



35%

Ukrainians have left their homes



1370+

healthcare facilities
have been damaged
or destroyed



people have received assistance from Alliance



57%

of new HIV positive cases in Ukraine have been detected within Alliance programs



representatives of key populations **have been screened for TB**, including IDPs and military personnel



47COUNTRIES

globally have been covered with #HelpNow online coordination service for Ukrainian KPs refugees

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military offensive on the territory of Ukraine. The shortest month of a year turned out to be the longest bloodshed of a year for Ukrainians and the entire civilized world. These 12 months of the large-scale war caused the largest

These 12 months of the large-scale war caused the largest migration movement in Europe since the World War II — 15 million Ukrainians have left their homes and became internally displaced persons (IDPs) or refugees; over 1,370 healthcare facilities in Ukraine have been destroyed or damaged by russian invaders, who are committing war crimes against the population denying civilians access to vital services and treatment, torturing and killing people. People living with HIV and TB, clients of programs supported by Alliance, social workers, and physicians are dying as a result of the war.

Since the early days of the war Alliance for Public Health (Alliance) has worked together with other civil society and community organizations, healthcare facilities, Ministry of Health, Public Health Center, and other government organizations to support people and keep the HIV and TB epidemics under control. And with joint efforts, we have succeeded!

During one year of the war, **4 times more people** have become Alliance beneficiaries than in previous years – **over 1 million Ukrainians!** Due to our cooperation with donors and partners, Alliance has delivered and handed **over 2,000 tons** of humanitarian and medical cargoes to more than **200 healthcare facilities** throughout Ukraine, including in the liberated areas of Kherson, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Sumy, and Chernihiv oblasts.

In this report, we present the most important findings resulting from the unique experience of a year of the indomitable struggle.













NEW REALITIES = NEW APPROACHES













covered with humanitarian services

HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

The integrated humanitarian response in the war and post-war reconstruction context project was launched in May 2022. The project envisages a significant expansion of the list of key populations provided with targeted comprehensive care. In addition to the populations that are most vulnerable to HIV, assistance is also provided to IDPs, families in difficult life circumstances, people with disabilities, elderly people, etc.

With joint efforts of Alliance and 27 regional NGOs, it was possible to deploy activities in 18 regions of Ukraine. 117,089 persons have been covered with various services. Humanitarian projects include:

- **19,229** humanitarian kits (food, hygiene, and medical products, goods for children);
- 8,501 certificates for purchase of food products, medicines, hygiene products, mobile communication account charging;
- 43,758 specialized consultations (social, medical, psychological, and legal ones) have been provided;
- 820 IDPs received funds to address their pressing problems;
- 2,119 persons have been evacuated and provided with temporary housing;
- 13 safe spaces (shelters) in various regions of Ukraine:
- 97 mini-projects initiated by teams of various communities from most regions of Ukraine, which have addressed issues of 52,550 individuals.

"SAFE SPACE" SHELTER

In early January 2023, in Lviv, Alliance launched its own «Safe Space" shelter. The shelter can accommodate 21 people at the same time, the average length of stay is 2 weeks. During January 2023, 49 people - including 16 children - used the shelter's services.

The woman, Yana, and her daughter Darya <u>became</u> the first residents of the shelter. At the beginning of the full-scale invasion, they went to Poland. Later they returned home to Zaporizhzhia. But the front line is very close to their home, shellings intensified and they were once again forced to leave home, fearing for their lives.

«When missiles fly from Tokmak, that's something hard to miss. At the moment, thank God, my house is still in place. But it's very scary,» said Yana Pavlovska from Zaporizhzhia. High-speed Internet is available in the shelter, which makes it possible for her to continue working remotely. She is a history teacher who teaches online classes to her students right from the shelter.

According to official data, all in all, russian troops have attacked civilian objects 60 times more frequently than

military ones. Infrastructure of front-line towns suffers the most from the shelling.

The shelter in the center of Lviv is special, it is a pilot project based on which general recommendations for provision of comprehensive services and the IDP reintegration program will be developed based on the shelters in Ukraine, which Alliance plans to launch in other cities as well.





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HUMANITARIAN CONVOYS

From the first days of the war, Alliance made the decision to involve mobile ambulatories that are on the balance sheet of the organization to organize the work to meet urgent humanitarian needs. Since March, 2022:

- **32** volunteer drivers and crew members have worked in the convoys.
- About **700** completed trips.
- More than 600 civilians have been evacuated from zones of hostilities.
- Almost 2000 tons of humanitarian and medical cargoes have been transported.
- The number of recipients is above **200 health** care facilities and humanitarian warehouses.
- Total mileage 1.3 mln km.









