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DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL

Supporting those affected by war

2024





The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a leading, international humanitarian organisation, supporting refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) during displacement, in exile, when settling and integrating in a new place, or upon return.

We provide protection and life-saving humanitarian assistance.

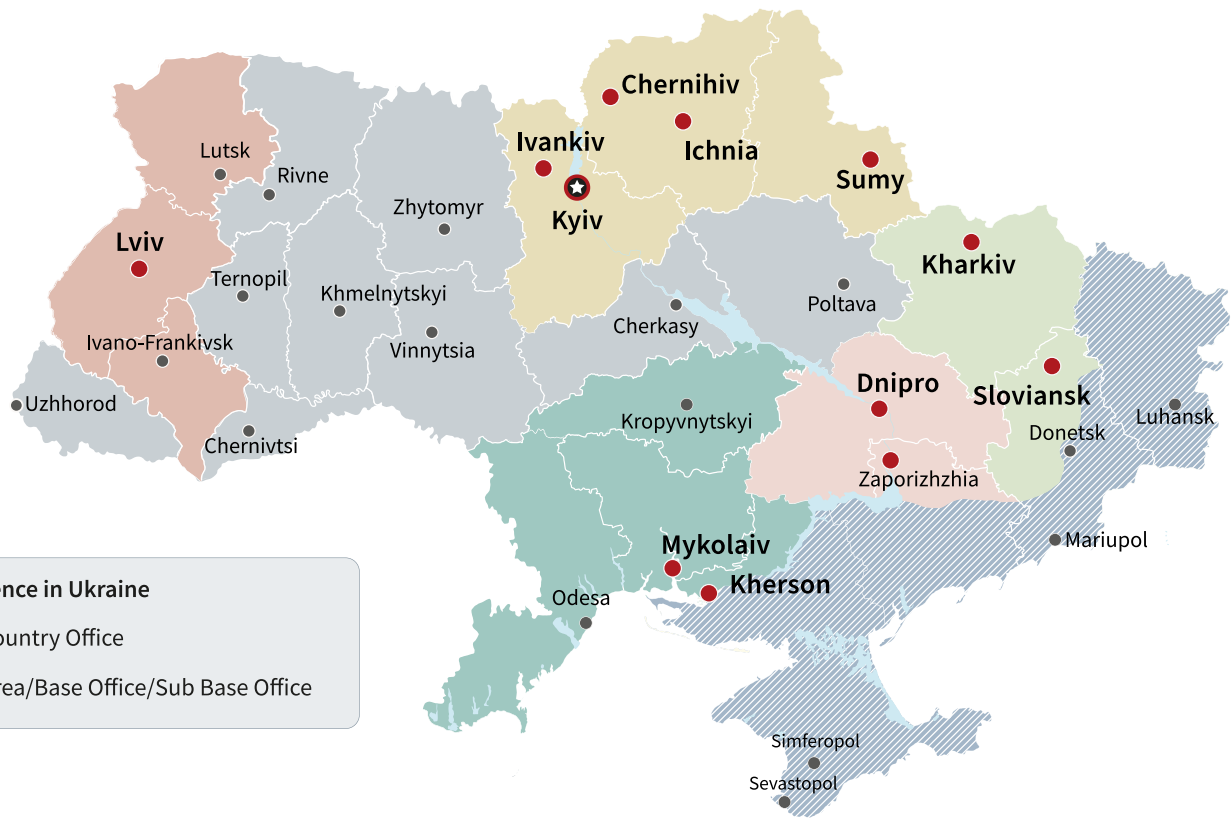
DRC in Ukraine

DRC has been operating in Ukraine since 2014. After 24 February 2022, DRC launched a multi-sectoral response to the large-scale humanitarian crisis.

For the last few years, DRC has supported millions of people in sectors such as Protection, Economic Recovery, Shelter and Settlements, and Humanitarian Disarmament and Peacebuilding.



DRC West (orange) DRC South (teal) DRC North (yellow) DRC South East (light pink) DRC East (light green) Areas outside the control of the Government of Ukraine (blue hatched)



DRC presence in Ukraine

- ★ DRC Country Office
- DRC Area/Base Office/Sub Base Office

Context



5.9 million
Refugees



4.9 million
Internally displaced persons



14.6 million
In need of emergency assistance

DRC Operational Presence



> 800 staff



12 offices



> 3 million
people of concern reached



> 80 million USD
budget



PROTECTION

DRC in Ukraine provides protection and access to services for persons of concern including IDPs, host communities, hard-to-reach communities and people with specific needs.

The protection programme and advocacy work are data-driven from the continuous Protection monitoring activities, including household surveys, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, observations, and rapid protection and gender-based violence (GBV) assessments.



For the most vulnerable and at-risk DRC is providing:



individual protection assistance;



legal aid services;



psychosocial support;



case management services, including specialised GBV case management services for GBV survivors.

