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Transformational Recovery for Human Security in Ukraine

1. Project Summary

Objectives:	Transformational recovery from widespread death, destruction, displacement, and suffering caused by the war in Ukraine and promote Human Security in Ukraine by undertaking orchestrated immediate actions against interconnected and multidimensional threats.
Outputs	<p>1: Critical infrastructures and facilities restored to meet immediate needs of the affected people and to provide services and establish enabling conditions for transformational recovery</p> <p>2: Capacities of mine action authorities and emergency service responders expanded to protect the civilian population from mine/explosive ordnances and secure a safe environment for people’s living and socio-economic activities</p> <p>3: Debris, waste and environmentally hazardous materials cleared and dangerous damaged structures safely demolished for swift reconstruction of housing and public socio-economic facilities</p> <p>4: Local economy revitalized by strengthening and expanding the private sector in targeted sectors through immediate response solutions in developing capabilities, improving employability, and enhancing business-enabling conditions</p> <p>5: Integrity and transparency of government mechanisms and processes for crisis management and recovery process strengthened at both national and local levels</p> <p>6: Capacities of national and local state and non-state actors enhanced to promote human rights and ensure access to justice for all people, with a focus on IDPs and vulnerable groups</p>
Budget:	US\$71,600,000 (funded by Government of Japan, JSB 2023)
Duration:	12 months (15 March 2024– 15 March 2025)
Partners	<p>Output 1: Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Ministry of Energy of Ukraine, Municipal authorities</p> <p>Output 2: Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Emergency Service of Ukraine (SESU), Ministry of Defense, and local authorities</p>

	<p>Output 3: Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Ukrainian Production and Environmental Association, Environmental Recycling Association of Ukraine, Ecoaction, Zero Waste Ukraine, Municipal authorities</p> <p>Output 4: Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Digital Transformation, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Restoration, State Employment Service, State Regulatory Service, Entrepreneurship and Export Promotion Office, business support and membership organizations, including women Business Membership Organizations (BMOs)</p> <p>Output 5: Ministry of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ministry of Social Policy, Ministry of Digital Transformation, the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, pilot local self-government bodies</p> <p>Output 6: General Prosecutor Office, Ombudsperson’s Office, Free Legal Aid Coordination Center, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Police, State Judicial Administration, CSOs</p>
Locations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North (Kyiv City and Kyivska, Zhytomyrska, Sumska, Chernihivska Oblasts) • Central Region (Kirovohardska, Cherkaska, Vinnytska, Poltavska, Dnipropetrovska Oblasts) • West Region (Ivano-Frankivska, Khmelnytska, Ternopilska, Volynska, Rivnenska, Lvivska, Chernivetska, Zakarpatska Oblasts) • South Region (Mykolaivska, Khersonska, Zaporizka, Odeska Oblasts) • East Region (Kharkivska, Donetsk Oblasts)
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2. Key Achievements

Output 1. The energy equipment to be supported in Kharkiv was prioritized and the technical specifications were prepared.

The Statement of Intent (SOI) with Yokohama City was signed to set the arrangements for partnership for repair of the kindergarten in Odesa City.

Output 2. An open grant competition “STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY” was announced under the JSB FY2023 project.

Output 3 Started the analysis of destruction in target areas and assessments for identifying suitable debris waste removal and recycling methodologies in the target areas.

Output 4: First project-supported regional office “Made in Ukraine” was launched in Odesa on 30 May 2024

Output 5

- Supported 10 pilot communities in designing priority projects and initiating recovery plan implementations.
- Launched the "Empowering Civil Society: Countering Disinformation and Enhancing Media Literacy for Recovery" grant competition. Engaged civil society organizations in media literacy and disinformation prevention.
- Facilitated 2023 Reporter contest winners to conduct interviews with notable figures, resulting in over 500K views on UNDP Ukraine's social media. Highlighted key recovery topics through teenage journalists' perspectives, enhancing public awareness.
- 26 communications specialists from Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts administrations and local authorities trained in disinformation and strategic communications. Participants reported significant knowledge increases in strategic communications (72.7%) and countering disinformation (68.2%). Additional sessions are planned for other regions.
- Supported the Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine by recruiting eight consultants for corruption risk assessments, organizing training sessions, and developing policies on conflict of interest and whistleblowing. Enhanced local-level transparency through online training courses and workshops.
- Strengthened youth policy implementation through the "VidNOVA:UA" programme – 100 civil society representatives (26 men, 74 women) trained in project management, critical thinking, and designing inclusive youth-oriented initiatives.

Output 6 Awareness raising campaign dedicated to human rights challenges caused by the war was conducted in close cooperation with the Ombudsperson and his regional offices. The campaign covered 19 oblasts and joined about 2,400 participants: public officials, law enforcement body representatives and human rights defenders.

