### NOVA UKRAINE

# SIX MONTHS OF VAR Impact Report





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### FROM OUR BOARD

We are grateful for the unwavering support from our donors. Thanks to your donations, we have helped nearly 3 million people who have been unjustly affected by the war in Ukraine.

At Nova Ukraine, we will continue to deliver vital humanitarian aid as the war continues and beyond.

Our work would be impossible without your financial support, and we hope that you see the **vital impact of your donations** through the updates enclosed. While we hope that the war ends soon and our efforts can focus on rebuilding, our main priority remains to save the lives of Ukrainian people by providing medicine, evacuation aid, food, and basic needs. We track impact statistics, such as the number of people helped, and revise our priorities accordingly.

We are tremendously proud of the impact and achievements so far but our work is far from over. The cold weather coming to Ukraine in the next two months will present new, tougher challenges, but **your continued support will help Ukrainians survive the winter season.** 

### Six Months of Medical Deliveries

Delivering life-saving medical equipment is our number one priority.



\$19M Value of medical supplies delivered to Ukraine



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398	Wound VACs Delivered
141	Power Stations
102	Portable Ultrasound Machines
71	Ventilators
27	Portable X-Ray Machine
16	Ambulances
6	Surgical Microscopes
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- **500K** Packages of Medication
- 6.6K First Aid Kits
- 34K Tourniquets

### Delivering the right medical equipment to Ukrainians

With consultation from a team of American doctors and input from their Ukrainian counterparts, we ensure that the medical machinery we deliver to Ukraine is not only of high quality, but is uniquely situated to support the needs of Ukrainians throughout the war and the years to come.

For example, the X-Ray machines we have supplied are designed and manufactured in Ukraine, which means that the service and parts are available locally.

We also ensured that they are easily portable so that they could be quickly relocated to another floor or wing in case the hospital is bombed and the elevator is inoperative.

To date we have delivered \$19M worth of equipment to Ukraine and have spent \$5M on medication and consumables.

### Saving the most vulnerable lives in Ukraine

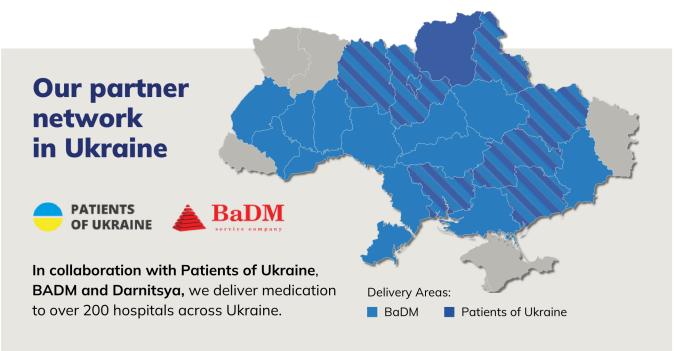
Due to the stress of war, the rate of babies being born prematurely in Ukraine has increased dramatically—with some hospitals reporting as many as 40% of babies being born prematurely.

Pioneer Natural Resources, an energy company putting their unexpected oil and gas profits to a moral cause, have granted an additional \$2M to Nova Ukraine to address the neonatal crisis.

The funds are being used to purchase incubators, warmers, and resuscitation tables for the smallest of patients and their mothers.



Of highest priority are incubators with self-contained power sources—the kind that can easily be moved in case of bombing and used during power outages.



"I appreciate every one who donates to Nova Ukraine, because every dollar is used to save lives. **Thank you for standing with us."** 

—Masha, Volunteer with Patients of Ukraine

### Six Months of Dangerous Rescues

#### Helping Civilians Reach Safety

From the onset of the war, a priority for us has been assisting Ukrainians who live in heavily shelled zones evacuate and resettle to safer areas.

We have partnered with local organizations, like Help People and Yangoli Spasinya, who are evacuating civilians from dangerous areas like the Donetsk, Kharkiv and Luhansk regions.

They have assisted thousands of people to date, including many who are wounded and disabled and in need of special assistance.





#### **Costly and Hazardous**

Evacuation drivers undertake daily risk in order to save lives from the most dangerous regions of Ukraine.

As a result of shelling and close proximity to active fighting, as well as rough road conditions, evacuation vehicles are in frequent need of repair, and the cost of both fuel and replacement vehicles and parts is expected to keep rising during the winter months.

Although this work is costly, your impact is clear. Every \$100 donation is one life saved.





