



Diplomatic briefing

Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures

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Overview

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- WHO Ongoing Engagement

WHO and Ukraine



Ukraine in WHO

Ukraine's presence on the Executive Board ensures that the country's unique health challenges and perspectives are represented at the highest level, facilitating tailored support and international collaboration.





WHO: how we work

- **Policy Dialogue** – system of the future
- **Strategic Support** – building high performing systems
- **Technical Support** – building national institutions
- **Service Delivery** – filling critical gaps in emergencies



Global

National

Hromada

Regional

Oblast



Shaping health in Ukraine to 2030: what we know

The war's impact will be far reaching

- 9.2 million people with health needs
- Invest now to mitigate long-term consequences
- Access and security challenge
- Demographic shifts, protracted displacements
- Mental health and Rehabilitation needs
- Social cohesion
- Damaged/disrupted health systems (and infrastructure)
- Environmental impacts
- Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats

Reforms to build robust institutions and systems

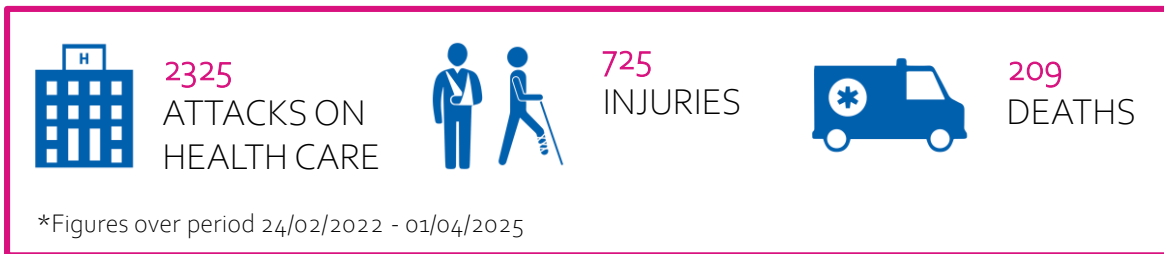
- Continue reforms despite adversity
- Reinforce governance and transparency
- Community approach to primary care
- Health financing and financial protection
- Health workforce shortages and exhaustion
- Digitalization for a secure future
- Health & Climate

Health for all in Ukraine

- Improve life expectancy and healthy years
- Address non-communicable diseases
- Risks from tobacco, alcohol, nutrition
- Strong public health infrastructure including improved immunization
- Focus on communicable diseases
- Improve immunization and address vaccine preventable diseases
- Adopt One Health approach
- Inclusive healthcare services

WHO Contribution to Health and Resilience

Today's snapshot



9.2 million

Need health needs across the country.

9.6 million

At risk of mental health conditions; 3.9M with moderate to severe symptoms.

14%

fully destroyed, 48% partially, front line .

+10X

Measles cases surged from 9 to 100/month in 2024; 433 total, mostly children.

36%

Delay medical care despite need, 43% in Kherson, 16% of recent internally displaced persons lack primary health care access.

91

Certified wheelchair providers; rehab services reach only 40 facilities.

28%

Hospitals in Kherson with critical energy/water issues, threatening operations.

US\$ 19.4 B

Estimated cost to recover the health system. Systems take decades to build, months to collapse.

WHO response

783 metric tonnes of medical supplies delivered

921 health facilities supported; 29 modular primary health care units installed

Over 300 000 people served by modular primary health care units

8700+ health workers trained on emergency preparedness, infection prevention and control, non-communicable diseases, gender-based violence

WHO participated 119 UN international convoys

300+ partners coordinated via Health Cluster

WHO recovery and response

84 missions from Headquarters and Regional Office

- **1642 rehab professionals trained** and **93 health facilities supported**, including equipment, assistive technologies, and clinical upskilling.
- **9 national rehab policies** developed and adopted, including on deinstitutionalization, rehab service payment models, and functional assessment tools.
- **3 Centers of Excellence** (Dnipro, Vinnytsia, Ternopil) funded to deliver on-the-job training to staff from **13 additional facilities**.
- **80 primary health care facilities** engaged in WHO-led costing study; results used to adjust **2025 capitation rates** for primary care.
- **5 million vaccine doses** and **675 000 devices** secured through WHO support to Gavi Fragility Funding – saving **US\$ 6.5–8M**.
- **22 oblast immunization strategies** developed and launched (except Luhansk and Donetsk), supporting national vaccine rollout.
- **164 in-person training sessions** (3049 participants) and **18 webinars** (8224 participants) delivered on immunization best practices.

