

THE RESPONSE OF MÉDICOS DEL MUNDO TO THE UKRAINIAN CONFLICT

- **Accountability as of October 2022**
- **Action plan until June 2023**



(Image: Ukraine: the violence that does not stop)

- I. **The work of Médicos del Mundo in Ukraine before the conflict**



Médicos del Mundo Spain (MdM) has been presented in Ukraine since 2014, specifically, in Donbass –in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions– for the last 8 years. This has placed us in a unique and especially relevant position to respond to this conflict.

Most of the people living in this region are elderly people, and the ongoing fighting since then has added to the collapse of the healthcare system: shortage of specialist doctors, of qualified personnel, of pharmacies, of medicines and medical-healthcare supplies, etc.

The objective of the project of MdM for these 8 years was to support the public healthcare system, guaranteeing access to medical assistance with mobile clinics in the most vulnerable regions from a healthcare point of view. The different services offered by MdM included primary care, sexual and reproductive care, psychological care and psychosocial support, together with donations of supplies and equipment and nurse personnel training. The activities were performed in the regions controlled by the government as in the ones controlled by the separatists.

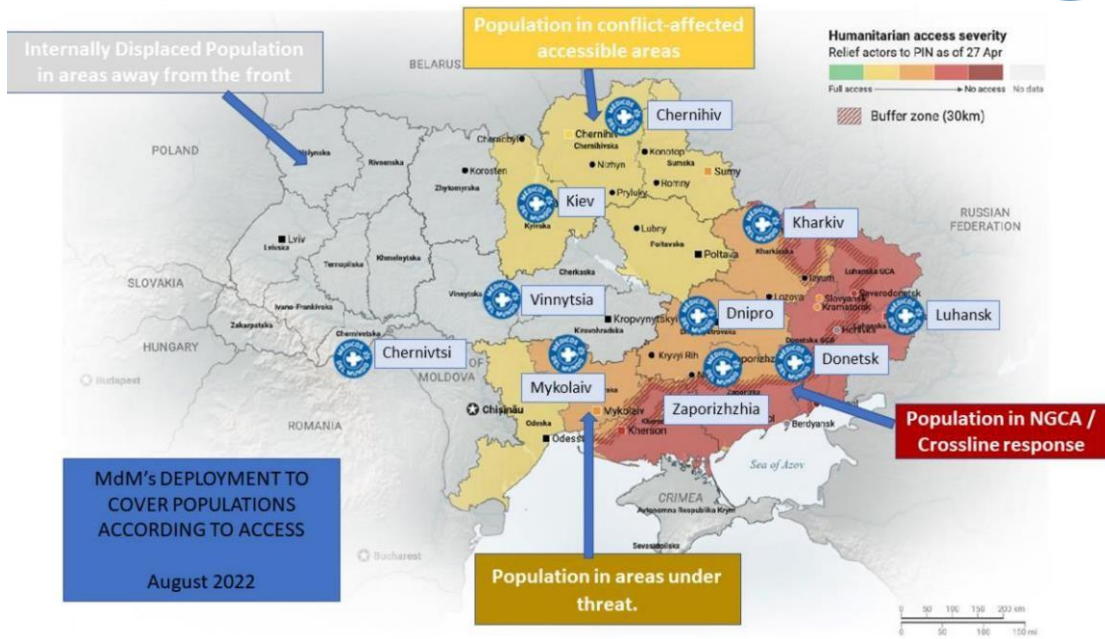
II. Urgent response upon the start of the conflict: supporting a broken healthcare system

MdM Spain deployed, in February 2022, an emergency team to provide additional support and help redirect its operations. The team is currently formed by 110 professionals, of which 95% are Ukrainians. The team logistics base is in Rumania and the coordination office is in the west of Ukraine. Depending on the changes in the activities and war conditions, new field offices are continuously being opened in the country.

