

Ukraine response

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More than eight months into the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on the 24th of February 2022, its impacts continue to devastate the country and its population. More than 6 million people continue to be internally displaced, cities have been bombarded beyond recognition and there are estimates of more than six thousand civilians, including children, having been killed. Increasing reports of war crimes by Russian soldiers have been surfacing in areas left behind by the Russian army. Many areas have become and remain inaccessible and existing health infrastructure has been devastated. The United Nations and humanitarian partners have launched coordinated emergency appeals for a combined US\$1.7 billion to support the estimated 12 million people in need of relief and protection. The World Health Organization Emergency Programme has been coordinating the health response and has published [weekly situation reports](#) since the 2nd of March.

Beyond the gaping humanitarian needs, people living with noncommunicable diseases require continuity of care, sometimes as a matter of life and death. The continuity of care, including both medicines and diagnostic equipment is critical. Their care has been severely disrupted by the ongoing conflict and inaccessibility of large areas.

The community of actors working on NCDs in humanitarian settings have collated these key resources to support the humanitarian response and coordination in Ukraine. Any relevant resources can be added to the page, by using the contact details provided.

Programmatic Guidance

- [Integration of NCD care in emergency response and preparedness](#). World Health Organization. Regional Office for South-East Asia; 2018.

- [Integrating Non-communicable Disease Care in Humanitarian Settings. An Operational Guide](#). UNHCR, IRC and the Informal Inter-Agency Group on NCDs in Humanitarian Settings; 2020.

Clinical Guidance

- [WHO package of essential noncommunicable \(PEN\) disease interventions for primary health care](#). Geneva: World Health Organization; 2020.
- Insulin Products Switching Guide ([Ukrainian](#), [English](#), [Russian](#)). Diabetes Disaster Response Coalition (2022)
- Further relevant resources and information can be found on the [International Alliance for Diabetes Action webpage](#).

Our partners are part of the response on the ground. Please see these links for their activities and efforts:

- [International Rescue Committee](#)
- [International Committee of the Red Cross](#)
- [United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#)
- [Médecins Sans Frontières](#)
- [Ukrainian Red Cross Emergency Appeal](#)