

GOOD TO KNOW!

IN SPOTLIGHT



UNITED NATIONS DAY

24 OCTOBER

UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. Ukraine was one of the founding states of the UN. Ukrainian delegation led the development of the preamble of the UN Charter, starting with the famous words "We, the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.."

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HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS!

Over 140 world leaders gathered in New York as UN marked first year anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals. There was a highlevel event before the start of the General Debate. This event gave an opportunity to highlight the actions that all stakeholders are taking to achieve the SDGs and help strengthen political resolve for implementation.

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From the UN Resident Coordinator

"September saw our newest UN coordination entity for the government controlled areas, the UN East Team, being born. The establishment of the UNET is driven by our desire and commitment to improving internal coordination among UN agencies both in Kyiv and at regional levels. Its sole purpose is to help the UN deliver a more coherent, effective and relevant assistance to address specific challenges facing Ukraine. I look forward to seeing tangible results being produced on the ground by the team".

[Ukraine integrates anti-corruption in the UN common country programming](#)



On 15 September 2016, the UN programme staff and national partners benefited from Integration of Anti-Corruption into UN Programming training delivered by a joint UNDP-UNODC facilitation team. As part of a series of UNDAF related trainings, the anti-corruption training equipped participants with relevant tools that would enable them to integrate anti-corruption aspects in the formulation of outcomes and results of the new UN Development Assistance Framework.

[Establishment of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund for Recovery and Peacebuilding of Ukraine approved by the Government](#)

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the establishment of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) for Recovery and Peacebuilding for Ukraine. The MPTF is expected to be an effective funding mechanism to support the UN recovery and peacebuilding work in Eastern Ukraine. The MPTF has two windows: one is administered by the UN (with a total value of USD 150 million) and the other is administered by the World Bank.

[UNHCR](#)

On 30 September UNHCR called on Ukrainian authorities to help ease the plight of some 26,000 people crossing the dividing line between government-controlled and non-government controlled areas of Ukraine daily.

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The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs), Chaloka Beyani carried out a visit to Ukraine from 1 to 9 September 2016 to follow up on the recommendations made in his [2014 report to the UN Human Rights Council](#). The visit has been facilitated by OHCHR and UNHCR. During his nine-day visit, the expert engaged with Government officials, UN partners and civil society organizations, as well as displaced persons and affected communities themselves.

UNICEF Youth Ambassador Samuel Majdek and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Jaro Bekr visited Eastern Ukraine



The famous Slovakia dancer Jaro Bekr visited Donetsk region to support Ukraine Children and Emergency Lessons campaign. Samuel Majdek and Jaro Bekr visited Ukraine to conduct a series of master classes for children living through and in the aftermath of emergencies, education is as critical as food and medicine. UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors met with children in Svitlodarsk and Toretsk.

UNDP and UN Women



Luhansk and Donetsk oblast administrations, national authorities and women's organizations discussed women's rights and gender equality and how to integrate Women Peace and Security Agenda into the decentralization process in Donbas. The event was organized jointly by UNDP and UN Women in the frame of the EU-supported programme on restoration of governance and reconciliation in the conflict-affected areas.

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Before the beginning of conflict, Tatiana (from Gorlovka, Donetsk region, NGCA) divorced her husband and became a single provider for her two children. Since January 2016, remuneration was cut off completely and she was unable to receive social payments. By March, Tatiana used all her savings and had no money left to buy food for her children. Being at the edge of despair, she has started thinking of taking her children to the orphanage to at least make sure they were regularly fed. As a single unemployed mother, Tatiana was prioritized for food assistance by WFP. Every month, she receives a food parcel to ensure and her children's basic food needs are covered. WFP assistance has given Tatiana and her family not only food but also hope that helped her go through very tough times.

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LOGISTICS CLUSTER

As the lead of the Logistics Cluster, where there are critical gaps in the humanitarian response, WFP acts as a 'provider of last resort' by offering common logistics services. The Logistics Cluster facilitates joint humanitarian convoys to the most hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. In total, more than 5,670 mt (9,400 m3) of humanitarian assistance have been delivered to Donetsk and Luhansk since February 2015.

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IOM

From 26 till 28 September, city of Slovyansk hosted training on social cohesion which was conducted within the Japan-funded IOM project supporting community stabilization of the conflict-affected population in the Donbas. 11 similar trainings have already been held in the framework of this project in the communities of Donetsk and Luhansk regions. All those communities are now actively preparing their social cohesion plans and projects.