3. Progress against the Planned Activities

Planned Activities	Progress against the Planned Activities
Output 1: Critical infrastructures and facilities restored to meet immediate needs of the affected people and to provide services and establish enabling conditions for transformational recovery	
1.1: Formulate a critical infrastructure restoration plan for the target community, identifying critical needs for	Critical infrastructure emergency back-up plans were updated for the biggest and the most affected by war cities, including Kyiv and Odesa. Emergency back-up plans have been developing for Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia. The plan for Kharkiv has been initiated.

energy, critical utilities, and other socio-economic infrastructures	
1.2: Rehabilitate or construct key infrastructures for energy, critical utilities (e.g., water, heating, swage), and socio-economic recovery (e.g., industrial facilities, housing, public facilities)	<p>Based on the technical assessment and consultation with the stakeholders, the energy equipment for gas-powered generation and variable frequency drivers for water-pumping was identified for the priority support for the JSB project in Kharkiv. Provision of one additional gas-powered generation unit (piston) for Odesa is under consideration.</p> <p>The technical specifications were prepared for gas-powered generation equipment and Variable Frequency Drivers (VFW) for Kharkiv were prepared and the procurement process was initiated.</p>
1.3: Provide emergency equipment and materials to the local authorities and the war-affected population in the areas sustaining faces large-scale damages caused by military actions	This activity is not planned for this reporting period.
1.4: Provide technical and quality assurance support construction and maintenance of infrastructures and installation of the equipment	Technical support was provided to identify priority equipment for support and develop the specifications and bill of quantities (BoQ). Several site visits were made to inspect the correct functioning of the equipment.
OUTPUT 2: Capacities of mine action authorities and emergency service responders expanded to protect the civilian population from mine/explosive ordnances and secure a safe environment for people’s living and socio-economic activities	
2.1: Conduct mine-action related assessments (e.g., drone imaginary, Non-Technical Survey) to identify mine risks in the target communities and the critical areas for socio-economic activities (e.g., households, infrastructure, social facilities, state administrative buildings)	Activities under this output are in progress and closely linked with output 3 in context of planned activities relevant to the component around demolition and debris management. The assessment to identify mine risks in the target communities and the critical areas for socio-economic activities will be conducted in accordance with the development of output 3.
2.2: Conduct EO survey and site clearance of the households and	TORs are being drafted for the recruitment of Mine Action operators specialized in EO survey and clearance, with an anticipated completion timeline in November.

<p>the objects of critical infrastructure.</p>	
<p>2.3: Conduct EORE with local population and specialized risk education trainings on EO with the staff of demolition sub-contracting companies.</p>	<p>TORs are being drafted for the recruitment of Mine Action operators specialized in EORE, with an anticipated completion timeline in November.</p>
<p>2.4: Provide equipment and training for the mine action authorities (e.g., SESU).</p>	<p>The operational needs assessment of pyrotechnic teams, SESU, and key equipment has been identified. The technical specifications are being developed.</p>
<p>2.5: Technical workshops about national developments of mechanical assets to support humanitarian demining operations</p>	<p>This activity is not planned for this reporting period.</p>
<p>2.6: Provide mine-victim assistance to local authorities and mine- and war-affected communities through providing grants and equipment and strengthening the capacity of local professionals to ensure medical, psychological, social and livelihood supports in accordance with the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).</p>	<p>Enhancement of electronic case management system</p> <p>The procurement of the services of two National Consultants was initiated. This is in response to the request from the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine to improve the electronic case management system and to support state efforts in further enhancement of the electronic case management system. The two consultants are expected to collaborate closely on 1) providing methodological support in the improvement in administering social services provision system, 2) developing recommendations on the curriculum within the electronic case management, and 3) enhancing regulatory framework for electronic case management. Technical evaluation of the proposals received is underway.</p> <p>Strengthening the capacities of Inclusive Driving Schools</p> <p>Technical specification for vehicles is prepared and submitted for MIA's approval. The vehicles are converted for training of people with disabilities for Donetsk, Odesa, Dnipro, and Kharkiv state universities of internal affairs to strengthen the capacities of inclusive driving schools. In this connection, technical specifications for the tablets to be used in the schools have been drafted and submitted for MIA's approval.</p>

	<p>Partnership with civil society organizations</p> <p>Open grant competition “STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES OF COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE VICTIM ASSISTANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY” was announced. 53 concept notes were submitted by CSOs in response to the first round. 29 potential grantees from 13 oblasts of Ukraine (for 30 projects) were recommended to submit their full proposals for the second round. The Grant Selection Committee received 27 complete project proposals as of 17 June 2024.</p>
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OUTPUT 3: Debris, waste and environmentally hazardous materials cleared and dangerous damaged structures safely demolished for swift reconstruction of housing and public socio-economic facilities