TARGETED ASSISTANCE TO THE MILITARY

Alliance has handed over to military doctors <u>two</u> <u>medical vehicles</u>, the money for which was raised at the #AIDS2022 international conference, 4 mobile clinics have also been provided for needs of the army.

A mobile clinic to diagnose TB, equipped with an X-ray machine and a sputum collecting room, performs special assignments in Vinnytsia region, supporting TB examination of the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Internal Affairs personnel. Alliance fully finances and supports operation of the mobile clinic: starting with fuel, maintenance, insurance to provision of equipment, consumables, and remuneration for the radiologist doctor.

During the year of the large-scale confrontation, 100+ state-of-the-art drones, 500+ sets of uniforms, shoes, and tactical equipment have been delivered to

defenders by means of Alliance's humanitarian convoy. Dozens of tons of vital medicines, medical equipment - including resuscitation and rehabilitation one - painkillers, hemostatic agents, tourniquets, surgical instruments, and consumables have been delivered to key military hospitals and support medical facilities, where lives are saved and defenders of Ukraine are brought back on their feet. 100+ bulletproof vests for National Guard and Armed Forces units, dozens of generators, Starlink systems, radio stations, etc. have been delivered.

Several hundred tons of food products have been delivered to the military close to the zone of active hostilities, including to Popasna, Bakhmut, Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, Izyum, Lyman, Kherson, and Nikopol.



HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO CITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE FAST TRACK INITIATIVE

Alliance supported Ukrainian cities participating in the Fast Track initiative (Odesa, Kryvyi Rih, and Dnipro) for them to receive medical and humanitarian aid in the situation of the war. APH held negotiations and delivered medical and humanitarian aid from Lviv Regional State Administration to Dnipro medical facilities, provided medicines, consumables, and medical equipment, a portable power plant to Dnipro healthcare institutions. In Kryvyi Rih, IDPs and KPs were provided with psychological and legal consultations, as well as support from family doctors and social workers; they also received food and hygiene kits, and support in the form of shelters. In Odesa, partners received tourniquets, hemostatic medical bandages, medicines, first-aid kits, and multi-tests for the Armed Forces of Ukraine.







Mobile clinics in the time of the war ensure uninterrupted provision of preventive services, especially in the regions that have faced destruction of the healthcare system and where it is problematic for clients to reach remote healthcare facilities.



With the support of the Global Fund and PEPFAR, 42,294 clients have been reached by 37 mobile clinics, which have held more than 109,000 visits for HIV/TB prevention and testing services.

Additional services that have been provided with Mobile Clinics:

- Evacuation of clients and NGO employees.
- Delivery of ART, PrEP, OST in order to prevent interruption of treatment and prophylaxis.
- Provision of humanitarian aid
- Transportation of clients and physicians to hospitals in war zones







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people who survived the occupation in Kharkiv region have used mobile medicine and humanitarian services — Mobile Treatment Points (MTP)

The mobile clinics have become true mobile treatment points! During the two months of operation in the framework of the new project, Alliance's mobile clinics have visited Vovchansky and Kupyansky Districts, Izyum and lots of other small villages in Kharkiv oblast that were lost on the map of the war. 5000+ people who survived the occupation have received advice of a general practitioner, they had the opportunity to have their cardiogram, measure their blood sugar level, and receive the required medication. 1,000 first aid kits for homes have been distributed, approximately 20 tons of warm clothes and blankets, food and hygiene products, children's toys and books, small stoves and sleeping bags will make the longest and hardest winter at least a little bit warmer for Ukrainians in de-occupied Kharkiv oblast.





"People from de-occupied territories - those who saw the war in their backyard, who were deprived of their habitual life by it - are somehow particularly movingly grateful for the care and help.

And we know for sure that we will not leave our people behind. That will we stand if every smallest village, every household, and every family stands strong behind the backs of our army. For this purpose, we continue collecting aid and bringing it to those who have no one but us.»



INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPPORT IDP AND REFUGEE CLIENTS AND PATIENTS

During the eleven months, from March 2022 till January 2023, more than 20000 requests were received via #HelpNowHUB from Ukrainians in 47 countries of the world and from the territory of Ukraine, which were also coordinated by #HelpNow Service, #HelpNowPL, #HelpNowDE, #HelpNowClinicalHUB,

as well as partner hubs in Moldova and the Baltic States, asylum services, and direct social support services. HelpNowHUB Services help Ukrainian refugees representing key populations access treatment-related information and support in host countries.



One of thousands of stories

Alina (name changed) left Mariupol on March 22, 2022, when it had turned into true hell. Her children had left the city earlier and she lost contact with them for a while. Fortunately, all of them were then found in Berdyansk. Then there was the long journey: Zaporizhzhia, then Lviv, and then Germany.

Alina has TB, she has been receiving treatment at home since 2010, and when she fled Mariupol, she did not have any medicines on her. «When I found myself in the refugee camp in Germany and they asked me about my illnesses and health status, I was just afraid to admit. We did not know anything at all - where to apply for documents, what was needed, where to go. Like blind kittens. I thought, won't they deport me if they find out about my disease? That's why I kept silent.»

But she needed the medicine, so the woman started looking for information. Her acquaintances gave her the contact number of #HelpNow telegram service, where Alina left her application. Then everything started moving quite quickly: she received contact information of the nearest doctor, as well as an interpreter. «I also would like to note importance of documents - I didn't have them on me, which made everything difficult at the very beginning. I contacted the service again and they helped me re-issue my certificate from Ukraine. Literally in a couple of days! Recently, my doctor from Mariupol called me and asked if I needed help or medicines, so I was happy to say that I already have everything I need.»





Alliance implements a project aimed at providing professional support for mental health of KP representatives affected by the war in Ukraine. The consultations are held by 2 psychologists and 3 psychiatrists. Of 805 psychological and 467 psychiatric consultations were provided on February 1, 2023. The most common issues of KPs are anxiety and depression (55%), problems in the family and with partners during the war (24%), loss of job, fear of death, death of relatives, apathy, and fear of mobilization.

Treatment of depression in patients with tuberculosis has shown its feasibility and necessity (video case)



WAR AND HIV. ALLIANCE'S RESPONSE: INTRODUCING, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINING CORE SERVICES



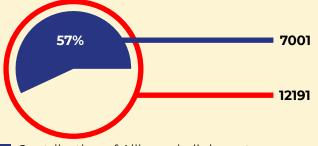
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Identification of new cases of HIV infection among vulnerable groups is a priority within Alliance's programs. Despite destruction of the heathcare infrastructure, during 2022, 156,000 clients from among KPs passed HIV rapid tests based on various models. 7,143 confirmed positive HIV cases were detected, and the average detection level was increased to 4.2% (compared to 3.4% in 2021). The largest share of those detected are PWIDs and their sexual partners - 69% of those detected.

7,001 persons from among KPs were registered for medical follow up - these are **57%** of officially registered HIV cases in Ukraine

New HIV+ cases linkage to care during the war: share of APH in overall country statistics



- Contribution of Alliance in linkage to care
- New registered cases of HIV infection in Uktaine

*Source: PHC MOH of Ukraine and SYREX data source

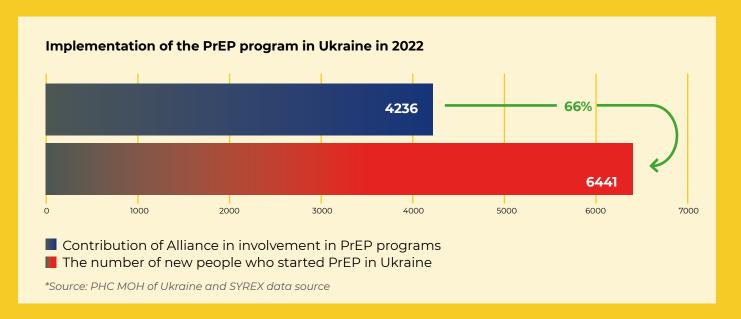
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Despite migration of service providers, doctors and clients fleeing the war, constant shelling and electricity shut downs in Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kirovohrad, Mykolaiv, Odesa, Poltava, Kherson, Cherkasy, Chernihiv, Kyiv oblasts and in the city of Kyiv, it turned out possible to maintain the scale of testing at the pre-war level and cover **92,635** clients with testing and counseling services, in Alliance (OCF GF) project, the number of tests among key population representatives increased by a quarter - to **20,222** (compared to 16,328 in 2021). Effectiveness of the case management intervention is also successfully maintained: 99% start on ART within Alliance (OCF CDC) project, in Alliance (OCF GF) project linking case management clients with ART increased from 79% to 91%.



of all new individuals included into the PrEP 66% (4236 persons) program were involved via Alliance's support and referral programs

More than 1,000 people have resumed intake of pre-exposure prophylaxis after an interruption. The greatest increase in demand for PrEP was recorded in Lviv (6.7 times) and Volyn (three times) oblasts.





