

FEBRUARY 24, 2025  
SITUATION REPORT

# **NO BREAK IN THE STRUGGLE:**

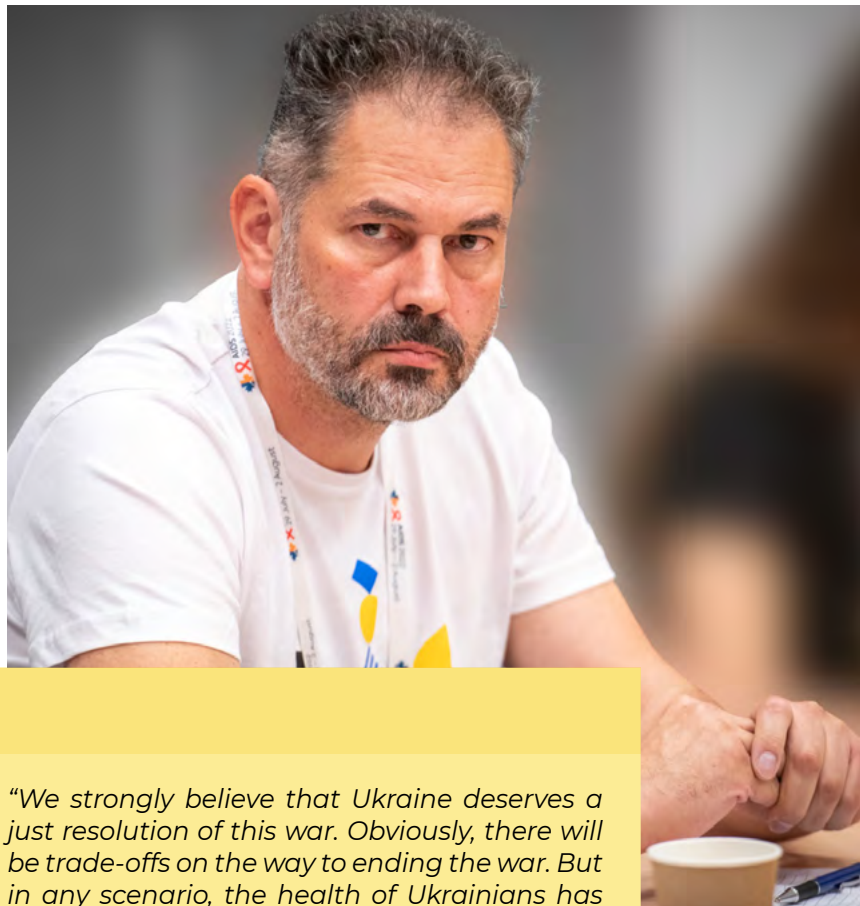
## **UKRAINE'S HEALTH RESPONSE THREE YEARS INTO THE WAR**

**Being three years into the full scale russian war, Ukraine continues to fight – not only for its sovereignty but also for the health and well-being of its people.** Despite immense challenges, the country has sustained its HIV and TB programs, pioneered innovative healthcare solutions, and demonstrated a model of resilience for the world.

Alliance for Public Health (APH), one of the largest NGOs in Ukraine, is proud to be a part of the solution – expanding the scale and scope of services, deploying innovations for health and humanitarian response. These 3 years of war have become the most intensive and impactful time in all 25 years of our work in Ukraine.

While initially focused on HIV, tuberculosis and viral hepatitis, **our mission now also encompasses humanitarian crisis response, mental health and quality of life.** We have expanded our support to internally displaced people, war refugees, people with disabilities, people in uniform, veterans and those suffering from the war. This is an incredible role nationwide! Nowadays, the role of APH is noted far beyond health, earning it recognition as the #4 charitable foundation in Ukraine across the broader humanitarian response sector, according to *Forbes Ukraine*.

Many of our solutions are not just short-term fixes but forward-looking innovations. Innovations deployed during the war will inform the upgrade and improvement of health systems, allowing proper re-building of Ukraine. **Digital. Mobile. Agile. Innovative. Relevant and responsive to person's needs.** While responding to the war, we are simultaneously building Ukraine's future.