UNHCR



UN Refugee Agency together with the Theatre of Displaced People presented special programme at GogolFest 2016. The Stage of Displaced People was part of GogolFest 2016 held in Kyiv. This is a special theatre programme which told the stories of people who have lost their homes. It is curated by the Theatre of Displaced People with the support of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

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UNAIDS



On September 15 press conference on the occasion of the presentation of innovative HIV prevention campaign "I Believe - I Do Not Believe" took place. It is a continuation of an all-Ukrainian campaign "Do Not Give AIDS a Chance". The Goodwill Ambassador for UNAIDS in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Ms. Vera Brezhneva became the face of the Campaign

UNODC



On 29 September 29 together with National Academy of Internal Affairs UNODC hosted a presentation of the educational movies for national police on HIV, harm reduction and occupational safety developed within the framework of the USAID funded HIV/PLEDGE project.

OCHA HUMANITARIAN BULLETIN

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine continues to trigger human suffering. 16 civilians have been killed and 75 injured by shelling, mines and small arms fire in August. 950,000 people had limited access to safe drinking water in the second half of August.

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UN Women

Roma women presented their Shadow Report on Implementation of the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to more than 30 representatives of government, local authorities, civil society and international partners. The report will be submitted for consideration by the Committee on Elimination of Discrimination against Women during its 66th session in 2017.



UN Women and UNFPA

Participants to an international forum urged Ukraine's Verhovna Rada (Parliament) and Government to join with civil society and the international development community to effectively coordinate and monitor action on the country's National Action Plan to Implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (NAP 1325).

MPs. Olena Kondratiuk and Mariia Ionova, Co-chairs of the Parliamentary Caucus on Equal Opportunities, and Mr. Ihor Dolgov, Deputy Minister of Defense

ILO

Within the framework of the Union Week held in Odessa, 150 seafarers raised their awareness on HIV as a health and social issue and were provided access to voluntary counselling and testing for HIV. The training was organized by the Maritime Transport Workers' Union of Ukraine and supported by the Sida-funded ILO project "Reducing HIV Stigma and Discrimination to Protect Women and Men Workers from Unacceptable Forms of Work in Ukraine".



UNDP and ILO



In response to the government request, UNDP and ILO engaged into an in-depth functional assessment of the State Employment Service (SES) of Ukraine. The joint UNDP/ILO mission presented and discussed the mid-term conclusions of the functional assessment identifying eight main areas of the institutional reform. The final recommendation that will inform the SES reform process will be presented in November 2016.



THE WORLD BANK

On 22 September 2016 the World Bank released a new Economic Update, according to which Ukraine must deepen reforms for sustained recovery. The World Bank keeps its forecasts for Ukraine's economy unchanged, seeing growth of 1 percent in 2016 and 2 percent in 2017, but warns that a sustainable recovery hinged on a commitment to root out corruption and improve governance.

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UNODC



On September 28 Representatives of UNODC visited Chernihiv prison facility #44 as a part of the fact finding mission aimed at supporting penitentiary reform of Ukraine. During the mission, organized with the support of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, UNODC experts met with various stakeholders to discuss the ongoing penitentiary reform progress, existing gaps and needs, and receive requests for the technical support for further expansion of the partnership cooperation programs.

UNFPA



The exhibition of Ukrainian local initiatives and creative works of older persons "Expanding wings" was opened in the Cental House of Officers in Kyiv marking the International Day of Older Persons. The exhibition presents 88 works of older persons from all over Ukraine and regional initiatives of active longevity. The exhibition is open from 30 September to 2 October 2016 with free entrance for the public.

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#SDGS IN ACTION!

Ten Local Consultation on Adaptation and Localization of 17 Sustainable Development Goals were held in Ukraine!



The United Nations in Ukraine in partnership with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, and regional state administrations concluded the series of 10 local consultation on localization of the 2030 Development Agenda and 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Ukraine.



Ten multilateral consultations were held in Dnipro, Sumy, Zhytomyr, Mariupol, Lutsk, Uzhgorod, Chernivtsi, Ternopil, Cherkasy and Zaporizhyya. Goal16, Goal8, and Goal3 were selected as the most important for Ukraine

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2 - International Day of Non-Violence
5 - World Teachers' Day [UNESCO]
10 - World Mental Health Day [WHO]

16 - World Food Day [FAO]
24 - United Nations Day
25 - UN Staff Day