150 one-year (5,300 packages) of transfeminine and transmasculine hormone therapy have first procured by Alliance transmasculine hormone therapy have been

Services for trans* people. Despite the hostilities, the high level of closeness of the transgender community, 3,899 people have been covered with the minimum package of services, which is 7% more than in 2021. As a response to difficulties accessing hormone replacement therapy, Alliance first procured 150 one-year courses (5,300 packs) of transfeminine and transmasculine hormone therapy. In less than 3 months of the intervention's implementation, 52 transgender people from 12 cities of Ukraine received the required products.





HIV PREVENTION AMONG KEY POPULATIONS

Alliance managed to adjust preventions services for KPs according to the needs emerged during the war

Expanded overdose prevention

During the war, the risk of overdose increases significantly. The demand for overdose prevention has doubled since the beginning of the war. And Alliance timely addressed these needs. Social workers managed to save lives of hundreds of PWID who were experienced an overdose, thanks to the skillful actions of the workers and availability of naloxone they provided.





Help24 digital service appeared at increased demand during the war

Internally displaced people in need of harm reduction services are not always ready to contact NGOs in their new places of residence, which creates significant barriers. Therefore, to ensure continuous access to services Alliance introduced a program of online outreach, remote counseling and delivery of prevention commodities based on the Help24 digital platform. The platform is staffed by infectious disease specialists, psychiatrists, narcologists, endocrinologists, gynecologists, urologists, proctologists, psychologists, and lawyers.

Addressing increased demand for prevention commodities using HelpBox kits rapid delivery

Tens of thousands of commodities were distributed through HelpBox kits delivered through Nova Poshta rapid mail service. Each order is tailored to the clients' needs - PWID, MSM and other high risk groups. The menu includes selection of syringes and needles, alcohol wipes, condoms, lubricants, naloxone, HIV self-tests.



Engaged internally displaced clients

49,406 IDP's from KPs have been covered with preventive services. The largest coverage is in **Lviv oblast** (13,227 - **46% of the total number of clients**).

OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT IN THE WAR CONTEXT

The national OAT program continues developing in the context of the war. These days OAT program reached the major milestone – **20,000 patients** – the largest number of patients among all countries Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

From the onset of the war, **2,489 OAT** patients have started treatment. As of the beginning of 2023, 19,919 patients were registered within the national program, of which 5,562 (28%) received psychosocial support services. Alliance PSS program provides for a higher retention rate for patients within the program - **87.7% retention** vs 75.3% (the retention rate among unaccompanied patients).



We would like to share three highlights of the current stage of OAT program:

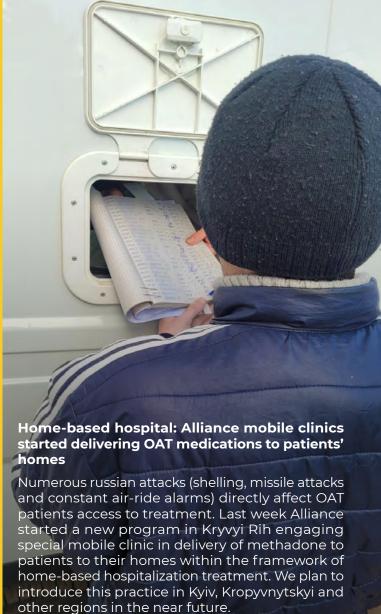
Access to OAT restored for 128 people in Kherson

After the de-occupation, access to treatment was restored for 128 patients of the OAT program in Kherson. During the occupation, the site was brutally closed by the Russians and the available medications were destroyed. Following de-occupation of the city, the OAT site, based on Kherson Regional Mental Health Care Institution resumed its work.

Treatment with the newest long-acting OAT drug is introduced

Public Health Center with the support of Alliance and PATH introduced OAT treatment with the newest form of injectable long-acting buprenorphine - Buvidal. Now patients need to take only one injection per month instead of taking tablets every day.