*"We strongly believe that Ukraine deserves a just resolution of this war. Obviously, there will be trade-offs on the way to ending the war. But in any scenario, the health of Ukrainians has already been affected and exhausted so much by the russian war, so it is not a subject for compromise. In order to achieve this, Ukraine should be able to rely on its partners and allies — in the US, Europe, and globally. We need your continuing support to do everything for a brighter, peaceful, secure and sustainable future for our country!"*

**Andriy Klepikov,**  
Executive Director, Alliance for Public Health.



**20%**  
OF THE  
**TERRITORY**  
occupied by  
russians



**HUNDREDS  
OF  
THOUSANDS**  
killed and  
wounded  
at the war



**15  
MILLION**  
have left their  
homes  
– **7 mln** as war  
refugees and  
**8 mln** as  
internally  
displaced people



At least  
**\$7 BLN**  
damage to  
Ukraine's medical  
infrastructure  
has been caused  
by russia



**1,938**  
**MEDICAL  
FACILITIES**  
have been  
damaged, and  
297 of them  
completely  
destroyed



SINCE FEBRUARY 2022  
OVER **1.6 MILLION**  
UKRAINIANS HAVE  
BENEFITED FROM  
APH SUPPORT



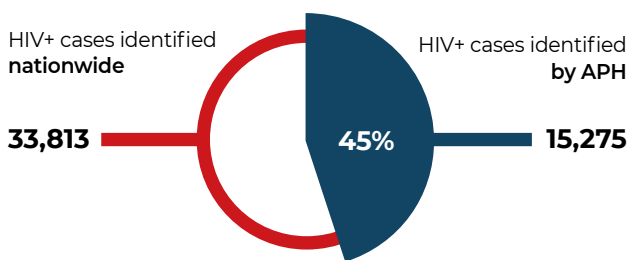
# SUSTAINING THE CORE: APH SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO KEEPING HIV AND TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMICS UNDER CONTROL

Over 3 years of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine, we have managed to sustain the core programs. As a result of the partnership with civil society organizations, medical facilities and government, HIV and TB epidemics have been kept under control.

## HIV

- **15,275 of new HIV cases have been found by APH** and its partners during the 3 years of the war, the largest share among all organizations in the country – **45% of all HIV+ cases nationwide**.
- **APH's Optimized Case Finding has been demonstrating the highest yield** among all HIV testing approaches with 6% among PWID, 8% among SWs, and 3% among MSM.
- Nearly a **half of Ukrainians who began receiving life-saving antiretroviral treatment (ART)** for the first time during the war had been tested, diagnosed, and linked to HIV treatment by APH and its partners. APH's innovative Mobile Clinics prescribe and start ART on the same day when the person is diagnosed with HIV. High percentage of treatment initiation and retention has been ensured through community involvement.

**Every 2nd HIV+ person identified in Ukraine during the war, was found and tested by APH and its partners.**



*\*Source: PHC MOH of Ukraine and SYREX data source*

**66% (14,000 persons) among all enrolled into PrEP during the war were involved by APH and its partners.**

Contribution of Alliance in involvement in PrEP programs

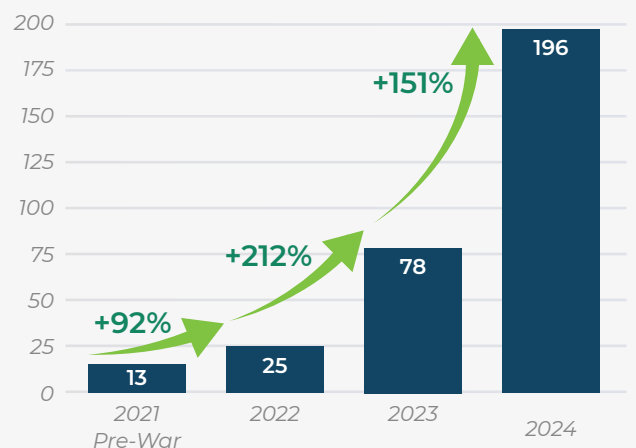


The number of new people who started PrEP in Ukraine

## TUBERCULOSIS

- APH has provided medical and psychosocial support to **17,117 TB patients** (incl. 5,579 with drug-resistant TB) strengthening their adherence to treatment. At the time of shortage of fuel in 2022, medications' delivery and sputum collection by social workers on bicycles were launched in 8 regions of Ukraine.
- During 2022-2024 **4,040 TB cases were diagnosed among key populations** within APH programs.
- APH has intensified TB detection among internally displaced persons (IDPs): as a result, **2.5 times more cases of TB among IDPs were detected in 2024 vs. 2023**. All 100% of the patients started treatment.

