

GOOD TO KNOW!

DOING SOCIAL GOOD ON UN DAY

This year, the UN staff members identified doing social good as priority theme for the observance of the UN Staff Day. The group of volunteers from different agencies proposed to organize a blood donation event and invited friends and partners to join. 56 participants from different UN agencies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Crimea SOS, Kyiv Mohyla Academy and other organizations donated more the 10 liters of blood to the Kyiv State Blood Centre, displaying strong solidarity and generosity towards people who need help and support.



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From the UN Resident Coordinator

"I am glad to congratulate the UN Country Team on signing the UN and WB Multi-Partner Trust Funds. This platform will enable a more substantive focus on recovery as well as faster approvals and disbursement of funds in government held areas of eastern Ukraine. We'll work with key counterparts to refine the priorities, we have already been working on and I am confident we'll generate strong international support for investments in recovery."

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UNDP

Regional Director in Europe and the CIS and UN Assistant Secretary General, Ms Cihan Sultanoğlu, travelled Ukraine from 14 to 18 October with an incredibly intense schedule of meetings, project launches and visits. During her trip, Ms. Sultanoğlu met with key officials and institutions to discuss development challenges in Ukraine, from recovery to long-term governance reforms and prospects for greening the economy.

In Eastern Ukraine she visited a steel factory and the Donetsk regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, both located in Kramatorsk and a foreign language school opened by a former English teacher.

She also visited a newly refurbished water pumping station in Semenivka, and the Centre for Family Support in Sviatohirsk.

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IOM: DIRECTOR GENERAL VISITS UKRAINE

IOM Director General William Lacy Swing travelled to Kyiv on 6-7 October to meet high level Ukrainian officials. His visit marked the 20th anniversary of the IOM Mission in Ukraine – currently the biggest IOM mission in Europe.

During its 20 years of work in Ukraine, IOM has assisted about half a million people. This figure includes over 110,000 internally displaced persons and members of communities affected by the conflict in the Donbas; over 12,000 victims of human trafficking provided with rehabilitation and reintegration support; 220,000 migrants who have received health assessment services; and over 68,000 refugees whom IOM has helped resettle back to the United States.

UNICEF

Ambassadors of the United States of America and Canada to Ukraine visited the Children's Polyclinic No. 2 in Kyiv accompanied by Acting Minister of Health and UNICEF Representative and called for restoring the routine immunization program in Ukraine.

Vaccine supply shortages in the past years have contributed to the critically low immunization rates in Ukraine. To address these shortages, at the request of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, UNICEF has procured a number of vaccines to protect children against dangerous vaccine-preventable diseases. All vaccines have now been delivered to Ukraine and are available in health facilities across the country, including in the Children's Polyclinic No. 2 in Kyiv.



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UNFPA

UNFPA together with the Ministry of Social Policy jointly organized International Conference on State Ageing Policy. The aim of the conference was to discuss challenges faced by the elderly in Ukraine, share international experience in the area of policy making on population ageing and develop a joint action plan on population ageing. The conference was also attended by Parliament's Ombudsman, representatives from oblast state administrations and representatives from international organizations, namely European Economic Commission, Help Age International, Embassy of Austria in Ukraine, scientific institutions and NGOs.

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UN Women

Luhansk Oblast Regional Administration and UN Women have teamed up with around 40 representatives from local women's organizations, newly amalgamated hromadas, NGOs, and women's grassroots groups to outline their joint recommendations on how to integrate gender equality principles in the draft Strategy for the Luhansk Region Development until 2020.

This is part of the UNDP/ UN Women "Restoration of Governance and Reconciliation in crisis-affected communities in Ukraine" project, funded by the European Commission European Union in Ukraine

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND UNHCR

On 25-26 October, WFP and UNHCR organized a joint field visit for the Embassies to get a better understanding of the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine. The visit included UNHCR and WFP activities, discussions with the local community, visit of an IDP center and visit of a checkpoint.

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LOGISTICS CLUSTER

· The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate joint humanitarian convoys to the pretty hard-to-reach locations in NGCA. In total, more than 627 mt/1,069 m³ of humanitarian assistance was delivered to Donetsk.

· The Logistics Cluster also offers storage space in Dnipro warehouse (it currently includes food, protection and WASH items in the amount of 25.3 mt/179.2 m³ from the Danish Refugee Council and UNICEF).

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UNICEF

The United Nation's Children's Emergency Fund in Ukraine together with children created a mural in Sievierodonetsk, Luhansk region, in the framework of EU's "Children of Peace" programme. The mural creation marked the start of delivery of the two components of the project – Life Skills Education and Psychosocial Support – to conflict-affected children and adolescents in Eastern Ukraine.

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UNHCR

UNHCR Representative in Ukraine Pablo Mateu and Minister for Temporarily Occupied Territories and IDP's Vadym Chernysh signed a memorandum on cooperation to join the forces in solving humanitarian problems and providing protection assistance, primarily to the most vulnerable groups among IDP's.

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ILO

ILO held a training of Trainers for labour inspectors representing regional occupational hygiene units of the State Labour Service of Ukraine.

The training was designed to equip the labour inspectors with skills and knowledge necessary to extend the awareness-raising of the employers and workers during the labour inspection visits.

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IOM

Twelve additional communities in Donetsk and Luhansk regions are benefitting from the Donbas community stabilization project, funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by IOM.

During the period of August-September 2016, more than 450 members of initiative groups attended three-day training sessions on community development, social cohesion, integration and inclusion of IDP's, ethnic minorities as well as persons with disabilities into an active social life.

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UN RCO: Youth generates solutions to achieve SDGs

UN RCO/UNO, Kyiv facilitated discussion at the Lviv Model United Nations. During the special session held in #ECOSOC, participants of the conference learned about the SDGs and generated ideas to find global, regional and local solutions on achieving these goals.