Mental Health Programme – A Comprehensive Approach

- Over **2200 primary health care workers trained in 2024** through **mhGAP**. Over **117 000** completed mhGAP-based online training
- Result: **580 000+ people** accessed mental health services in PHC
- Supported establishment of **Community Mental Health Centres (CMHCs)**: 31 facilities enrolled in a year-long CMHC training. 144 professionals from 18 oblasts trained
- **87 university educators** trained to embed mhGAP in medical curricula
- **51 trainers and 507 facilitators** trained in **Problem Management Plus (PM+)**; over 800 people reached.
- **304 social care providers** from 137 hromadas trained in **Self-Help Plus (SH+)**; supported **5800+ participants**
- In Dnipropetrovsk, **569 health workers** trained in SH+ facilitation for stress management
- Supported the **All-Ukrainian Mental Health Programme**, aligning it with the **Cabinet of Ministers' Coordination Centre for Mental Health**
- **1 Mental Health Law** supported in developed

Response



Recovery



Reforms



WHO Future Engagement

WHO focus in 2025

Strategic Priority 1: Access to Universal Quality Health Services

- Expand **primary health care-focused reforms** and multidisciplinary health centres
- Integrate packages covering:
 - Non-communicable diseases, tuberculosis(HIV), MCH, mental health, rehabilitation
- Scale **seasonal vaccination** (COVID-19, influenza, RSV)
- Improve **health financing governance** and reduce fragmentation
- Deliver life-saving care in conflict areas and ensure continuity

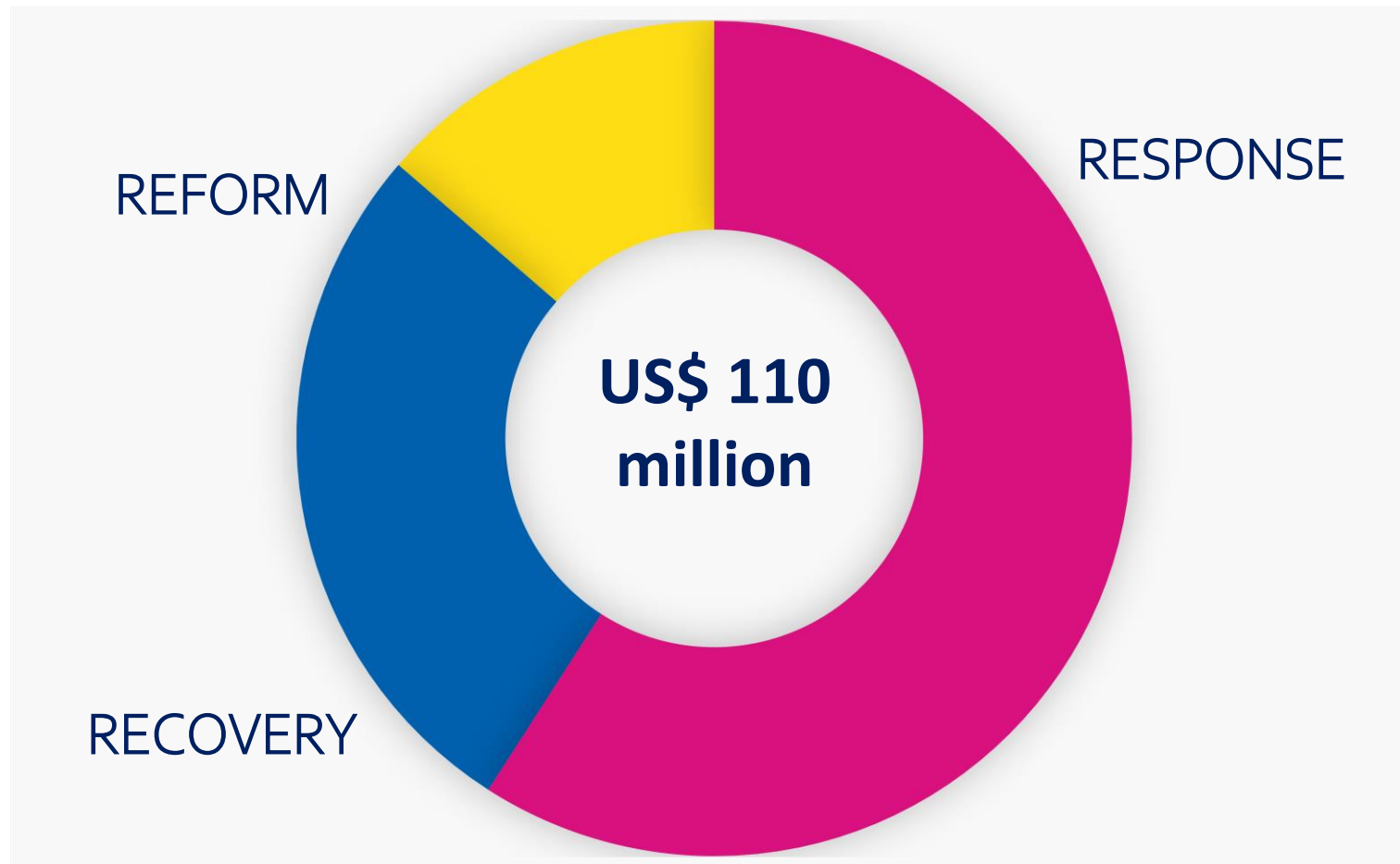
Strategic Priority 2: Prevention and Reduction of Major Health Risks