**Active TB cases among IDP identified by APH**



## HEPATITIS C



**5,270**

patients with HIV/HCV and TB/HCV co-infections from among the key populations accessed HCV services in 2022-2024 with **98% treatment success**



**1,750**

HCV treatment courses were procured by APH



De-centralization of Hep C treatment during the war was extended to

**53**

health care facilities in **16 regions** of Ukraine.

## OPIOID AGONIST TREATMENT (OAT) FOR DRUG DEPENDENCE

- Thanks to the Patient Social Support (PSS) provided by APH and its partners, the **retention rate** of PSS clients has increased to **92.12%** (compared to 82.52% of the total retention in Ukraine), and the share of HIV+ PSS clients on **ART has reached 99.3%** (compared to 97.9% nationwide).
- **60% of all OAT sites in the country – 130 OAT sites** — have been renovated and equipped during the war, of which **32** were new, including **14** in the penitentiary sector, which has contributed to an increase of the number of new OAT patients by **1,596** OAT.
- For the first time in Ukraine, **5 mother and child rooms were opened at OAT sites in Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Dnipro and Kryvyi Rih** providing comprehensive gender-sensitive services to women who use drugs/OAT patients.

- Additional **6 mobile clinics** have started operating in Kyiv, Odesa, Kryvyi Rih, Dnipro, Kropyvnytskyi and Sumy during the war, and 1,023 patients have received OAT treatment at home. Mobile services also include delivery of antidepressants, ART and blood testing for CD4 count, initiation of hepatitis C treatment, hepatitis B testing and vaccination.





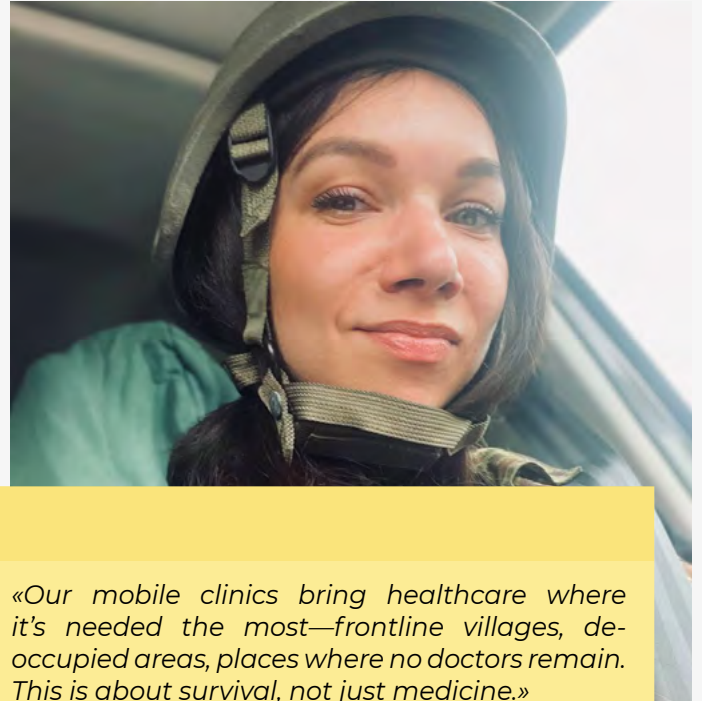
# MOBILE HEALTHCARE: REACHING THE HARDEST-HIT AREAS

The demand for mobile services has increased dramatically, with over 40 mobile clinics operating in Ukraine, including frontline and de-occupied areas.

In December 2022, APH introduced Mobile Treatment Points — mobile clinics providing integrated primary health services, TB/HIV/STI screening, diagnostics and treatment. These mobile clinics have already completed **497 missions** reaching **2019 people in 321 unique hard to reach locations** in 6 regions of Ukraine close to the frontline.