UNAIDS

For the first time in the history of the National AIDS response, the Government of Ukraine approved financing of the opioid substitution treatment programme from the state budget. The success was made possible by intensive joint efforts of all partners, including UNAIDS, and the All-Ukrainian Network of PLWH as its engine.



UNV

UNV discussed with the students of the Ukrainian Catholic University about Lviv opportunities and challenges of youth activism in Ukraine and various volunteer opportunities to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The lecture was held as part of UNV's efforts to deepen engagement with academia, research institutions, civic society and volunteer experts to promote volunteerism and its role in the SDG implementation.

WHO

The Government of Italy recently made a US\$ 250 000 contribution to WHO to improve health care services and sustainable access to quality primary and secondary health care for affected populations of eastern Ukraine.

WHO and its partners continue their efforts to improve the availability of essential quality health care services in Ukraine by offering support to static health facilities, mobile teams and outreach services and by strengthening capabilities for detecting and responding to disease outbreaks in a timely manner.



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HRMMU

According to the Order No 27 of the Ministry of Temporary Occupied Territories and IDP's from 12 October 2016, HRMMU has been included into the working group for the preparation of draft laws and their by-laws aimed at improving the national legislation in the IDP domain. The

following topics will be in the focus of the Working Group: improvement of legal status of IDPs and the responsibilities of national and regional authorities, civil documentation of IDPs, socio-economic rights of IDPs, access to education of IDPs, Housing, restitution, compensation for lost property.

UN Women: International round table on Women, Peace and Security sector

“International Experience in Implementation of Gender Approach for Security and Defence Sector” round table conference was held in Kyiv. The event was organized jointly by the Parliamentary Inter-Faction Union for Equal Opportunities, UN Women and “Ukrainian Women’s Fund”. Achievements and challenges of implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, Security were discussed during the event.

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ILO

ILO launched its technical cooperation project: “The Effectiveness of the Labour Inspection System and of Social Dialogue Mechanisms is Strengthened”.

The event gathered the MPs, policy makers, social partners and academia around the issue of labour law compliance in light of Ukraine’s international obligations under the ILO Labour Inspection Convention.

The project aims to provide support to the Government’s reform of the labour inspection system to ensure an effective labour law compliance.

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WHO

The first essential training sessions of the trainers of the primary health care workers on the integrated management of hypertension and diabetes took place in Kyiv, Ukraine during 17-19 October, 2016 followed by the first cascade trainings for one hundred primary health care doctors and nurses on October 20-21.

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[World Bank](#)

EU Associated Membership aspirations, Ukraine is planning to introduce a national program to monitor, report and verify (MRV) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from emitters in the energy and industrial sectors. The World Bank in conjunction with Ukraine's Ministry for Ecology and Natural Resources, hosted a kick-off meeting for decision makers, policy practitioners and stakeholders to exchange views on challenges and options for Ukraine to achieve this goal.

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[OHCHR and UNHCR](#)

On 6 October, OHCHR and UNHCR have sent a joint letter to the Government of Ukraine advocating for the durable solutions and immediate sustainable and appropriate alternatives for the IDP's with disabilities that have been evicted from two sanatoriums in the Odesa region - Kuialnyk and Senetatia are hosting IDP's since the onset of the conflict until the end of September this year. At the same time the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights of IDP's upon notification from OHCHR also sent a letter to the Government of Ukraine urging to stop evictions of the IDP's.

[UNAIDS](#)

Mark Edington, Head of Grant Management Division of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria visited Ukraine on 25 October 2016. Supported by the UNAIDS Country Director, he met high level government officials and civil society leaders. The visit resulted in better understanding of country needs in area of AIDS response and clarification of the Global Fund eligibility criteria and conditions for Ukraine in advance of upcoming country application.

[OCHA: Preparing the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017](#)

The Humanitarian Country Team, Cluster Coordinators and Donors held an expanded workshop on 26 October to discuss the priorities and the planning assumptions for the Humanitarian Response Plan 2017. Preparations for both the Humanitarian Needs Overview and the Humanitarian Response Plan are currently in full swing to ensure that the most pressing humanitarian needs of vulnerable people in the conflict-affected areas in eastern Ukraine continue to be addressed next year.



#SDGS IN ACTION!

Cihan Sultanoğlu greeted High-level Group devoted to the presentation of the first draft of the National SDG Report in Ukraine



Cihan Sultanoğlu, UN Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and UNDP Regional Director took part in the High-level Group devoted to the presentation of the first draft of the National SDG Report:

"I wish to congratulate the Ministry and the UN team for the great success around the 10 local consultations on the SDGs throughout Ukraine. Under the leadership of your Ministry and local administrations, this solid process has generated a lot of interest and debates among citizens, local authorities and CSO's on the importance of the SDGs for the country."

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SDGs: Development priorities at the national and sub-national levels selected during ten oblast consultations

Between July and September 2016, oblast consultations on adaptation and localization of SDGs were held in Ukraine, aiming to determine priority Goals and ways to achieve them. This initiative brought together voices from all around the country.

Oblast consultations on SDGs were held between 20 July and 26 September 2016 in the cities of Dnipro, Zhytomyr, Zaporizhia, Lutsk, Mariupol, Sumy, Ternopil, Uzhgorod, Cherkasy and Chernivtsi. Approximately 500 participants took part in the consultations, they represented oblast and local authorities, civil society, international organizations, academia etc. This initiative brought together voices from all around the country.

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Main development priorities at the national and oblast levels:

National Priorities for Ukraine identified by local SDGs consultations in 10 oblasts



Oblast priorities for Ukraine identified by local SDGs consultations in 10 oblasts



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