



ACTED IN UKRAINE

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KEY PRIORITIES

ACTED has been present in Ukraine since 2015 in response to the conflict in the Donbas region. Since the large-scale military action began in the country in February 2022, ACTED's teams are mobilised throughout Ukraine and neighbouring countries to support victims of the conflict.

ACTED has expanded its geographic and operational presence in Ukraine and opened new field bases throughout the West, East, North and South. After the first three months of rapid response and scale up of operations, ACTED transitioned its programming to provide comprehensive and multi-sector aid to three contextual profiles within Ukraine.



PROVIDING EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID IN ACTIVE CONFLICT CONTEXTS



ENSURING BASIC NEEDS OF DISPLACED PEOPLE ARE MET IN HOSTING CONTEXTS



SUPPORTING THE RECOVERY OF RECENTLY REGAINED CONTEXTS

Immediately after the invasion, ACTED launched its **#ConvoysForUkraine** initiative. Under it ACTED delivered **97** trucks carrying more than **2500** tons of essential items donated by the people of France. These items, such as food, water, hygiene products, blankets, and first aid kits, were delivered to **112,528** Ukrainian people across 16 oblasts in country; and additional Ukrainians in Moldova and Romania.

With the upcoming winter, ACTED has relaunched this initiative to deliver winter-specific items such as blankets and winter clothes to people in need, especially with recent attacks to energy infrastructure in Ukraine that put more people at risk during the cold months ahead.



97 TRUCKS



2500 TONS



Drawing on ACTED's extensive experience and technical capacity in cash programming in Ukraine, and in light of the inherent flexibility and dignity afforded by cash assistance, ACTED prioritises the provision of multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) wherever markets and banking systems are functional.

ACTED had been providing cash assistance since 2018 primarily in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. After the large scale invasion which caused massive displacement and damage, leading to people straining or exhausting their economic resources, ACTED quickly scaled up its existing MPCA structure to provide assistance not only in internally displaced people-hosting areas of western and central Ukraine, but also in locations facing direct hostilities in the east and south of the country. The foundational MPCA structure allowed for quick adaptation, cost-efficiency in operations, and a balanced in-person and remote registration system for beneficiaries, in order to reach vulnerable populations in rural and hard-to-reach areas.

During September - October 2022, ACTED's cash team expanded their in-person and remote registration further to focus on directly affected and very recently liberated communities in Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, and Kherson oblasts as the Ukrainian forces made advances. In Kherson oblast, ACTED worked with the Ministry of Social Policy to provide direct cash assistance to referred beneficiaries. In recent weeks, ACTED's cash team has been assessing the functionality of banks and markets in Kharkiv and Donetsk oblasts through visits and coordination with local authorities and CSOs.





102, 191 people affected by the conflict in all 24 oblasts of Ukraine have already received life-saving multi-purpose cash assistance from ACTED.

"Winter is coming, so now we are actively rebuilding our house to have a place to live. With the money we received, we bought windows for it. Thank you. This is very valuable." explained Oleg when interviewed by ACTED's team in Velyka Dymerka, Kyiv oblast.

"My wife and I were left without a job, because the rockets destroyed that as well. Now, we are collecting money and materials for the construction of a new house, and we hope everything will get better. Thank you for your contribution, it is much appreciated." explained Viktor when interviewed by ACTED's team in Shestovytsya, Chernihiv oblast.



To read more about Oleg's story and others, you can view the full articles on ACTED's website, available [here](#) and [here](#).

With nearly one-third of Ukrainians forced to flee their homes, access to food remains an ongoing need in large parts of the country. Since the start of the invasion, ACTED and its local partners work to provide hot meals to those traveling, and larger boxes of food assistance to those in unstable areas.



ACTED has provided hot meals to **112,313** displaced people and people in transit.



Additionally, **43,033** people have received food kits and food parcels.



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To ensure dignified, safe and inclusive living conditions for displaced people living in collective centers, ACTED distributed **42,076** hygiene kits and items.

"Keeping the place where you live clean is about dignity. Today we are living in a collective center where 160 other people are accommodated. Everyone should care about tidiness, and hygiene kits provided by ACTED will help us maintain cleanliness in the facility of our temporary stay," explained Nataliya, who's been displaced from Kharkiv.