While the clinics provide diagnostic services: ECG, blood pressure testing, sugar and oxygen levels measurement, ultrasound scans, etc., we prioritize not only people at the highest risk, but also those with limited mobility or disability.

In September 2024, the launch of mobile dentistry in the Zaporizhzhya region expanded our services to include **essential dental care** which is in a very high demand.



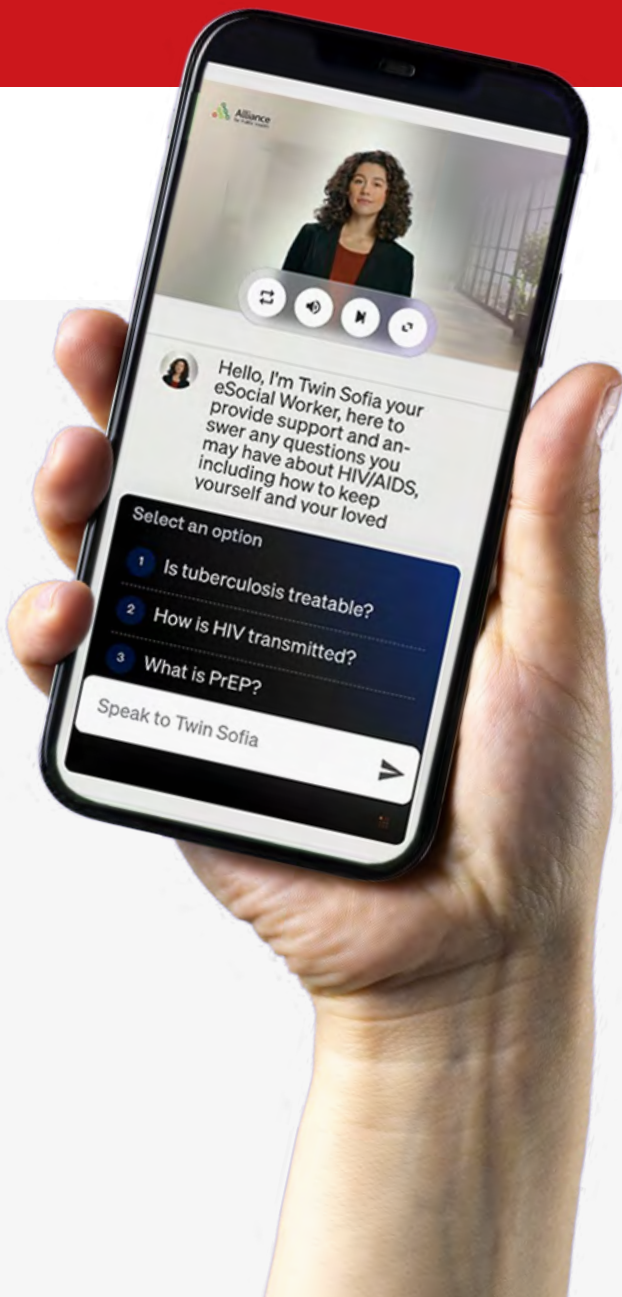
*«Our mobile clinics bring healthcare where it's needed the most—frontline villages, de-occupied areas, places where no doctors remain. This is about survival, not just medicine.»*

**Anna Korobchuk,**  
Alliance for Public Health





# DIGITAL SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATIONS



Ukraine has introduced several **groundbreaking innovations** — from deploying **AI-driven risk assessment tools** to launching **injectable CAB-LA for HIV prevention**.



Telemedicine, online consultations, and digital support platforms like **#HelpNOW** and **Help24** have become essential lifelines for displaced Ukrainians. These tools help to ensure uninterrupted access to HIV and TB treatment, mental health support, and harm reduction services. The **#HelpNOW** coordination service and **HelpNOW Hub** established in the early days of the war has **supported about 40,000 people**, while **Help24 Telehealth platform** has provided **77,555 consultations**.