<p>3.1: Conduct assessments and identify suitable debris waste removal and recycling methodologies in the target areas</p>	<p>Started the analysis of destruction in target areas and assessments for identifying suitable debris waste removal and recycling methodologies in the target areas.</p> <p>Collecting the information from oblasts’ and communities’ administrations, liaison with final beneficiaries. Field visit to Kharkiv city was conducted to establish communication with local and oblast administrations representatives, collecting information on the needs for demolition and debris management.</p>
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<p>3.2: Undertake debris removal and demolition work in accordance with the safety and environmental standards and proper disposal procedures</p>	<p>This activity is not planned for this reporting period. Based on the data received under Activity 3.1, the project will conduct demolition work on buildings, structures and debris removal from such locations to the designated storage and treatment places.</p>
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<p>3.3: Strengthen capacity of local/municipal authorities to treat debris/waste and recycle the debris waste by providing equipment, reviewing the regulatory framework, and developing a business model</p>	<p>This activity is not planned for this reporting period. Based on the data received under Activity 3.1 the project will procure and transfer equipment for debris management. Development of business models and conducting feasibility study on debris recycling and reuse.</p>
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<p>3.4: Provide technical support to ensure compliance of safety and environmental procedures for the treatment of debris and hazardous substances (e.g., asbestos)</p>	<p>UNDP announced a position for Hazardous Material Analyst and plans to hire a specialist who will take the lead in the treatment of debris and hazardous substances such as asbestos.</p>
<p>OUTPUT 4: Local economy revitalized by strengthening and expanding the private sector in targeted sectors through immediate response solutions in developing capabilities, improving employability, and enhancing business-enabling conditions</p>	
<p>4.1: Provide capacity building, advisory and grant support for self-employment, entrepreneurship and job creation prioritizing war-affected groups including IDPs, veterans, returnees, etc.</p>	<p>Needs assessment was completed and a ToR was drafted to launch training for start-ups on basic business skills (how to start business and to do business properly), covering at least 600 trainees in Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odesa, Vinnytsia and Lviv oblasts in offline mode and at least 600 trainees from Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odesa oblasts and all over Ukraine (with a special focus on IDPs, women, and persons with disabilities) in online mode.</p> <p>TOR was drafted to launch small grants programme for start-ups, renewal, expansion, and relocation of MSMEs covering at least 150 grantees: 50 grantees from Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odesa oblasts each and 50 grantees from all over Ukraine (with a special focus on IDPs, relocated businesses, MSMEs led by women, and persons with disabilities).</p> <p>ToR was drafted on the consulting for entrepreneurs on small grant implementation for at least 200 grantees, and on customized consulting products for at least 200 MSMS's representatives including 50 MSMEs from Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odesa oblasts each and 50 MSMEs from all over Ukraine.</p>
<p>4.2: Improve employability of the war-affected population, in particular IDPs/returnees and veterans, and provide immediate relief at the regional labour market through restoring capacities and strengthening of professional and vocational education institutions.</p>	<p>The first wave of short-term reskilling courses launched on 15 June for 190 trainees covering 12 occupations (seamstress, locksmith, welder, installer of sanitary-technical systems and equipment, plasterer, turner, etc.) in 11 Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions of eight cities (Odesa, Ovidiopol, Kharkiv, Boguslav, Boryspil, Skvyra, Brovary, Vasytkiv).</p> <p>10 educational institutions were selected as listed below in close cooperation with the Departments of Education and Science of the regional state administrations of education.</p>