Geographically speaking, Médicos del Mundo currently acts in the following regions

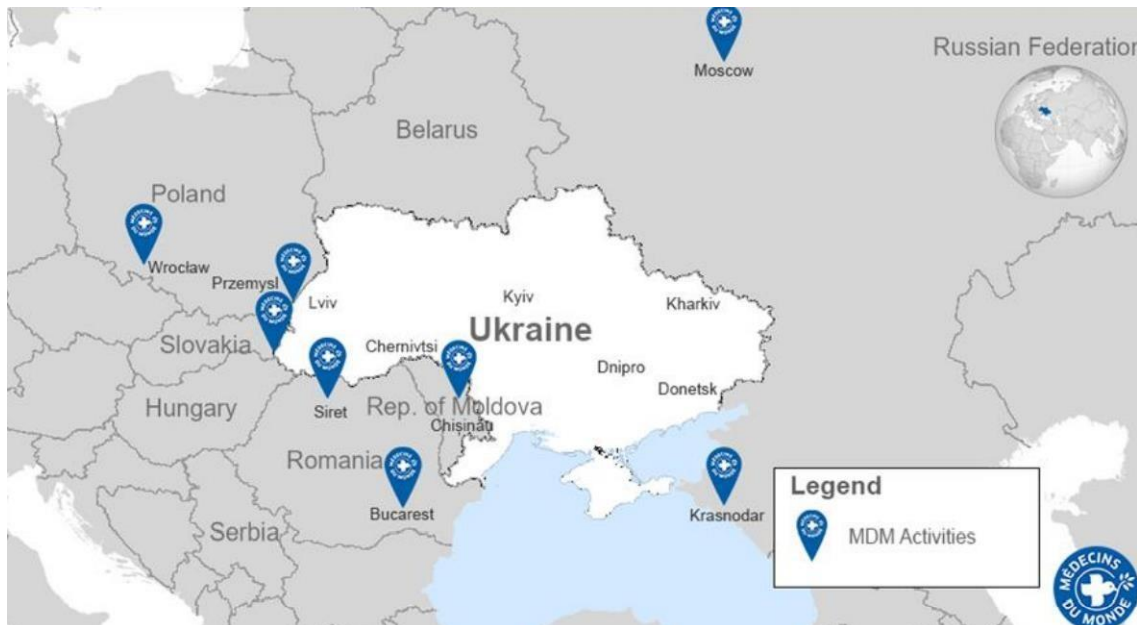
- In the east, supporting the oblast of Luhansk and Donetsk and in the city of Kharkiv.
- In the centre/southeast of the country, supporting the city of Dnipro, Kiev and Kryvyi Rih.
- In the southwest the oblast of Chernivtsi.

Operating regions of MdM inside Ukraine



This map may not show the current military situation on the ground.

Operating regions of Mdm outside Ukraine through the International Network



III. Emergency response strategy: 2022 and continuity for 2023



In response to the current conflict in the Eastern region of Ukraine, MdM Spain decided, from the start, to support, in general, the Healthcare System by acting directly with the primary and secondary Ukrainian system affected. **This strategy is still in force until the end of year 2022 and 2023.**

However, it is important to mention that the current situation in Ukraine is extremely volatile and thus the framework and needs are constantly monitored and reassessed. This means that our strategy is defined in a general way, but it is flexible, and that the activities and places of intervention are subjected to possible readjustments.

III.1 Strategic guidelines of response to the medical and humanitarian emergency in Ukraine, which we have followed since the beginning of the conflict and are still in force for 2023:

- By analysing the needs and management of the information with the capacity of the teams of MdM on the field and coordinating with the local health authorities and partners, **the assessment regarding the most urgent needs** are continuously updated. This includes the needs in medical facilities, collective centres and shelters for internally displaced people and in the refugee reception centres.
- **Purchasing and distribution of essential medicines and medical supplies** and also providing stock management and warehousing.
- Assessing **local domestic markets** for fast procurement, responding to urgent needs and strengthening local capacities.
- Organising **the supply and delivery chain to the most affected regions** through close coordination with humanitarian partners and local and supply agents.
- Providing **direct healthcare services and support healthcare structures in affected regions** wherever possible, in collective centres and internally displaced people shelters as well as in refugee reception centres.
- Assessing the **mental health and psychosocial support** needs in the region to help the people affected.

III.2 Objective

To help save, protect and preserve human life, as well as reducing the suffering of the civilians affected by the armed conflict in Ukraine.



III.3 Focus

To take on the urgent healthcare needs of the population affected by the armed conflict in Ukraine, guaranteeing access to essential medicines, medical supplies, direct assistance and making possible the operative response at the different levels of the healthcare system.

III.4 Expected results

To guarantee access for urgent gaps in the essential medication and medical supplies chain, thus allowing for continuing with the medical emergency response in the affected regions, as well as providing direct medical assistance, including mental health and psychosocial support.

III.5 Interventions to execute and impact measurement of Key performance indicators (KPIs):

1. Acquisition of supplies and necessary medical products for healthcare centres depending on the most urgent needs assessed in the regions affected by the conflict.