Virtual social worker 'TWIIN' has attracted young audiences by offering 24/7 HIV and risk behavior advice and referrals. Over 5500 people have had almost 30 000 sessions with TWIIN since October 2024! Experience 'TWIIN,' an innovative AI-driven virtual consultant designed to drive social change and promote healthier life at <https://twiin.aph.org.ua/en/>



APH successfully advocated for 2024 launch of long-acting PrEP in Ukraine, the only country in EECA region. More than 100 patients have already received their second CAB-LA injection with ambitious plans to scale the number up to over 500 clients.

*«Technology has become a lifeline. Digital platforms like #HelpNOW and telemedicine services are ensuring that displaced Ukrainians continue their treatment regardless of where they are.»*

**Tetiana Deshko,**  
Alliance for Public Health



Additionally, APH has provided funding for psychosocial support to OAT patients using Buvidal, an injectable medication. APH supported scaling up of long-acting OAT using buvidal, helping to launch it in Kyrgyzstan and Egypt.



# HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE: THE COST OF WAR

Since the early days of the Russian war, APH has been involved in emergency humanitarian assistance and crisis response. Using its mobile vans, Humanitarian convoys started to operate helping with evacuation and in partnership with other organizations, delivering humanitarian aid across Ukraine to where it was needed the most.