	<p>These institutions will be supported by repair works and the purchase of equipment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skvyra Higher Vocational School (Kyiv Oblast) 2. Ukraiinka Vocational Lyceum (Kyiv Oblast) 3. Odesa Vocational Lyceum of Maritime Transport (Odesa Oblast) 4. Northern center of professional education, Savran (Odesa Oblast) 5. State educational institution "Odesa Center of Vocational and Technical Education", Ovidiopol (Odesa Oblast) 6. Lozova center of professional education of the Kharkiv region (Kharkiv Oblast) 8. Regional center of professional education of railway transport and agrotechnical service, Liubotyn (Kharkiv Oblast) 9. Vocational and technical education center No. 1 in Vinnytsia (Vinnytsia Oblast) 10. Gushchintsi Higher Vocational School (Vinnytsia Oblast).
<p>4.3: Enhance business-enabling conditions by rehabilitating/constructing co-working and co-production facilities, providing shared assets, strengthening soft and digital business support infrastructure, improving access to finance and market opportunities.</p>	<p>First project-supported regional office “Made in Ukraine” was launched in Odesa on 30 May 2024.</p> <p>Needs assessment was completed and, as listed below, following initiatives tentatively identified for the support:</p> <p>National level: “Made in Ukraine” Expo; Business mission to Japan; Enhancement of Diia.Business portal.</p> <p>Kharkiv oblast and city: 3-4 regional “Made in Ukraine” offices; Entrepreneurship Support Points in municipal centers for administrative services; “Point of invincibility” for MSMEs in Oblast Employment Centre; Kharkiv Business Hub; Rehabilitation of market pavilion in Kharkiv.</p> <p>Kyiv oblast and city: 3-4 regional “Made in Ukraine” offices; Entrepreneurship Support Points in oblast centres for administrative services; Diia.Business Centre + “Point of invincibility” for MSMEs in Bila Tserkva.</p> <p>Odesa oblast and city: 3-4 regional “Made in Ukraine” offices; “Point of invincibility” for MSMEs in Oblast Employment Centre; Rehabilitation of Entrepreneurship and Civil Society Hub in Odessa.</p> <p>Vinnytsia oblast and city: 3-4 regional “Made in Ukraine” offices; Entrepreneurship Support Points in oblast centres for administrative services; Diia.Business Centre + “Point of invincibility” for MSMEs in Vinnytsia.</p>

OUTPUT 5: Integrity and transparency of government mechanisms and processes for crisis management and recovery process strengthened at both national and local levels

5.1: Enhance the capacities of the government both at national and local levels, strengthening policies and mechanisms to effectively coordinate the government’s recovery and reform processes, including establishing a recovery unit/platform in the priority oblasts to plan, implement and monitor recovery actions

To support the implementation of the local recovery and development plans in 10 communities, the project launched a multi-module comprehensive training programme "Local Recovery Plan: From Development to Implementation," enhancing the capacity of 36 officials from 10 local self-governments to develop 34 priority projects. The training focused on people-oriented recovery projects addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, project management, partnership building, and resource mobilization. Participants developed at least three project proposals per community, aiming at creating a \$22 million USD project portfolio. Within the next reporting period, the project will provide further expert and mentoring support to the pilot communities to finalize the project proposals into the full-fledged project proposals ready for investment. In addition, the support will envisage the development and execution of the resource mobilization strategies with a view and aim to attract external donor resources. The project will also provide in-kind support to some of the recovery projects through the procurement and provision of the necessary equipment.

In addition, the project started planning the recruitment of a service provider to support 10 pilot local self-governments in strengthening their capacities in effective communications in the local recovery and development processes and countering disinformation.

To scale up the local recovery planning experience and methodology, the project started the development of respective ToRs and call for 20 pilot communities for inclusive and transparent local recovery and development process. The support will include developing local recovery plans, assessing corruption risks, and developing local anti-corruption programmes to ensure transparency and accountability. Additionally, targeted training programmes will strengthen local government officials' capacity in crisis management, democratic governance, project development, and resource mobilization.

<p>5.2: Enhance integrity and transparency in the government’s recovery processes through digitalization, government-civic engagement and strengthening</p>	<p>The project supported the Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine in strengthening institutional capacities to enhance transparency and accountability in the recovery process. Eight consultants were recruited to conduct corruption risk assessments, organize training sessions for Ministry employees and local bodies, and develop internal policies on conflict of interest and whistleblowing. The project also launched the development of the online training courses for anti-corruption commissioners and civil servants.</p> <p>In line with the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy’s Media Literacy Development Strategy until 2026, UNDP launched the grant competition "Empowering Civil Society: Countering Disinformation and Enhancing Media Literacy for Recovery." This initiative engages civil society organizations to prevent disinformation and develop media literacy skills, with applications due by 22 July 2024 and execution planned before 1 February 2025.</p> <p>The Reporter Camp.Revisit in Kyiv allowed young journalists to interview prominent figures, fostering engagement in Ukraine's recovery.</p> <p>Trainings on countering disinformation and strategic communications were held for 26 specialists from Donetsk and Luhansk, enhancing their skills in strategic communications and counter-disinformation. Future sessions are planned for Sumsk and Chernigivska oblasts and other regions.</p> <p>The "VidNOVA:UA" youth engagement programme was launched in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and All-Ukrainian Youth Center, enabling young people to participate in recovery activities such as renovation of the youth centers, creation of inclusive street space, participating in workshops on civic participation and volunteering. The programme selected 24 regional teams from 16 oblasts for initial training, equipping them with project management and critical thinking skills to design youth-oriented initiatives. Through the Ambassador programme that send “VidNOVA:UA” Alumni, they provided mentorship support to the implementing teams of CSOs, who will work with the local community self-governments (hromadas) to ensure continuity and quality in youth engagement for recovery.</p>
<p>5.3: Establish policies and regulatory frameworks for reconstruction work (e.g., standard procures, regulation standards and codes, special war-time/temporal measures) in the</p>	<p>The project provided expertise support to the Ministry for Communities, Territories, and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine through the recruitment of consultants to develop internal policies on conflict of interest, whistleblowing, and fostering a culture of reporting corruption risks. These policies are crucial for creating a transparent and accountable environment within the Ministry, ensuring effective oversight of reconstruction activities.</p>

