



PHOTO: Forum Theater with women IDPs and women from host communities, Severodonetsk, August 2016 / @UN Women



Putting women at the center of recovery and peace building

UN Women work in the conflict affected regions of Donetsk and Luhansk

UN Women - the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women - is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. It stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life. UN Women's work in Ukraine has a focus on increasing women's leadership and participation; ending violence against women and girls; engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes and humanitarian action; and making gender equality central to national and local development planning and budgeting.

In response to the crisis UN Women:

- Collaborates with national, local and international partners analyzing the differentiated impact of conflict on women and men, particularly those facing compound discrimination due to displacement, age, disability, ethnic or other backgrounds, to ensure their distinct needs are addressed through humanitarian response and recovery;
- Builds capacity of the regional authorities and 20 local governments in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts on gender-responsive planning and budgeting inclusive of the women's groups and civil society;
- Mobilizes, builds capacities and supports community initiatives of Internally Displaced and conflict-affected women in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts for their greater engagement in decision making over regional and local development planning,
- Supported Donetsk and Luhansk Oblast Civil Military Administrations in development their regional action plans on the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security
- Empowers and provides women IDPs and women from host communities committed to dialogue with knowledge and skills to effectively advocate with the lead national, regional and local institutions
- Supports law enforcement bodies and women and men in 20 pilot communities of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts in finding gender-responsive solutions for community security and social cohesion.
- Implements awareness-raising campaign elimination of gender-based violence and trains regional and local media on gender-sensitive reporting.