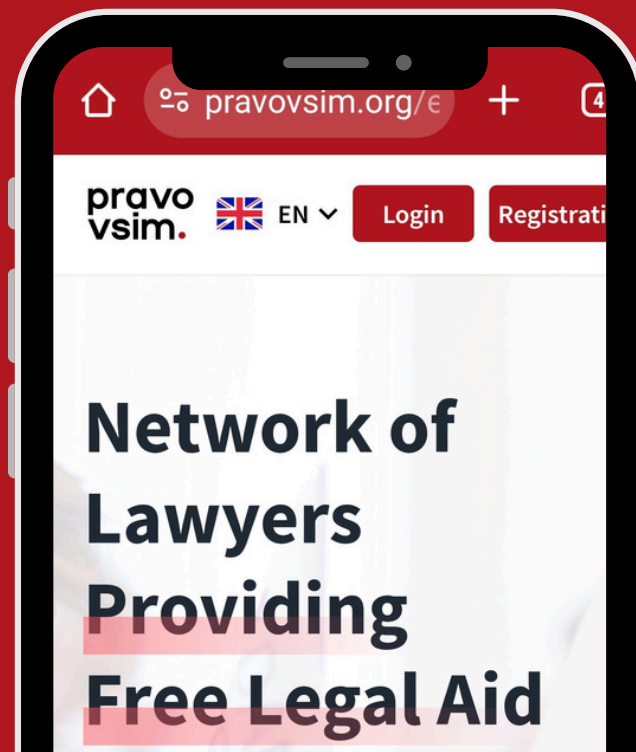
We also ensure access to services through awareness raising on referral pathways and available services. DRC's women and girls' safe spaces empower women and girls to share and obtain information, access services, enhance their psychosocial well-being, and more fully realise their rights.

DRC launched the Digital Legal Aid Platform: pravovsim.org

It links organisations providing legal aid and people in need. Dozens of lawyers' profiles are available on the website, ready to provide consultations online. Constantly updated legal analysis and questions and answers are available for self-help.

DRC's legal support hotlines remain active. If you prefer to seek legal assistance by phone, call 0 800 33 19 13 (Mon-Fri, 9:00 – 17:00, free of charge in Ukraine), or +38 044 333 42 95 – for calls from abroad (free of charge, a callback is on).

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legal aid



Furthermore, DRC is strengthening the capacity of duty bearers providing protection services through the provision of in-kind assistance and capacity building to recover from the impact of the conflict.

These activities are complemented by partnerships with Ukrainian civil society organisations to deliver critical protection services including legal assistance and GBV services.

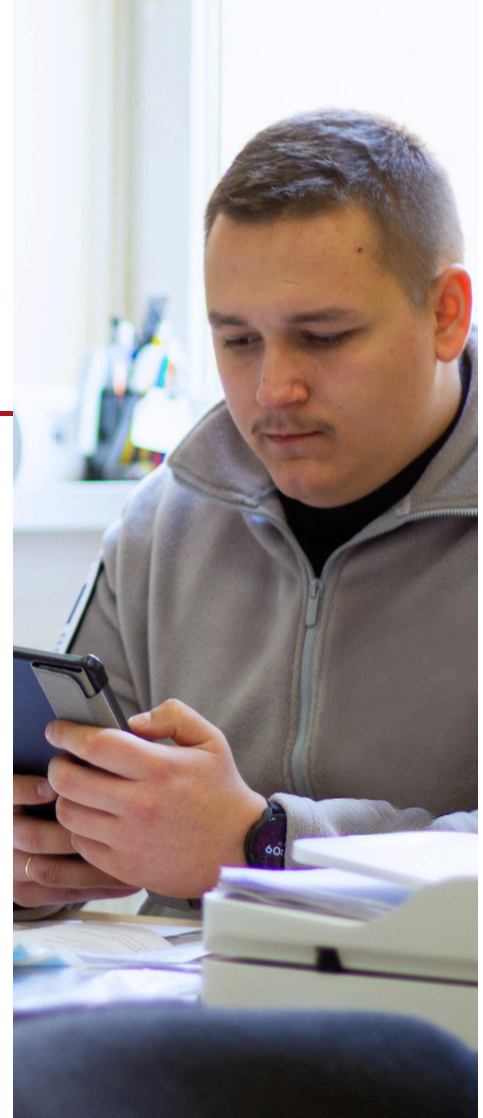




ECONOMIC RECOVERY

DRC offers comprehensive support to conflict-affected populations, including internally displaced persons (IDPs) and, returnees through various forms of cash assistance.

This support includes multi-purpose cash assistance designed to help recipients cover essential needs, as well as sector-specific cash aid targeted at farming households to assist in the recovery and protection of agricultural activities.



Moreover, DRC provides upskilling and reskilling opportunities for vulnerable and hard-to-reach groups, enhancing their opportunities to access dignified employment.