<p>key recovery areas with solid enforcement mechanisms</p>	<p>The project also started reviewing the methodology for determining priorities in local recovery planning. This refined approach will provide local governments with a systematic method to prioritize recovery initiatives, ensuring efficient and transparent resource allocation aligned with strategic recovery goals.</p> <p>The project provided expert support to the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine in preparing its 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. Three national consultants specializing in strategic planning, budgeting, and digitalization were appointed to finalize and present methodologies to the Ministry. This initiative aims to strengthen the Ministry's strategic framework, with potential scalability to other ministries.</p>
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OUTPUT 6: Capacities of national and local state and non-state actors enhanced to promote human rights and ensure access to justice for all people, with a focus on IDPs and vulnerable groups

<p>6.1: Strengthen capacities of state and non-state actors at the national and local levels to promote and protect human rights, access to justice and legal empowerment through building capacity of legal service providers with digitization, establishing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, expanding victim and witness support and sensitizing the media actors</p>	<p>A special session was held for the managerial staff of the Free Legal Aid (FLA) system. This session is part of an effective communication program launched under the JSB project, aimed at enhancing capacities to address new challenges and improve communication with the war-affected population. The communication training improved the knowledge and skills of 86 representatives (67 women and 19 men) to address new challenges and communicate effectively with the war-affected population.</p> <p>In May 2024, a Mediation Strategic Forum was conducted with the following key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To increase awareness about FLA activities. - To inform partner organizations and stakeholders about the roles, tasks, and experiences of the FLA system in areas such as mediation. - To develop effective mechanisms to strengthen the internal capacities of FLA centers in assisting access to mediation and providing mediation services for vulnerable groups. - To create a strategic vision for implementing alternative dispute resolution approaches.
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	<p>As a result of the efforts of the FLA system and the project, a strategic vision for the development of the FLA system for 2024–2025 was established. This includes implementation mechanisms for improving access to alternative dispute resolution methods, particularly mediation, through the FLA system.</p> <p>Nearly 110 representatives from the legal profession, including lawyers, judges, experts, and mediators, participated in the event. They provided valuable input to the strategic vision for the further development of mediation services in Ukraine.</p> <p>On the request of the Office of the Prosecutor General, specifically, the Coordination Center for Work with Victims, monitoring and mapping of all regional initiatives that provide services and support to survivors and witnesses of war crimes was conducted. During the reported period, UNDP teamed up with the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)'s regional coordinators to conduct mapping at local level which has covered over a thousand initiatives across various regions. As a result, a detailed database comprising 960 operating organizations that support war victims and affected people, including women, children, people with disabilities, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and others was created with identification of the specific services and support provided by these organizations and their contact information within the regions.</p> <p>The project supported Ombudsperson in arranging thematic discussion on human rights challenges caused by the war in 19 oblasts of Ukraine, engaging more than 2,400 participants including 1,456 duty bearers. Participants included representatives from oblast and local authorities, the national police, and heads and workers of places of deprivation of liberty, and human rights defenders. These awareness raising initiatives facilitated important discussions at the local level regarding war-related human rights violations and the protection of the most vulnerable groups during times of conflict. The initiative has significantly contributed to raising awareness and equipping duty bearers with the knowledge to better uphold human rights.</p>
<p>6.2: Enhance capacities of national police and judicial actors to carry out evidence-based investigation and processing of human rights</p>	<p>The project built capacities of prosecutors and investigators on the procedural interview, through the training on investigative interview passed by 29 persons (21 women; 8 men).</p> <p>The project team identified the location for reconstruction and prepared ToR for the reconstruction work. This is based on the field mission to Chernivtsi, which had two goals: (1) to assess and identify a venue that</p>

violations, war crime cases, CRSV crimes, and armed conflict-related property loss and claims	will be repaired for the purpose of the regional centres of provision support to the victims and witnesses of war crimes; and (2) to identify needs that can be addressed in the frame of this project.
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4. Partnership with Japanese partners

- Partnership with Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)

On the occasion of the Japan-Ukraine Conference, UNDP and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) signed a new Statement of Intent (Sol) to bolster collaboration for economic recovery in Ukraine by linking Japanese private sector with the Ukrainian economic community. UNDP and JETRO co-hosted a public side event titled "Inclusive Economic Growth and the Role of the Private Sector for Ukraine’s Reconstruction" on 20 February 2024 in Tokyo. Since February 2024, UNDP and JETRO have been collaborating for connecting Ukrainian business community with Japanese private sector and actual partnership events were co-organized.

