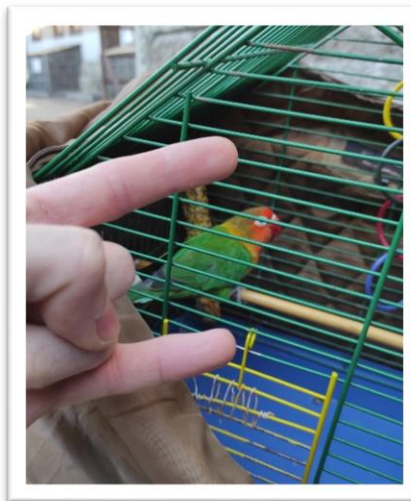
From March 23 to April 06, **nine** humanitarian convoys were organized on the routes **Kyiv-Lviv-Kyiv** and **Kyiv-Lutsk-Kyiv** delivering more than **140** tons of goods. Each convoy included at least **10** vehicles; altogether, **15** vehicles are used delivering goods all around Ukraine (*please see the map above*). The main cargo is medications, bandage materials, hygienic goods, food, and clothes. Recipients include hospitals from Kyiv (in particular, Okhmatdyt, Central Military Hospital, and the National Cancer Institute), Brovary, Chernihiv, Kozelets, Kharkiv and dozens of other places. At the same time, upon requests from public institutions and companies, we have been evacuating medical equipment, materials and other goods from Kyiv.

*'They are mad. They leave in the middle of the night and drive to Lviv to load up in the morning and, as it gets dark, start for Kyiv. Then they spend a night at home and again go to deliver aid for all in need. This is a story about those who are not fighting at the frontline, but still do something vitally important. A story about those who will have a good answer when their children or grandchildren ask them: what were you doing during the war? The war will be won by the army whose home front workers say they will catch up on sleep after victory is won'*

Oleksandra, volunteer



Sometimes the convoy buses had to carry internally displaced animals. Pets like dogs and cats, even parrots are hardly surprising, but once we transported bears from private zoo!



Our humanitarian convoy (video):

<https://www.facebook.com/100001678266507/videos/469865268217773/>



## Supporting vulnerable populations



APH is responding to the needs of key populations who are now in a dire need of humanitarian aid.

For example, our partner organization, Club Eney, thanks to APH's initiative, received a shipment of humanitarian goods for drug-dependent clients who are currently living in extreme deprivation. Our committed position is not to leave people from our communities behind.

## Delivering OAT drugs

Since March 28, the APH in coordination with the Ukrainian Public Health Center has started delivering OAT drugs to healthcare facilities on government-controlled territories. We have been distributing both drugs procured by the APH and supplied by the MoH of Ukraine.

**We have delivered more than 970,000 tablets of OAT drugs procured by the MoH of Ukraine.**

**We have also delivered the following drugs procured by the APH:**

- METAFIN® IC (5 mg, 10 mg, 25 mg) — total of **60,050** tablets
- BUPREN® IC (0.002 g, 0.008 g) – total of **60,803** tablets

**Territory and scope of deliveries of OAT drugs transported by APH's humanitarian vehicles:**

### ***Odesa oblast:***

- Odesa City AIDS Center — 274,500 tablets
- Bilhorod-Dnistrovskyi City Multidisciplinary Hospital — 15,600 tablets
- Izmayil Town Central Hospital — 48,300 tablets
- Primary healthcare center no. 3, Odesa — 13,000 tablets
- City Psychiatry Dispensary, Odesa — 63,900 tablets

### ***Poltava oblast:***

- Poltava Oblast Dependency Treatment Center — 225,000 tablets
- Pyriatyn Central Rayon Hospital — 11,500 tablets
- Primary healthcare center, Horishni Plavni — 82,300 tablets

### ***Sumy oblast:***

- Oblast Clinical Health Center for Socially Dangerous Diseases — 5,200 tablets
- Sumy Oblast Specialist Clinical Hospital — 21,600 tablets



- Shostka Central Rayon Hospital — 32,000 tablets
- Konotop Central Rayon Hospital — 51,000 tablets
- Buryn Central Rayon Hospital — 500 tablets
- Lebedyn Central Rayon Hospital — 6,900 tablets
- Seredyna-Buda Central Rayon Hospital — 58,500 tablets
- Krolevets Central Rayon Hospital — 600 tablets

***Ternopil oblast:***

- Ternopil Oblast Health Center for Socially Dangerous Diseases — 19,000 tablets

***Ivano-Frankivsk oblast:***

- Prykarpattia Narcologic Center — 29,600 tablets

***Zaporizhzhia oblast:***

- Oblast Psychiatry Care Clinic — 3,030 tablets

Now, thousands OAT patients will have supplies of drugs for a long period, which is critical during the upheavals of war. These activities follow the Order of the MoH of Ukraine dd. 08.03.2022 no. 433 'On Supplying Drugs Procured with the Funds of the State Budget of Ukraine for 2021 for People with Mental and Behavioral Disorders due to Use of Opioids, Who Receive Treatment with OAT Drugs in the Time of War'. The activities have been agreed with the Minister of Health, Viktor Liashko, and are controlled by a deputy Minister.

