



Support for war-affected people in Ukraine

On 24th February 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, triggering Europe's largest humanitarian crisis since World War 2. Families from Ukraine were forced to flee the violence, leading to a surge of refugees in neighbouring countries.

8 months on and the challenges continue, a new wave of Russian attacks threaten the lives and livelihoods of millions of people.

Right now the UNHCR estimates that more than 7 million people have fled Ukraine, with a further 7 million people displaced internally, in Ukraine.

For 30 years, Habitat for Humanity has been supporting the shelter needs of families across Central and Eastern Europe. From the beginning of the war, Habitat teams have been working with first responders at the borders, coordinating with partners, directly supporting refugees from Ukraine.

The government in Ukraine estimates that 1.7 million people are currently living in damaged homes or buildings, which cannot protect them from the harsh winter temperatures, which are expected to be as low as -20 degrees.

Habitat for Humanity is now partnering with organisations in Ukraine to help repair war damaged buildings, community infrastructure and to create safe spaces in basements of multi-apartment buildings where families can shelter comfortably from air raids. In the short-term, we plan to serve more than 3,000 families and the work is scalable with more support. In the long-term there will be huge need to support and plan for housing recovery.



Habitat will:



Provide families with light to medium shelter repairs



Impact communities through infrastructure repairs



Support families through improvements to insulation and heating systems



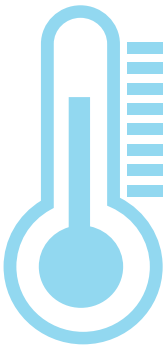
Repair of homes

Communities in new liberated areas, and those living in rural areas will be provided with shelter repair assistance, to support the most vulnerable, conflict-affected people in Ukraine to have a safe place to live. Habitat will partner with CRS to provide light and medium repairs for those whose homes have been damaged by the conflict. Habitat and partners will work closely with local authorities to ensure that the most vulnerable families are being served.



Community infrastructure repairs

Habitat and CRS will support the repair of small-scale community-level infrastructure, which is vital for the recovery, safety and dignity of the communities in which home repairs will be implemented. This could include both the repair of physical damages and the provision of equipment to reinstate the functionality of the spaces. Habitat and partners will provide technical support and oversight to ensure quality repair works are conducted and the community space is rehabilitated.



Improved insulation and heating systems

Habitat will provide direct support to the Odessa Housing Union (OHU), already a long-term partner, for energy efficient modernisation of multi-apartment buildings. Support will be provided to upgrade the existing heating systems to a weather regulated heating system. This will be supported further by the insulation of pipelines and the installation of individual heating substations. The heating system will reduce energy consumption by 25-30%. The basements will be modernised and upgraded, to serve as a safe place during air raid warnings and bomb attacks.



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