- On 27 March 2024, UNDP organized a Round Table for the Development Partners "Ukraine Economic Recovery Priorities" together with the Ukrainian Government partners and JETRO was invited to attend virtually.
- On 20 May 2024, UNDP provided support for JETRO’s webinar “How to do business with Japan”.
- On 6-7 June 2024, JETRO organized their first official public-private mission with 10 Japanese companies to Kyiv, Ukraine; Sojitz (General Trading and Investment House), Nippon Express (Global Logistics Service Provider), Kusuhara Transportation (Specialized with heavy and large cargo), Padeco (Infra-related project originator), Nippon Koei (Infra-related project originator), Deloitte (Global Consulting Firm), Rei (Agriculture), SDGs (Agriculture), Sagri (Agritech) and Mebiol (Agritech); The programme agenda was supported by UNDP Ukraine and successfully co-hosted the Business Networking Event between Japanese and Ukrainian companies on 6 June 2024. The field visits were also organized with the support of UNDP Ukraine and they visited one education facility of foreign language and Unit City inside Kyiv (business incubation/development community where a wide range of businesses have their office).

As a result of the field visit, Rei, one of the participating companies decided to donate JPY 1,000,000 for supporting the Gymnasium via UNDP. The official procedures to receive the donation is underway.

Press Release of the business mission by [JETRO \(Japanese\)](#)

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(1) Partnership with the City of Yokohama

UNDP Ukraine has been discussing with Yokohama City for collaboration to support City-to-City partnerships for recovery in Odesa City. UNDP and the City of Yokohama are preparing to sign a new Statement of Intent (Sol) for collaboration for supporting Ukraine’s recovery and reconstruction on 1 July 2024.

As Yokohama City and Odesa City have been sister-cities since 1965, the initial target of collaboration intend to support Odesa’s damaged infrastructure by repairing the building of the Kindergarten No. 141 in Odesa City while the crowdfunding for equipment/furniture for the Kindergarten No. 141 will be launched by the new partnership between UNDP and Yokohama. UNDP and a Japanese crowdfunding service platform (ReadyFor) have been in consultation for the corporate agreement including terms and conditions. If the agreement is made, the new crowdfunding campaign will be launched with mass outreach to citizens and the private sector for mobilizing resources.

5. Photo Highlights



Signing of Intent between UNDP Ukraine and the city of Yokohama. Hybrid ceremony held on the 1st of July.



Launch of “Made-in-Ukraine” business support centre in Odesa providing various supports and trainings to entrepreneurs (Output 4)



An opening of a training course for representatives of local self-government bodies from 10 communities participating in a pilot project on local-level recovery planning (Output 5)



Backstage photo during the interview of Diana Kolomiychenko with activist Ulyana Pcholkina on barrier free conditions for people with disabilities in Ukraine (Output 5)



Training on investigative interviews for prosecutors and investigators (Output 6)

Presentation of the key findings and recommendations of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Annual Report in the regions (Output 6):



6. Visibility

Output 4

4.3: Enhance business-enabling conditions with special attention to women and war-affected population by rehabilitating/constructing co-working and co-production facilities, providing shared assets, strengthening soft and digital business support infrastructure, improving access to finance and market opportunities as well as legislation and regulations on business environment and human capital.

1. On May 30, the Government of Japan and the UNDP, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, the State Employment Service and the Odesa Oblast Employment Centre, have opened a regional “Made in Ukraine” office in Odesa. This is the ninth representative office of the “Made in Ukraine” platform, a comprehensive programme aimed at supporting Ukrainian manufacturers and strengthening the national economy.



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5.1: Enhance the capacities of the government both at national and local levels, strengthening policies and mechanisms to effectively coordinate the government’s gender-responsive recovery and reform

processes, including establishing a recovery unit/platform in the priority region to plan, implement and monitor recovery actions.

1. June 19, 2024. UNDP in Ukraine concluded a training course for local self-government representatives from 10 communities participating in a pilot project for local recovery planning.

The course was organised in collaboration with the Ministry for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine and with financial support from the Government of Japan.



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5.2: Enhance integrity and transparency in the government’s recovery processes through digitalization, government-civic engagement and strengthening of the capacity of countering disinformation at the international, national, and local levels.