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#### Working Strategically

Many of our partners who carry out evacuations strategically fill their tour buses and sprinter vans with food packs, and deliver them to the civilians who remain in front line cities, which ensures that the fuel and van used on the trip there are still optimized for impact.



Each relief Package Supports a Family **Up to 7 Days** 

Our partners are able to reach and support citizens in occupied regions like Mariupol, Melitopol, and Kherson, as well as newly liberated villages in the Kharkiv region.

Within days of liberation, our partners are delivering food aid to citizens and assisting with evacuations.



**350+** Tons of Food Aid Delivered Per Week

# What's in a relief package?



Fresh Bread





Cooking Oil In addition to food items, all of which are locally sourced in Ukraine, your support brings hope and human connection to those living near the front lines.





Your Love and Support

## **MAPPING YOUR IMPACT**

Nova Ukraine works with local organizations to provide help when and where it is needed most.

Nova Ukraine has projects in every region of Ukraine, including occupied zones. These are just some of the projects your donations have supported across Ukraine:





**1. KYIV** Rebuilding of destroyed homes and community centers



**2. KHARKIV** Supporting animal shelters, zoos, and animal evacuations



**3. DNIPRO** Providing medical supplies for front line hospitals



**4. KHERSON** Delivering aid to occupied cities



**5. MYKOLAIV** Delivering water for internally displaced persons



**6. EASTERN UKRAINE** Evacuating civilians in the line of fire



**7. WESTERN UKRAINE** Housing and respite for refugees and displaced persons.



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# Six Months of Restoration

With your help, we can help restore schools for the children of Ukraine.



Usually September 1st marks the first day of the school year for Ukrainian children, but **since the start of the war, over 2,000 schools have been completely destroyed by shelling** so many children no longer have a school to return to. We understand the potential impact this disruption of their education may have, so our volunteers have been hard at work to restore schools by replacing windows, rebuilding walls, and patching holes in schools across the country with the hope that children will be able to return to school in the near future.

#### Iryna suffered the greatest loss imaginable in Bucha.

When invaders came to her quiet village, Iryna's brother and husband insisted that the women flee, while the men stayed behind to defend their home. Iryna left with her mother and son over the collapsed Irpin bridge, narrowly escaping gunfire. All communication with her loved ones was lost. When she returned, she found her life completely destroyed—her home in ruins, and her husband and brother killed in their own yard.

While the trauma Iryna lived through cannot be restored, **our construction crew Helping Hand helped repair her home in time for winter.** They installed new windows, repaired the leaking roof, covered up the gunshots and holes in the stucco, and cleared the fallen debris.



"Thank you to volunteers for preparing my house for winter and for comfortable living in it. The volunteers did a great job. I am very grateful for your help."

—Iryna

But sadly Iryna's story is not unique. Even as we still struggle to process the losses in Bucha, new reports of atrocities are coming from Izyum, and other newly liberated villages in Ukraine. **The work to rebuild is only beginning.** 

## Six Months of Providing Psychological Aid

### Helping children cope with the psychological effects of the war

We have placed a special focus on helping the children affected by this war by funding projects which provide them with psychological aid. The goal of these projects is to support the most vulnerable of children, those from previously occupied zones like Mariupol and Melitopol, children of Ukrainian military soldiers, and children who are newly orphaned.



To date, we have funded 23 projects which have served 1,294 children. The projects we have supported include sport camps, mathematical events, dance competition trips, library projects, among others.

The goal is to provide these children with a chance to relax, play, and, importantly, an opportunity to receive psychological support from experts in a safe environment.



Many Ukrainian children have been subjected to traumas of war which no child should ever experience. These projects allow them to be children again, while also providing them with trauma therapy, PTSD treatment, and psychological resilience training.

This is an initiative which is very close to our hearts, and we will continue to support projects which provide these children with relief from the cruelty of the war.



## Six Months of Refugee Support

Refugees need your support now to secure their future and maintain hope.





22,500+ Airbnb Bookings for Refugees



750+ Requests Answered by our Refugee Hotline



180 Flights Purchased for Refugees In memory of Maricel and Jeffrey Hahn



673 Families Housed by host families in the USA

#### EVACUATING FROM RUSSIA

For many refugees in occupied zones, the only means of escape is evacuation to Russian territory. Once in Russia, refugees are free to leave—but at their own expense.

Russian volunteers have been aiding refugees, at great personal risk, to reach the Russian border with Latvia and Estonia. From there, volunteers funded by Nova Ukraine help each family reach their final destination.

Nova Ukraine funds the relocation of refugees by providing free accommodation, airfare, and travel

expenses, as well as arranging all the travel details for each family.