- Accelerate **non-communicable disease prevention**, tobacco/alcohol control, nutrition
- Strengthen access to **mental health**, psychosocial support and rehabilitation
- Expand **community engagement** and health literacy.
- Prioritize climate-health co-benefits and environmental health

Strategic Priority 3: Build Robust Institutions

- Strengthen national institutions (NHSU, Ministry of Health, UPHC, procurement, regional health authorities)
- Align with EU standards (quality, regulation, One Health, digital health)
- Build emergency preparedness and policy implementation capacity
- Support decentralization and health workforce reform (planning, training, task shifting)
- Promote transparency, governance, and implementation research

Budget allocation & funding needs in 2025



WHO Appeal 2025 =
US\$ 65 million

Recovery & Reform 2025 =
US\$ 45 million

*As of 01/04/2025

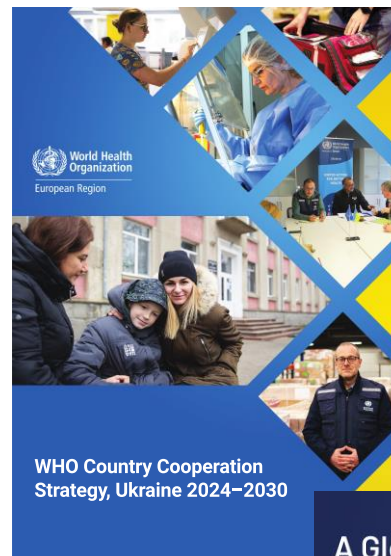
Strategic frameworks

WHO's [Country Cooperation Strategy \(CCS\), Ukraine 2024-2030](#) charts a course to a healthier future for Ukraine. It aligns with Ukraine's health priorities and fosters resilience.

The [Global Programme of Work \(GPW\) 14 \(2025-28\)](#) guides WHO's work in order to achieve its goal: To promote, provide and protect health and well-being for everyone, everywhere (with tailored approach by country).

The [European Programme of Work \(EPW 2.0\) 2026-2030](#) indicates priorities for recommended WHO programmatic and foundational actions to steer progressive resource allocation. This is currently under development.

Full alignment with the [Healthcare System Development Strategy](#) until 2030, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine



Ukraine tomorrow

2030 and beyond

Together, we will **maximize healthy life expectancy**. We will create an effective health care system with **robust institutions** that embrace **social participation** and ensure that **every individual has equal access** to comprehensive health services and the highest quality of care when needed.

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Thank you

[WHO Country Cooperation Strategy, Ukraine 2024-2030 / UKR](#)

[WHO Country Office in Ukraine annual report 2024](#)

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