1.June 26, 2024. The three-day training in strategic communications and tackling disinformation was held by the Centre for Strategic Communications and Information Security, under the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine, with support from UNDP in Ukraine and with funding from the Government of Japan.



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2. July 4, 2024. Call for Participation in the Grant Competition: "Empowering Civil Society: Countering Disinformation and Enhancing Media Literacy"



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3. May 26, 2024. With the aim to raise awareness on critical recovery topics, the project fostered insightful dialogues between teenagers and adults, enhancing engagement in Ukraine's recovery process. In June and July, the Reporter Camp.Revisit in Kyiv offered the 2023 Reporter contest alumni a chance to hone their journalistic skills. Contest winners Kostynatyn Klyova (16) from Kherson, Daryna Kozyr (16) from Kharkiv, and Diana Kolomyichenko (15) from Chernihiv oblast conducted their first interviews with prominent figures such as Jaco Cilliers, UNDP Resident Representative in Ukraine; Tymur Miroshnichenko, a Ukrainian TV star; and Uliana Pcholkina, a civil activist for disability rights.



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[Timur Miroshnichenko Interview Full Version ENG](#)

[Uliana Pcholkina Interview Full Version ENG](#)

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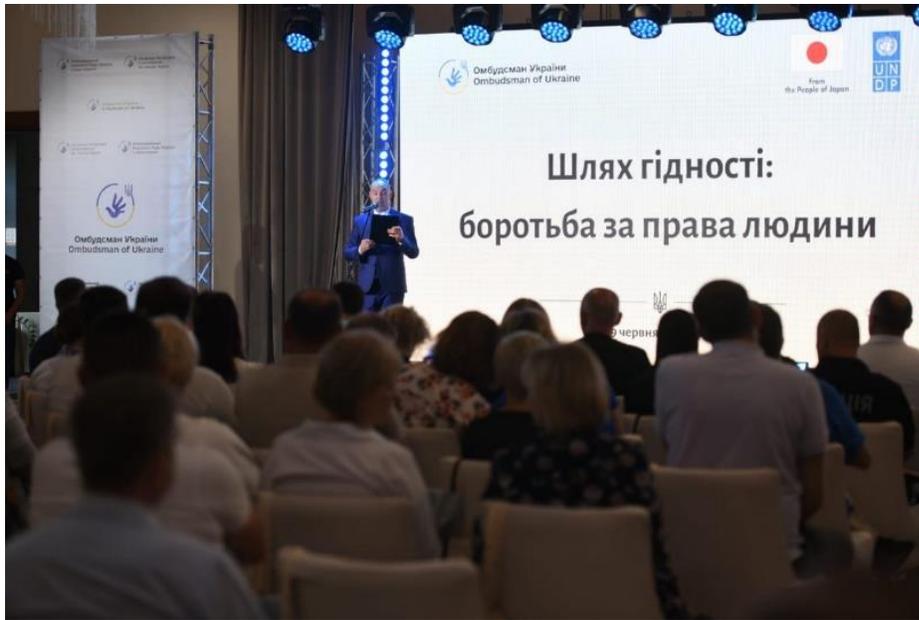
To promote access to justice in times of war, project supported **Forum on mediation and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms**, which was aimed to develop a strategic vision for integrating mediation into the system of free legal aid.



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NHRI's Annual Report and its key findings were disseminated locally through **a series of regional events** supported by project. Throughout July 2024, events were held in 19 oblasts of Ukraine, engaging more than 2,500 participants including 1,456 duty bearers. Participants included representatives of oblast and local authorities and the national police, and heads and staff members of places of deprivation of liberty. During these awareness-raising events, the key findings on systematic human rights issues and violations identified in 2023 were presented. Additionally, key recommendations were provided on addressing identified challenges and preventing new violations. These awareness-raising initiatives facilitated important discussions at local level regarding war-related human rights violations and the protection of the most vulnerable groups during times of conflict.





Links for partners' materials and mentioning's about the event:

- [Ivano-Frankivsk](#)
- [Poltava](#)
- [Odesa](#)
- [Zaporizhia](#)
- [Chernihiv](#)
- [Chernivtsi](#)
- [Rivne](#)
- [Poltava](#)
- [Zhytomyr](#)
- [Sumy](#)

- [Kharkiv](#)
- [Volyn](#) video; [Volyn](#)
- [Vinnytsia](#)
- [Khmelnysk \(video\)](#)
- [Cherkasy](#)

Investigative interview for justice professionals: Basic.

In June the project supported first out of a series of training events for justice professionals “Investigative interview. Basic”. The training event engaged 30 representatives from prosecutors, investigators and detectives where they have studied the basics of investigative interview approach.