100,000 PEOPLE

covered with TB screening services

In 2022, more than **100,000 high risk group representatives** were covered with TB screening, 1,212 HRG representatives have started treatment (**149%** of the planned indicator). Activities to detect TB cases among IDPs have expanded almost **2.5 times** and reached more than 25,500 people. Linkage to treatment under Alliance's programs is **7% of the national indicator.**

Alliance's projects ensure better adherence to treatment: even among patients who were treated during the full-scale war, the percentage of deviations from treatment within Alliance projects is 3.4% for DS-TB and 6% for CRTB (Ukraine - 5.6% and 12.3%, respectively, - data from the 2021 statistical reference book).







feasible contribution to overcoming the TB epidemic. «Who, if not us, will help our clients?» - Tetiana is

sincerely surprised and speaks about life in the city, - «Residents of Nikopol have already learned to distinguish the sounds of «Grad», «Uragan», «Pion,» and other weapons. After all, the occupied Energodar

"We are not afraid of the cold winter in basements, we believe that we will prevail! Each of us has their own front, which should work and bring us all closer to victory every minute,» concludes Tetiana.





2023 patient

with HIV or TB co-infection started Hep C treatment in war time

1861 patient completed full treatment course, others continue treatment in 2023.

99% of the most in need patients are PWID and their partners. Treatment effectiveness – 96%, adherence to treatment 98% remained at pre-war level. 95% of IDPs continued or started Hep C treatment at the new treatment sites, that were set up in Donetska and Dnipropetrovska oblasts, so that all patients, who left their homes, can continue treatment.

WAR AND RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS

- The National Drug Addiction and OAT Hotline reported an increase in the number of calls by 151% compared to the respective period of 2021; 89% of them related to the war (the algorithm of admission at another site in Ukraine and abroad, OST suspension/interruption, the possibility of treating patients of private OAT centers that were closed due to the war).
- Paralegals who provide assistance to women living with drug addiction report an increase in calls about rights violations or reaching for legal aid by 120%.
- For the first time, a component of training on the basics of pre-medical care for representatives of law enforcement agencies was implemented in combination with the human rights component 228 trainings for 4,784 participants.



The REACt project has registered **2,901** cases of violation of key populations' rights pertaining to **2,799** clients, of which **560** are IDPs. **994** cases (**34%**) are immediately related to the war. Read special report: War crimes and violations of the rights of key communities against the background of russian military aggression



WAR CRIME

A woman lives with HIV. Before the war, she lived with her family (husband, 11-year-old daughter) in Irpin, Kyiv region. When hostilities began in the city of Irpin and their home was partially damaged, the woman and her family decided to evacuate the city, as living in the occupation was not possible (lack of access to food, water, medical care, including ART drugs, threat to life and health). During the crossing of the checkpoints, the occupiers committed a number of offenses against the woman and her husband (illegal searches, forced to undress, illegal seizure of personal items: phones, bank cards), threats and physical violence (kicking, pulling hands forcing them to kneel)



WAR CRIME

According to the client, he was detained by the russian military in the yard near his own house, taken (as he later understood to a prison cell in Kherson), where they were held for 17 days, and then released. During detention, they were beaten every day, ART was not given, they were fed once a day very badly, they had to sleep on the floor because of the overcrowded cells. When they released him, they did not give him his passport, they told him to get a Russian passport.



FOR THE FIRST TIME, UKRAINIANS RECEIVED THE ELIZABETH

TAYLOR HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

Tetyana Deshko and Andriy Klepikov were presented with the award on the stage of the 24th International AIDS Conference - AIDS 2022 in Montreal, Canada. They dedicated the award to human rights activist Maksym Butkevych, who was captured by the russians and is now being held there; doctors who saved lives under bombs and in underground shelters; communities fighting on the front line; civil society, which became the «backbone» of the fight against AIDS during the war and provided medicines, humanitarian aid, evacuation.



INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE OF UKRAINE HIV AND TB RESPONSE DURING WAR



Responding to health policy recommendations on managing opioid use disorder during Russia's invasion of Ukraine:

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Ukraine's drug runners risk it all to deliver medicines to the front line

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!

Alliance for Public Health expresses admiration and appreciation of the incredible work of all our partners, Network 100% Life, Public Health Center, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, all implementing partners, community and civil society networks, NGO staff and social workers, doctors and nurses! You are amazing!

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