**>600**

civilians have been evacuated from the zones of hostilities



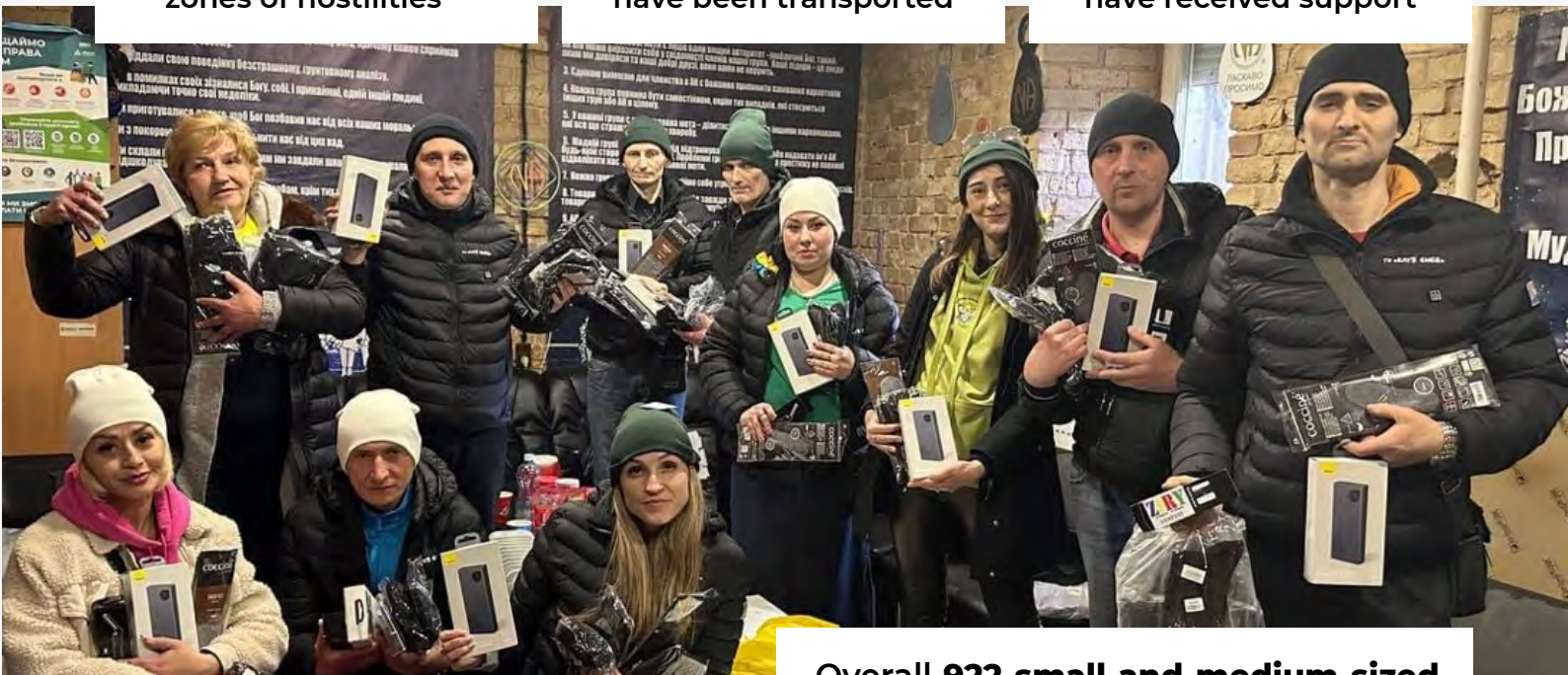
**≈2000**

tons of humanitarian and medical cargoes have been transported



**>200**

health care facilities and humanitarian warehouses have received support



In April 2022, APH started its nationwide humanitarian and emergency response providing support for those most in need of it — key affected populations, internally displaced people, and people with disabilities.

Overall **922 small and medium-sized grants** have been provided to people affected by war and key populations (KPs) at risk. Through these grants, **776,340 beneficiaries** have received vital assistance

## KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT:

- Access to safe spaces and medical services (providing equipment and making repairs).
- Mental health support: psychological aid, art therapy, dedicated spaces.
- Winter preparedness: heating points, blankets, convectors.
- Essential services for key populations: shelters, treatment of trophic ulcers.
- Procurement of vital supplies: food, clothing, medicines.
- Employment/household management support: financial literacy training.



«Due to constant shelling in Lysychansk and the extreme danger to our lives, we were forced to evacuate, leaving everything behind. My daughter, who has a disability, couldn't get to a shelter during air raids, and after losing her specialized wheelchair, every movement became a struggle. Reaching a safe place was difficult, and finding a new wheelchair seemed nearly impossible. So when we were told that a special wheelchair had been secured for Nastia from abroad, it was a huge relief. Now we have it—lightweight, comfortable, and safe. I am immensely grateful for this support because it has given me confidence that my daughter has what she needs to live, even in these challenging times. We are from Lysychansk, and it is Ukraine. But we have nowhere to return—our home is gone. That's why this support is invaluable to us.»

**Tetiana,**  
IDP, mother of a child with a disability



«Living with kidney disease and heart complications, I rely on hemodialysis to survive. Before the war, I received my medications for free, but now that support is gone. My only income is a disability pension — barely enough to survive, let alone afford treatment. I searched for help everywhere and kept hearing 'no'—until now. Thanks to this support, I not only received the medications I desperately need but also something just as important—a chance at life. For the next two months, I can simply take my medicine without the crushing fear of how to afford it. You didn't leave me alone in my struggle, and for that, I am endlessly grateful.»

**Mykola,** a patient on hemodialysis.





# SUPPORTING VETERANS AND PROMOTING INCLUSION

APH in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Veterans, Ukrainian MPs and Ukrainian President's Special Inclusion Advisor, NGO 'Contemporary vision' and leading educational institution 'Levenya', WHO and Blind Veterans (UK) have been implementing this unique project targeting one of the most neglected group — those who have lost sight due to the war.



As a part of the project, a unique 4-week independent living skills course has been developed. **58 blind veterans and accompanying persons** from 16 oblasts have been trained, with the follow-up visits to their place of residence, with orientation support in real living conditions. All the participants have been provided with special equipment and devices according to international best practices. The systemic solutions include institutionalization of the course, with clearly defining patient pathways, assessing and standardizing the required funding for each service, defining ministerial areas of responsibility for each element of the program.

APH has developed a special course for family doctors on how to work with war veterans. **4613 doctors** have completed the course and received certificates.

In 2022, APH began collaborating with the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine. Through its mobile units, APH provides HIV, HCV, and HBV testing for military personnel. **Over 92,000** people have been tested. Additionally, using a specialized X-ray-equipped van, APH provides TB diagnostic services to the military, ensuring that all patients with active TB are referred for treatment.



Another priority is providing support to people with disabilities. In 2023, APH opened the first habilitation center for war veterans and civilians in Ukraine. HAB habilitation facility has hosted **331 residents with prosthetics**, and **over 10000 have received training**. HAB is a unique inclusive facility offering more than 40 different services.