**One family describes:** "We spoke with a volunteer and by the next day we had tickets sent to us. After crossing the border, we were contacted by another volunteer who told us what to expect in Riga, ordered our tickets for the ferry, and reserved a room for us in a hostel. The volunteers greatly simplified our journey."



#### Finding Host Families for Refugees in the United States

While many Ukrainians arriving in the US are reuniting with family members who sponsor them under the Uniting for Ukraine program, others come to the United States to escape the war despite no local ties or contacts.

Our emergency housing team helps connect refugees who have nowhere to go with kind hosts who are willing to open their homes to refugees.

### Our Partnership with Airbnb.org

After offering free housing for over 100,000 Ukrainians through partners like Nova Ukraine, Airbnb's program to help Ukrainian refugees has come to an end.

However, we continue working with hosts offering free housing to refugees on the Airbnb platform to provide accommodation for the Ukrainians who need it.

#### Helping Refugees in the US

More than 100,000 Ukrainians are estimated to have arrived in the United States since March. Your support allows Nova Ukraine to help in many ways:

#### **HELP WITH PLANNING AND ARRIVAL**

- Assistance with Uniting for Ukraine applications.
- Help with flights to the US.

#### **HELPING REFUGEES FIND HOUSING**

Nova Ukraine is helping the most vulnerable arrivals find supportive housing by recruiting host families who are willing to open their homes to refugees.

#### **NAVIGATING SERVICES IN THE USA**

Nova Ukraine volunteers help arrivals apply for benefits, and prepare their documents for submission.

#### **REFUGEE PORTAL**

We continue to maintain resources for newly arrived refugees on our portal: **refugees.novaukraine.org.** 



"I got help from Nova Ukraine during my critical situation. I had a sponsor who agreed to house us to the end of the year, but after just 2 months the situation changed and we were asked to leave. Nova Ukraine helped connect us to a very nice host family through Airbnb.

Thank you so much Nova Ukraine for not leaving us homeless."

—Janet

### Six Months of Helping Animals

Nova Ukraine supports several animal welfare organizations who are caring for injured and needy animals across the country.

Our volunteers work to make sure your support provides the greatest possible benefit. For example, by purchasing pet food in bulk and investing in preventative medical interventions.



Supporting these animals also has a positive impact on their caregivers, many of whom are elderly retirees or single parents. **Thanks to you, we have helped thousands of animals and the people who love them.** 



Nova Ukraine is staffed by dedicated volunteers with strong ties to Ukraine, many of whom put their lives and jobs on hold to help their friends, family and associates in their home cities. With the support of our donors, this agile, grassroots-style effort allows us to deliver funds and supplies to the people of Ukraine efficiently, with minimal overhead.

...to all our donors and volunteers!

### Looking Ahead at the Next Six Months

While the state of the war is unpredictable as we enter a grueling winter season, we are optimistic that Ukrainians will continue their inspiring resistance, but **it is important that we do not lose momentum.** 

As civilian infrastructure is continuously targeted, we must prepare for a winter without stable gas or electricity. Wood burning stoves can be used for cooking and as a heat source. To date we have distributed 450 stoves in preparation for winter, and would like to do even more. We are also distributing generators to combat power outages and large quantities of water to last throughout the winter.

We will continue the critical work of evacuations and food and medical deliveries, but as food and gas prices continue to rise, **we cannot do this without your help.** 

Please support our efforts to help Ukrainians survive the coming difficult winter season.





#### **ONGOING NEEDS**



Wood Burning Stoves



Generators



Water



**Your Support** 

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## We thank you for your continued support of our crucial humanitarian work.

- Nova Ukraine was founded in 2014 and has always focused on supporting Ukraine. Since the invasion in February 2022, we have shifted all our efforts to humanitarian aid.
- Nova Ukraine is a registered 501(c)3 organization, tax ID 46-5335435. Donations may be tax deductible.
- Our operations include providing monetary grants to key partners on the ground in Ukraine, and delivering much needed medical supplies from abroad.
- We do not help to equip the active military, but rather concentrate on saving human lives.
- We were recently named among the Top 5 Ukrainian Charities in the world by Forbes Ukraine.
- We believe in full transparency and regularly post our spending updates on our website and social media.

#### Help us support Ukraine through the end of this brutal war.

As the war drags on, your support is more critical than ever. Analysts predict that Ukraine is in for a long battle, and so are we. Please consider making a sustaining gift for the people of Ukraine.

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