**ON THE ROAD**







**Support the humanitarian convoys! See bank details at the end of the report.**

Unfortunately, delivering humanitarian goods is extremely risky. On March 30, humanitarian partners of APH suffered a tragic loss. One of the mobile ambulances given to the partner organization was engaged in evacuating civilians from Chernihiv oblast and delivering vital humanitarian goods when it came under intense fire. Three volunteers from the team died on the spot. Our partner organization, Network 100% Life reported the names of the volunteers: Bogdan Stefanyshyn, Oleksiy Antonov and Anastasiya Tagirova.

**May they rest in peace. Glory to the heroes**



APH supported **the request of Kharkiv Zaitsev Institute of General and Urgent Surgery to receive medical drugs and supplies for patients.** There is very limited stock of medications in pharmacies in Kharkiv, which has been under Russian attack for weeks, while needs at the hospital are also growing due to the arrival of victims of shelling both in Kharkiv and in conflict areas in the east and south.



Zaitsev institute clinic staff sent a list of required medications to APH, which reached out to Lviv Oblast State Administration health unit. The unit collected medical goods and supplies from available humanitarian aid and gave them to Kharkiv. Volunteers from Kharkiv were able to send medications and medical supplies to the city where they are now available to patients.

### **Success story: delivering OAT drugs in Cherkasy oblast**

In early March, social workers in Cherkasy oblast informed us that OAT clients from towns in the oblast keep asking them why their doses are being reduced. To clarify the situation, the head of our OAT programme personally called all OAT sites in the oblast and learnt that the situation was close to critical. Some rayon centers that had run out of the drug were continuing to provide prescriptions for patients to buy it, but there was no methadone left in drugstores either, so clients had to try and find the drug themselves. Buprenorphine was still available, but not all the patients were willing to switch to it.



The problem was raised at oblast level during a meeting with the chief physician of Cherkasy Oblast Narcological Dispensary (ChOND). The only possible solution was to deliver the drugs ourselves, as conventional logistical channels are not working. APH's partner organization CO 100% Life Cherkasy agreed to use APH's mobile ambulatory to deliver the drugs to the oblast from a warehouse in Vyshhorod, despite the risks. The narcological dispensary provided all the necessary documents; we also obtained a permit for movement for the mobile ambulatory around Ukraine in the period of active martial law. At the first opportunity, the bus travelled to Vyshhorod and took the drug to the ChOND, which in turn, undertook responsibility for delivering it to healthcare facilities in the oblast. Through joint efforts and good coordination between CO 100% Life Cherkasy and ChOND, OAT patients have received a three-month supply of the drug.



## RESHAPING ACTIVITIES OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS: HELP AND SUPPORT FOR BENEFICIARIES

### OAT



*Photo: An OAT patient receiving a food certificate, Odesa*

Activities related to working with OAT patients (psychosocial support, PDI, transportation) have been **reshaped** considering the pressing needs of patients and personnel, and to support **extra activities**. PSS services are provided wherever possible and, in fact, to **many more patients than are now in the project**.



Additionally, OAT patients and their families are assisted in **evacuating to other regions/countries**; they also receive consultations on how to get OAT abroad, referrals to partner organizations in other regions, support in joining the OAT program for IDPs, help in finding lodging, **humanitarian aid** (food, food certificates, medicines); and, of course, psychological aid, with special attention and care being given to people with disabilities.

### STORIES FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS: Khmelnytskyi oblast



Khmelnytskyi oblast chapter of Charitable Organization All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV continues its work and is providing services to its clients. The situation has become critical for drug-dependent people with disabilities and OAT patients with limited mobility. In war time, they need help more than ever to survive. Their income has not changed, but inflation has really affected the prices of food and drugs.

A social worker and the head of the organization paid visits to clients to deliver food packages. We really appreciate the efforts of all social workers who keep working under constant pressure to provide help to those in need.

### Tuberculosis

Patients with TB require special support, as they need good nutrition, so the issue of humanitarian support becomes especially important during war. Partner organization **Social Initiative for Occupational Safety and Health**, thanks to APH's flexible response and **change of intended use of available funds** from the GF to humanitarian targets, has collected information about current humanitarian needs and organized procurement and shipment of the necessary goods. The aid is provided to both TB patients and vulnerable categories of the general population.