*“The war in Ukraine continues, leading to growing of the number of wounded veterans with psychological trauma and difficulties adapting to civilian life. More families also have to adjust to living with veterans, especially those with disabilities. Habilitation helps preventing “hospitalism” during long-term treatment and facilitates a smooth reintegration of veterans into their families.”*

**Titarenko Serhiy,**  
coordinator of the habilitation process at the HAB, veteran of the Russian-Ukrainian war, major of army aviation, psychologist.





# PROTECTING THE FUTURE: APH'S SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN DURING THE WAR

During the war, APH has provided support to **76,000 children and adolescents** across Ukraine, addressing their critical needs in the face of ongoing challenges. The organization's response focused on **comprehensive assistance** for children and their families, including **medical, psychological, educational, and humanitarian support**. From the very first days of the war, APH has been actively engaged in **evacuations from war-affected regions**, ensuring the safety and well-being of the most vulnerable people. Special attention was given to **sheltering displaced children, supporting orphanages, and delivering mobile and online healthcare services**. Additionally, APH remained committed to **protecting human rights**, advocating for the needs of children in crisis, and ensuring their access to essential services despite the war's devastating impact..



## From Coma to Recovery: Pertsov Family Rehabilitation in the Time of War

Iryna and Oleksandr Pertsov from Yahotyn near Kyiv had been dreaming for years about a second child. The family was happy when in 2019 a son was born.

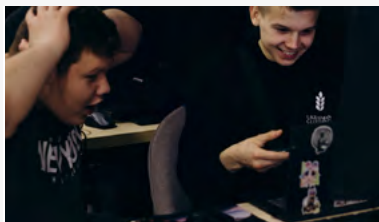
[Learn More](#)



## Mobile treatment points: protecting the health of children in the frontline areas

The MTP's work is of great importance for the frontline regions. It fills a niche that helps people survive when no regular medical care is available.

[Learn More](#)



## Development in time of war: how Safe Place helps children in Ukraine find their vocation

In Lviv, the Alliance's Safe Space for IDPs is actively working.

[Learn More](#)



## Becoming adults: how they teach children with special educational needs at Mriya school during the war

There are 245 children at the Mriya educational rehabilitation center in Lviv.

[Learn More](#)



## Every child is special

How the St. Nicholas Education and Rehabilitation Center finds the right approach to everyone

[Learn More](#)



## Join the MTP Team for a Day in Frontline Kharkiv Region

Experience a day with the Mobile Treatment Points team in Kharkiv region, featuring mobile medicine, humanitarian aid, and psychological support for frontline communities.

[Watch the video](#)



# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Ukraine's resilience has been possible thanks to the unwavering support of **government institutions, international organizations, donors, and humanitarian agencies.**

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! We have achieved these results together!

We express sincere gratitude for critical support from our donors, your funding is critical for sustaining HIV and TB response in Ukraine as well as to addressing emerging needs caused by war! BIG THANKS to The Global Fund, US Government and PEPFAR, CDC, USAID, Deloitte Consultancy, IREX, Initiative France, UNITAID, Frontline AIDS, Christian Aid, Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Act Church of Sweden (Svenska kyrkan), Irish Emergency Alliance, International AIDS Society, Stop TB Partnership, UNOPS, UK Government (FCDO), WHO, UNAIDS, FIND, EATG, Aidsfonds, Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund / Office For The Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Renaissance Foundation, The Foundation to Promote Open Society, Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Gilead, Payoneer, NIDA, Yale University, Boston Medical Center Corporation, Noaks Ark Association, The University of Bristol, Wellcome Trust, University of California, to all other donors and individuals provided private donations! Your support saves lives!

We also express **immense gratitude to the Ukrainian Army**, defending not only Ukraine but also the fundamental principles of **peace, freedom, sovereignty, and dignity.**

## THE ROAD AHEAD: REBUILDING UKRAINE

Ukraine's fight is not over yet. The war has inflicted immense damage, but our determination to rebuild is stronger than ever.

**TOGETHER, WE STAND STRONG  
FOR UKRAINE'S RESILIENCE  
AND A JUST PEACE.**

 **Alliance**  
for Public Health  
[www.aph.org.ua](http://www.aph.org.ua)

 **READ:** PREVIOUS REPORTS 

 **DONATE:** SUPPORT UKRAINE 