MDM provides emergency medical items (medicines, consumables, equipment, etc.) to assessed healthcare centres to avoid service disruption. As the availability of medical supplies on the local market is limited, MDM is procuring these products internationally and importing them through an established logistics chain from the Romanian border to Ukraine. Both local and international procurement are performed to supply these goods, and a humanitarian corridor has been opened at the Ukraine-Romania border to facilitate the import of medical items into the country. Medical supplies consist mainly of trauma, surgical and hospital care medication, infusions, injectables, consumables, medical equipment and furniture. (Emergency health kits, trauma and emergency surgery kits, non-communicable diseases kits)

KPI: Number of healthcare centres supported with the most critical medicines and medical supplies (*below are the results figures so far*)

2. Transport and donation of medical supplies.

Procured items are temporarily stored in a warehouse in Chernivtsi, Western Ukraine. To ensure transport from Chernivtsi to the selected healthcare centres in other locations. MDM cooperates with OCHA, IOM and other interested parties to develop a supply chain for the delivery of humanitarian assistance in war-affected regions.

KPI: Number of good tonnes delivered (*below are the performance figures so far*)



3. Psychological interventions.

The reason of the activity is to reduce the suffering and improve the mental health and psychosocial welfare of children, women and men beneficiaries of the project. This has been established at the primary healthcare level in target communities affected by the conflict, and in community and welfare centres.

KPI: Number of community mental health and welfare centres created/supported (*below are the performance figures so far*)



IV. Key Milestones and Results as of October 2022

1. Regarding providing emergency and non-emergency healthcare supplies to healthcare centres (primary and secondary), to ensure the continuity of services, and to internally displaced collective people centres or transit centres, to guarantee access to healthcare, MdM has already helped:

- More than 885,289 people through the donation of essential medicines to healthcare structures and hospitals.
- 117 healthcare establishments, hospitals, healthcare centres,...(including secondary, primary, with donations of medicines, medical equipment and medical consumables)
- 60,000 people every 3 months with the dispatch of emergency kits.
- 38 tonnes of medicines and medical supplies distributed.
- 724 maternity kits.



2. Primary healthcare, including mental health support for the displaced and non-displaced populations through mobile clinics.

- 6,720 consultations performed by medical and health professional personnel, and midwives.



3. MdM keeps providing remote mental health and psychosocial support in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions

- 4,028 psychological consultations.
- Mental health and psychosocial support intervention is also performed in 36 refugee and shelter spaces.
- 4,954 accompanied people in psychological group consultations.
- 343 children receive individual psychological consultations and 92 children attend group sessions.



V. Budget needs until June 2023

Our needs can change depending on the environment/context of the emergency. The budget up to June 2023 is mainly intended to guarantee the continuity to our emergency operations in Ukraine.

Project budget until June 2023:

TOTAL BUDGET	euros
International personnel	935,375
National personnel	1,770,639
Headquarters personnel	14,965
Programs	5,047,094
Medicines, consumables and medical equipment	4,314,972
Other activity	732,122
Logistics and transport	476,440
Vehicle renting and purchasing	234,436
Transport	195,758
Communication equipment	35,346
Hibernation/Security	10,900
Administration and communication costs	527,215
Supervision and assessment	31,300
Others	77,752
Direct costs	8,880,781
Indirect costs	1,031,069
TOTAL	9,911,850



VI. Audiovisual resources and first-hand accounts



#Ucrania Qué hace el personal sanitario cuando no puede ofrecer a sus pacientes...
(What do the health care personnel do when...?)



#Ucrania ¿Cómo lleva Médicos del Mundo la atención médica a las comunidades en...
(How is Médicos del Mundo providing medical care to communities...)



SALUD: lo más urgente para quienes huyen del conflicto en #Ucrania
(HEALTH: the most urgent need to those fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine)



#Ucrania ¿Qué es lo primero que piden al personal médico quienes viven en el...
(What is the first thing asked to health professionals...?)



#HuirXCuidar un agradecimiento a nuestro personal ucraniano

(A thank you to our Ukrainian personnel: “We keep working to support hospitals and civilians because people lack security)



El personal sanitario sostiene la vida en la emergencia de #Ucrania

(The health care personnel support life in the Ukrainian emergency)

Médicos del Mundo keeps working relentlessly in Ukraine after the escalation of the attacks in the last weeks. Armed violence has especially targeted healthcare centres and healthcare workers.

**Help us be where we are needed
in a war.**