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7. Challenges and proposed solutions

- **Delayed Project Registration:** Project registration delays have significant implications for large-scale procurements, causing setbacks in project timelines. UNDP is reaching out to relevant organizations to expedite the issuance of the support letters.
- **Frequent power outages:** create practical implications for offline trainings, conferences, and activities. Even with power generators, rooms remain inadequately ventilated and air-conditioned, hindering the effectiveness of these activities. The project tries to provide better training environment as much as possible anticipating unavailability of electricity.
- **Low interest or willingness of NGOs/CSOs for working in frontline oblasts:** According to the task of the output 2, Low Value Grant projects mainly should be implemented in oblasts that are close to the frontline. At the same time, CSOs from these regions are willing to implement projects for population in other oblasts but not interested in the frontline oblasts that the project plans to target. To balance the geographical locations of the projects, Call for Proposal (CfP) provides for

rolling competition, and the team is inviting national-level CSOs to participate with the projects targeted at priority oblasts.

- **Intensification of military activities:** Due to the intensification of the military activities in the Kharkiv region, one youth exchange within VidNOVA:UA under output 5 which was previously pre-selected, had to be dropped from the programme. The safety of both participants and the local hosting NGO remains the main priority for UNDP and partners of VidNOVA:UA programme.
- **Complex specification of equipment and subsequent procurement:** Partners from the forensic institute under output 6 require very specific equipment, that necessitates specific technical expertise, making the procurement process complicated. Thus, the project seeks support at the global level that influences the length of the procurement process to reduce the time necessary for such procurement cases.

8. Plan for the Next Quarter

Output 1. Conduct the procurement process for the identified energy equipment for Kharkiv.

- Determine the architecture design for repair for the Kindergarten No. 141 in Odesa in line with the technical requirement of the Oblast administration and develop a crowd-funding facility arrangements.

Output 2

- Initiate planning to conduct mine-action related assessments in accordance with identification of location under Output 3.
- Continue development of ToRs to conduct EO survey and site clearance, EORE, as well as preparing the technical specifications of equipment to be provided to SESU pyrotechnic teams.
- Contract the two consultants for the enhancement of electronic case management system.
- Publish Request for Proposals on developing the state policy on insurance of people with disabilities.
- Initiate the procurement of 4 vehicles converted for training of people with disabilities.
- Complete the assessment of CSOs applications submitted for the grant competition, sign grant agreements for a total budget of 900,000 USD, start the implementation of the LVG projects no later than 10th August. Proceed with the ongoing grant competition and monthly assessments of applications.

Output 3

- Hire individual consultant that will conduct needs assessment for demolition, debris removal and management in selected oblasts, on communities' level

- Acquire assessment data on the needs for demolition, debris removal and management in selected oblasts, on communities' level
- Start of the procurement process for demolition and debris removal contractor (announce the tender), start the evaluation process of the tender
- Start of procurement process for demolition and debris removal/management equipment (establishing of technical specifications, prepare documents for the tender)

Output 4

- Launch training for start-ups on basic business skills (how to start business and to do business properly) based on the finding of needs assessment and ToR drafted under this reporting period.
- Initiate small grant programme for start-up, renewal, expansion, and relocation of MSMEs based on the drafted ToR.
- Identify the needs of repair works and provision of equipment for 10 vocational education institutions identified in close cooperation with the departments of education and science of the regional state administrations of education.

Output 5

- Complete its training programme on recovery project design and implementation for 10 pilot municipalities (which were supported in the development of the local recovery plans in 2023-2024). Following this, tailored follow-up expert and mentoring support will be provided to address existing expertise gaps in specific projects and areas.
- Select 20 new communities and initiate the local recovery planning process in these areas. This will involve launching a call for proposals, signing contracts with the selected companies, and starting the recovery planning activities. To support these efforts, a capacity-building programme will be implemented, covering key areas such as crisis management, local recovery planning and development, project management, and resource mobilization.
- Selection process will be conducted to hire contractors to support 10 local communities in enhancing their communications capacities within the context of local recovery planning, to ensure that the recovery process in these selected communities is fully participatory, transparent, and efficient, thereby fostering an environment where recovery is not only swift but also long-lasting and inclusive.
- A series of trainings on countering disinformation and strategic communications for state communication specialists at the oblast level will be continued, aiming at strengthening state communication specialists' capacity to combat disinformation and improve strategic communications.

- Expand and strengthen the VidNOVA:UA programme, through implementation of 24 youth exchanges across 24 communities in 16 oblasts of Ukraine, engaging at least 700 young people.

Output 6

- Launch all training initiatives for the partners, namely on processing of war-related criminal cases, on development of mediation services and other.
- Launch all procurement cases for the equipment and services, including conversion of vans for the National police, forensic equipment, reconstruction service.