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The Winterisation of Ukraine

With temperatures set to fall as low as -20°C, Ukraine is bracing itself for a harsh winter.

There is significant movement both in and out of cities and towns as people seek temporary shelter to see them through the winter. Regardless of where they find shelter it will need work to support additional numbers, whether that is via basic repairs or the provision of heating and running water. Every Ukrainian citizen wants only the freedom to return home, and yet the outlook for many is bleak.

With Putin declaring a “partial mobilisation” on 21st September it is clear there is no imminent end to the war in sight and the suffering will only continue.

Rising levels of need

An estimated 15.7 million Ukrainians need humanitarian assistance, including 7.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs). Recent Government estimates identify over 950,000 of these IDPs living in a public building or other temporary accommodation. The New York Times estimated that over 140,000 residential buildings have been destroyed.

In recent weeks the Russians have intensified attacks on civilian targets and specifically targeted energy critical infrastructure in the north and south-east of the country. This is expected to escalate significantly in the weeks to come.

Old heating systems that serve multiple housing blocks, water pumps and power grids are very susceptible to Russian attack, meaning that a single strike can expose thousands to a winter of freezing cold and misery, without even the most basic facilities. And what might be fixed in warmer climates becomes impossible during the winter months, with underground pipes frozen solid and irreplaceable until the spring.

Crown Agents' credentials and capabilities

Crown Agents has worked in Ukraine for over 25 years and has extensive experience of programme delivery for the Ukraine Ministry of Health. Since the invasion, we have drawn on our national expert team in Kyiv and L'viv to deliver our humanitarian programmes across the country. We work closely with civil society partners across Ukraine to deliver programmes focused on healthcare rehabilitation and supporting vulnerable and marginalised groups with food and medical supplies.

To date, we have procured and supplied over 150,000 pieces of kit and equipment, including first aid trauma kits, oxygen concentrators, baby incubators, generators and patient monitors, where they are most needed in the country. Since July 2022, the Crown Agents Group has also been part of a consortium delivering the Ukraine Reconstruction Industry Advisor project for the UK Department for Industry and Trade. We provide programme support, security advisory and liaison services in country for UK businesses to take forward work on priority projects identified by the Ukraine government. The initial focus is on the reconstruction of bridges and housing in Kyiv Oblast, though such projects will be delivered over the coming year.





Priority areas

Kharkivska, Sumska, Zhytomyrska and Kyivska regions have been identified as the most 'at-risk' areas by the Government in terms of damage to housing. Winterisation activities will be prioritised in areas with high concentrations of collective centres, areas of return and isolated locations. Crown Agents is in communication with Ministries and Local Authorities to select locations and complement existing projects that are being delivered across the country.



Our immediate focus is to support the Ukraine Government's winterisation policy by meeting the needs of the civilian populace to ensure they survive the long winter ahead.

Winterisation Priorities

Our focus is to provide warm shelter, cater to people's basic needs and ensure that their mental and physical health are protected. Crown Agents are:

- Providing shelter for internally displaced people through rehabilitating healthcare facilities
- Retrofitting public buildings for the same purpose
- Insulating and repairing damaged homes in isolated rural areas
- Providing financial support to farmers to protect harvests.

We are procuring and supplying:

- Generators, cooking stoves and fuel
- Winter clothing – including fleeces for emergency crews and paramedics
- Rescue equipment – for fire crews attending power stations that have been attacked.



How you can help

Crown Agents International Development (CAID) [charity number: 1192249] is working to raise £10 million towards helping those in desperate need of warmth and care this winter. Our partners have already contributed £2 million towards this target and due to the onset of winter we need to raise the balance by the end of November. Your support is crucial and I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me as soon as you are able.