In **Donetsk oblast** (except Mariupol), we keep in touch with the social care coordinator every day to facilitate sending and receiving humanitarian aid and assess the needs. Families of IDPs and people in hard living conditions with children have been given food, infant formula, etc., in particular:

- Dobropillia — for the total amount of UAH 63,511.25; 1,004 kg of goods for 150 persons;
- Bakhmut — for the total amount of UAH 208,268.30; 1,610 kg of goods for 798 persons;
- Kramatorsk — for the total amount of UAH 20,401.70; 100 kg of goods for 100 persons, and, in addition, for the amount of UAH 150,000.00 — 1,224 kg of goods for 735 persons (this was re-purposed aid originally earmarked for Mariupol that could not be delivered because of the fighting).

Delivery to Luhansk oblast could not be made because of active fighting, so the goods were sent to Bakhmut instead.

In **Kharkiv**, work is being renewed: social workers are conducting screening and providing humanitarian aid. The humanitarian aid has been procured in three batches, and 500 food packages were prepared for different categories of clients of the project considering their family size, whether or not there are children, elderly people and people with TB. The total cost of each food package is UAH 350. It is expected that the region will receive the aid originally intended for

Kherson oblast which could not be delivered because the region has been occupied; the total cost of the batch is UAH 198,220 (foods, infant formula, children's diapers, and hygienic goods).

All the humanitarian aid planned and procured in March for **Luhansk oblast** (UAH 208,268) has been promptly repurposed and sent to Bakhmut. Towns of Luhansk oblast — Kreminna, Rubizhne, Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk — have been badly damaged, their infrastructure is in ruins; social workers can only provide humanitarian aid using the goods delivered in the first days of the war and the stocks are running low. Currently, it is impossible to deliver humanitarian aid to those towns.

In **Kyiv**, centers of social services are providing humanitarian aid and counseling to IDPs temporarily staying in Kyiv and further moving to other evacuation areas. Altogether, 2,045 tons of humanitarian goods for UAH 190,000 have been procured. Humanitarian aid has been purchased for 250 families in difficult situations from the city of Kyiv.

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A **TB case finding** project started in Lviv oblast in March. A significant part of the project involves provision of humanitarian aid. Because refugee shelters in Lviv are now overcrowded, our partner organization — Charitable Association All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in the city of Lviv — decided to create a shelter for temporary accommodation for internally displaced people. The shelter has been operating for two weeks; as of today, it houses 25 persons from Donetsk, Sumy, Zaporizhzhia oblast and the city of Mariupol. There are members of key populations too. Lviv has received 3.8 tons of humanitarian commodities (UAH 229,000) including mattresses, blankets and bed linen used to equip extra beds for 140 orphaned children and children in difficult life situations who have been evacuated to Lviv from Kyiv oblast.



### Supporting healthcare facilities

In coordination with the Alliance for Public Health, partner organization **Hromadske Zdorovya** (Poltava) working under the Healthlink project has purchased medications and transferred them to resuscitation and intensive care departments of Sklifosovsky Poltava Oblast Clinical Hospital, Poltava Military Hospital and other military facilities in Poltava city and Poltava oblast.

### Mobile ambulatories work in the regions

The office of our partner organization, Way Home (Odesa) has also become a humanitarian headquarters, using an APH mobile ambulatory to transport humanitarian cargo.

Personnel of the organization help to meet the basic needs of women with children forced to leave their native towns.



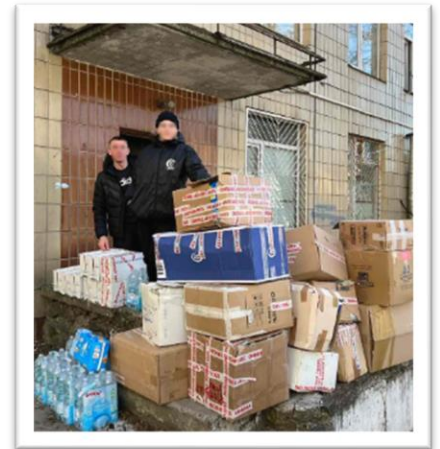
*Humanitarian aid delivered to Odesa*



## HUMANITARIAN AID IN THE REGIONS: stories from partner organizations of the APH

**All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization CONVICTUS UKRAINE (Kyiv)** continues implementing its projects during the war. In addition to its usual services, the NGO delivers food, personal protection equipment, psychological aid and counseling to doctors and vulnerable populations in the city of Kyiv and Kyiv oblast, in particular:

- helping people from at-risk groups (food, basic necessities, psychological aid and counseling, etc.);
- helping people in a critical situation caused by the war;
- taking care of PWID with disabilities;
- helping women from vulnerable populations affected by violence and suffering due to the war.