Moreover, eight months of escalated armed conflict in Ukraine have devastated both water and electricity networks, leaving millions of people without access to safe water. To improve their access to this one of the most essential human needs, ACTED distributed **245, 000** liters of drinkable, bottled water to the most affected people living in Mykolaiv and Donetsk oblast.



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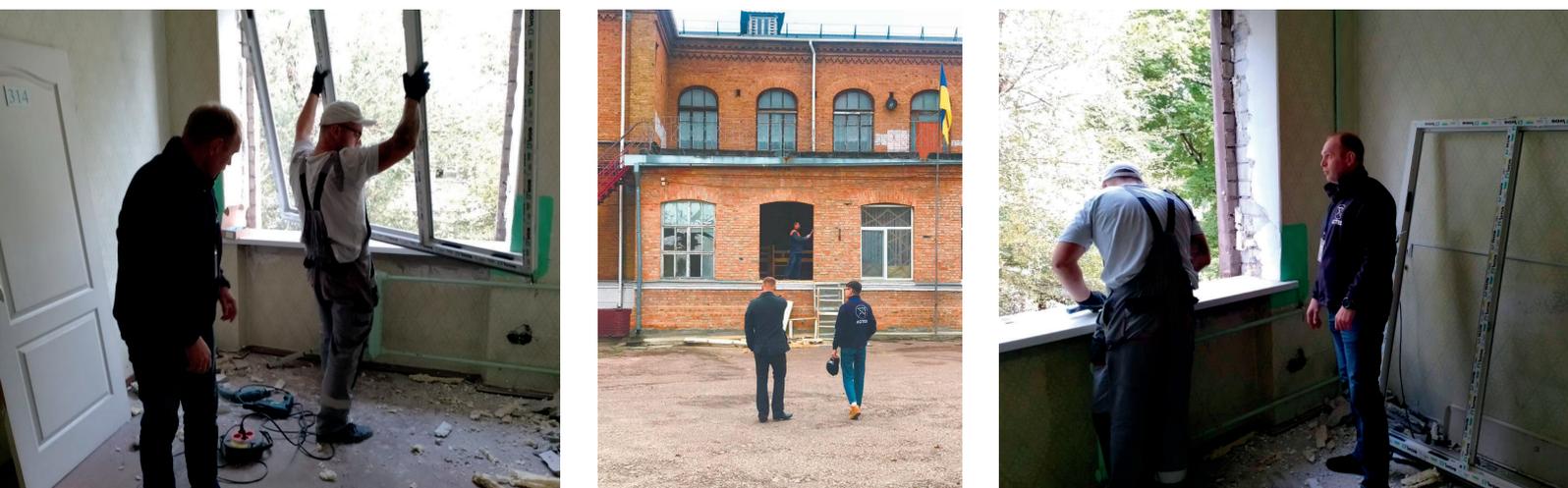
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Additionally, ACTED teams have been working closely with local partners and authorities in collective sites hosting internally displaced people fleeing the conflict-affected areas, implementing activities to ensure the immediate safety of people and improving challenging living conditions.

Consequently, **31,882** internally displaced people in collective centers received assistance through the implementation of activities such as communal laundries, community participation, communication with communities, distribution of repair kits, psychosocial support, windows installation and other repairs as well as site assessments.



The challenges faced by conflict affected people become even more pertinent when winter comes. To help people affected by the war be better prepared for the coming winter, ACTED distributed more than **3200** mobile heaters to vulnerable populations living in Kharkiv and Donetsk oblasts, with more under distribution there and in Mykolaiv oblast.

Moreover, ACTED is currently replacing the destroyed windows in **9** hospitals and **2** schools in Kharkiv city, Mykolaiv, and Chernihiv oblasts, as well as providing window and door replacement at household level in Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Sumy, and Mykolaiv oblasts.

Taking into account the primary role of local civil society organizations (CSOs) who are working at the forefront of the response in conflict areas and in areas hosting internally displaced people, ACTED has also provided **37** grants to local CSOs specifically for winterization support. These aim to ensure that warm, safe and dignified living conditions are available for conflict-affected people through distribution of generators, heaters, firewood, portable stoves, building materials, repair tools, and warm clothes.