As part of its programme, DRC also aids micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in their recovery so they can create new jobs and maintain operations during wartime.

This holistic approach aims to stabilise and improve the livelihoods of affected communities.





Non-food items distributions

DRC supports collective centres for IDPs and communities with the distribution of non-food items, including hygiene kits, NFI kits, kitchen and bedding sets. During the winter months, the kits expand to include items which help to withstand the cold conditions (e.g. warm blankets and cash for fuel or utilities).



In addition, where people are exposed to shelling, DRC provides emergency shelter repair kits. These kits contain tacks, OSB sheets, wooden planks, construction foam, plastic sheeting, tarps, etc. that can be used to make temporary repairs to damaged properties.



SHELTER & SETTLEMENTS

DRC supported hundreds of affected families with light and medium repairs of houses and apartment blocks in Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Lviv, Sumy, and Chernihiv Oblast.

Furthermore, DRC rehabilitates Collective Centres and other types of collective accommodations for displaced people.



In Mykolaiv, DRC is working with the Municipality to restore the water distribution station and water supply network damaged when the main supply was shelled and have community facilities and infrastructure projects planned (in coordination with the hromadas) for the recovery of communities in Mykolaiv Oblast.

DRC is now working with further education establishments, assisting them with repairs so that they can recommence training in essential skills for the reconstruction of Ukraine.

DRC teams also responded promptly to the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam—together with our local partners, we helped Kherson residents clean up debris, pump out water from flooded houses and yards, and later assisted with repairs.

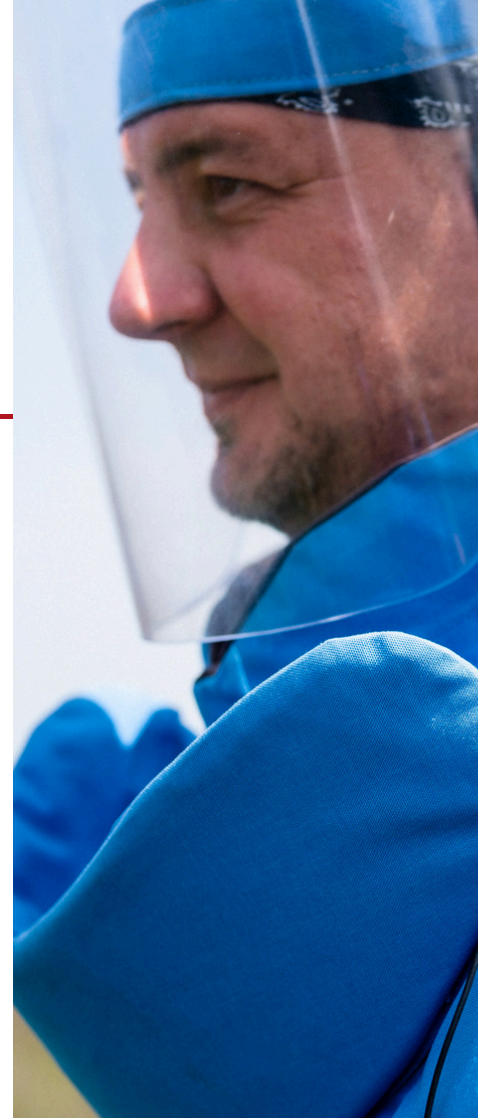




HUMANITARIAN DISARMAMENT AND PEACEBUILDING

DRC was the first international humanitarian organisation to resume humanitarian mine action after the February 24, 2022, escalation.

The crisis has prompted DRC to take proactive measures, not only engaging directly in clearing contaminated areas but also committing to enhance the capabilities of national mine action actors, e.g. the Mine Action Centre, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, etc.



Within this Sector, DRC implements a number of activities including:

1

Non-Technical Survey

DRC specialists gather information in war-affected communities about territories potentially contaminated with Explosive Ordnance (EO).

2

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE)

The activity is aimed at increasing the public's awareness of the dangers posed by EO and the rules of safe behaviour around them.

3

Victim Assistance

This activity helps those injured by EO as well as their families in receiving the required medical care, rehabilitation, psycho-social, as well as socio-economic support through provision of cash grants.

4

Humanitarian Demining

Systematic search of EO in territories where there is evidence of contamination. Clearing territories allows the restoration of safe access to homes and livelihoods and protects civilians from risk caused by EO.

DRC carries out humanitarian mine action activities in Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Chernihiv, Sumy and Kharkiv Oblasts.

Our short-term plans include the use of demining machines in Mykolaiv Oblast. This equipment makes the clearing process much faster—after using the machine, deminers only check the area to see if there are any explosive ordnance left.





Discover more insights about DRC's deminers and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education at Stopmina.DK.



Scan this QR code to register for the online EORE session.

A demining machine at a demonstration site in Mykolaiv.
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(Mon-Fri, 9:00 – 17:00). You can also fill
out the online form by scanning the QR
code.