*'People from Convictus helped me before the war as well, so I was able to deal with my health problems; they helped me to start taking ART and learn how to live with HIV. Now, they come to our neighborhood and deliver food, hygiene goods, and medications, and I truly appreciate that. I struggle financially, and this aid is very important for me'. (Svitlana, 34).*

### **Civil society organization Club Eney (Kyiv):**

*'War is a constant struggle, 24/7, without days off; you need to always be at the ready, this is a continuous race for life, safety, health and support! When everyone is important, when there are no statistics or dry numbers, there are only humans, different people with different needs, scared people, hungry people, those who need drugs without which they cannot live, those who cannot go and buy food or medicines to take care of themselves and their families, their children; people who have lost their homes and have no food or means for living... Drug-dependent people now do not have even basic things.*

*We will not leave people from our communities behind. We provide harm reduction, support, food, hygiene goods.*

*In this dark hour, you can easily spot the light coming from those willing to help, who can put their own fear aside and come to the rescue to those less protected, less independent, scared and poor. Our social workers staying in Kyiv — 12 brave and daring men and women — keep on working; though there is a deficit of food and medicines in the city, there is war and we get warnings about attacks every day, our people take syringes, alcohol wipes, medications, and food and go to desperate clients waiting for them. We say thanks to our most reliable partner in all these 20 years — Alliance for Public Health — who are*



*always the first to come to help and ensure continuity of care for the most vulnerable populations, and even during the war do not forget about the needs of sex workers and people who use drugs. Thanks to them, more than 3,000 of our clients have received support — clean syringes, condoms, food, medicines, counseling and care; yet the most important thing was the feeling that they are not forgotten, they are not alone, and that we can win together! Battle on! We'll win our battle! God Himself will help us.'*

**CF Hromadske Zdorovya, Kryvyi Rih** staff is providing essential aid in all lines of work. The mobile ambulatory is still working to provide timely aid to clients who need it urgently. Case managers are always in touch with clients, even those who have been prescribed ART and whose cases have been closed. An important principle of work of the organization is 'We do not leave people from the communities behind, including those who cannot leave their home'. The organization delivers food to homes and provides psychological aid. Recently, there was an opportunity to help 20 clients who inject drugs; they received hygienic packages as an incentive.

Svitlana, a client of **Case management/CITI** – community-based treatment appreciates the work of her case manager: *'I have some problems with my health, and that is why I could not receive ART; besides, I was running out of food, and I live alone. Because of the war and constant air-raid alarms and remote explosions I started panicking. No-one came, no-one called, so I got very desperate. I decided to call Ihor, a case manager who helped me get registered with the site and start ART. Ihor agreed to help me. I was so happy when he came and brought my ART and food and moral support.'*

### **SUPPORT OUR HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS!**

Beneficiary: **International Charitable Foundation "Alliance for Public Health"**

EDRPOU Code: 26333816

Bank: JSC "CREDIT AGRICOLE BANK"

Current account: UA733006140000026004500347557

**Purpose of payment: Donation for humanitarian convoys**

**For natural persons:**

UAH - <https://send.monobank.ua/jar/7d1dUL7yVs>

### **Bank Details for Humanitarian Convoy (USD)**

Beneficiary: ICF "Alliance for Public Health"

Address: 24 Bulvarno-Kudriavska St., 01601 Kyiv, Ukraine

Bank name: JSC "Credit Agricole Bank"

Bank address: 42/4, Pushkinska St., Kyiv – 01004, Ukraine

SWIFT code: AGRIUAUKXXX

Account number: UA133006140000026005500198932

Correspondent bank name: Credit Agricole SA (France)

SWIFT code: AGRIFRPP

Account Number: 20586620000

Correspondent bank address: 12, place des Etats-Unis 92127 Montrouge Cedex, France

**Purpose of Payment: Donation for Humanitarian Convoy**

**For individuals payment (USD), please, use this card: 5375418801251364**

To support our emergency efforts, please donate any amount of money to the following accounts:

Beneficiary: International Charitable Foundation "Alliance for Public Health"

EDRPOU Code: 26333816

**UAH:**

Name of the bank: JSC "CREDIT AGRICOLE BANK"



Current account: UA713006140000026009500198916, Payment purpose: Charity.

**Details for foreign currency transfers**

Beneficiary: ICF "Alliance for Public Health"

Address: 24 Bulvarno-Kudriavska St., 01601 Kyiv, Ukraine

Bank name: JSC "Credit Agricole Bank",

Bank address: 42/4, Pushkinska St., Kyiv – 01004, Ukraine

SWIFT code: AGRIUAUKXXX

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**EUR:**

Account number: UA063006140000026000500198937

Correspondent bank details for EUR: Credit Agricole SA (France)

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**GBP:**

Account number: UA773006140000026008500198939

Correspondent bank details for GBP: Credit Agricole SA (France)

SWIFT code: AGRIFRPP, account number: 21185549000

Purpose of Payment: Donation.

**Together we are strong!**

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