GIZ Ukraine: A resilient society

Providing public services and strengthening social cohesion

BUILD BACK BETTER
REBUILDING UKRAINE TO BE FIT FOR THE FUTURE

As a result of Russia's all-out war of aggression and its consequences, 12.7 million people in Ukraine are dependent on support, including 3.6 internally displaced persons. The situation along the frontline in eastern and south-eastern Ukraine is particularly alarming. Hospitals, schools and other public facilities are either damaged or destroyed, and the water, electricity and heating supply is often limited. Much of the population is traumatised and vulnerable. On behalf of the German Government, the European Union (EU) and other donors, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH supports Ukraine in mitigating the effects of war and in maintaining basic public services nationwide.

Our objectives

1. Resilient municipalities that shape their own reconstruction and provide decent living conditions for local people and potential returnees
2. Strong social cohesion and effective integration of vulnerable population groups
3. Guaranteed basic care with medical and psychological services and coverage of immediate needs for all local people
4. A well-functioning national and municipal emergency management system

Our achievements

Selected results, in figures, since 2022*

Improved health care services for around

4.8 million people

and support for

900 health care facilities

e.g. in the form of technical equipment or training for medical staff

1,100 facilities

of local basic infrastructure, such as schools and hospitals, have been rebuilt. This benefits

2.8 million people

Training measures in the health sector for

15,000 people

and in psychosocial counselling for

22,000 people

Support for

46 German-Ukrainian hospital partnerships

* Data collected between February 2022 and June 2026

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Our services

Ensuring health care and psychosocial support

- We support the maintenance of medical care in the country and work to ensure the holistic rehabilitation of the war wounded.
- We build hospitals, rehabilitation centres and prosthetics workshops, modernise and equip them.
- We organise psychosocial support for children and young people, IDPs and veterans.
- We train skilled professionals in health care, psychosocial support and the construction of artificial limbs.

Rebuilding basic infrastructure

- We refurbish and provide equipment for educational facilities.
- We ease the burden on host communities by repairing housing for IDPs and by providing everyday necessities.
- We improve the local water and energy supply.

Expanding an efficient emergency management system

- We modernise the fire and disaster management services and equip them with innovative firefighting and rescue technology.
- We train rescue workers and focus on promoting training for women.
- We support municipalities in setting up disaster management centres.

Strengthening social cohesion

- We strengthen social cohesion by actively integrating all sections of the population – especially vulnerable groups and veterans – and by easing tensions through interpersonal encounters, thereby promoting peaceful coexistence.
- We support and strengthen local non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in developing their capacities so that they can continue to operate independently in the long term.

Our impact



Ilja
Veteran

Ilya made a living making furniture before going to the front as an artilleryman. He lost a leg in an attack:

> I was fitted with a prosthetic at the 'Unbroken Center for orthopaedic technology', an orthopaedic centre set up by GIZ, and can now walk on my own again. German-trained orthopaedists work at the centre. The staff here don't just take care of patients' orthopaedic health but also look after their mental health.

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Partners: Ukrainian ministries, state disaster management service, municipalities, civil society partners

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On behalf of the German government, the EU, and other donors, GIZ provides comprehensive support for efficient and sustainable reconstruction. Our aims are (1) conditions in which Ukraine is strong, able to act autonomously once the war is over, and capable of offering good living conditions to the local population and those returning to the country; (2) an efficient Ukrainian economy that creates jobs, attracts private investors and acts as a reliable trading partner for the EU and Germany; and (3) a reform-oriented Ukraine that meets EU standards and observes the principles of transparency and the rule of law. GIZ's decades-long record of cooperation and a network spanning the entire country enable tailored support that is both forward-looking and responsive to citizens' needs.

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