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January–July 2025

NEWSLETTER

Seven Months of Support, Recovery, and Resilience

From January to July 2025, the **UA Brokers Without Borders** team has been working to support communities in Ukraine's frontline regions. We have been delivering projects in three key areas:



Improving Healthcare
Capacity to Save Lives



Critical Infrastructure
Rehabilitation



Energy
Resilience

Key results:



300+

**personal protection
items** distributed to
doctors working in
proximity to frontline



170+

**units of medical
equipment** donated to
hospitals in Sumy region



**3 energy
systems**

soon to be
installed in
hospitals
in the south
and east



50 families

in Kherson got their houses
repaired after shelling



100 children

will return to
kindergarten after the
shelter was **repaired**

245 doctors

in Sumy region
trained



2 medical devices

for acoustic trauma care
donated to a leading ENT hospital in Ukraine

Program 1: Improving Healthcare Capacity to Save Lives

Project 1

Strengthening Primary and Secondary Healthcare in Sumy Region



Project Description

Daily shelling in the Sumy region poses severe challenges to the healthcare system, especially in **border communities**. Medical staff works in dangerous conditions, especially when they have to visit patients, and often **don't have personal protective equipment**.

Many residents — including **older people** and **persons with disabilities** — cannot reach hospitals and must rely on under-equipped outpatient clinics and local health stations. At the same time, hospitals in bigger cities are packed with patients in critical condition. Our project works to strengthen Sumy's healthcare system by:



Equipping medical workers with protective gear:

tourniquets, helmets, vests, and chemical protective suits

Supporting the primary care hospitals

with modern equipment for diagnostics and treatment

Supporting the secondary care hospitals

with essential equipment for wound treatment, including VAC therapy devices and consumables

Training medical personnel

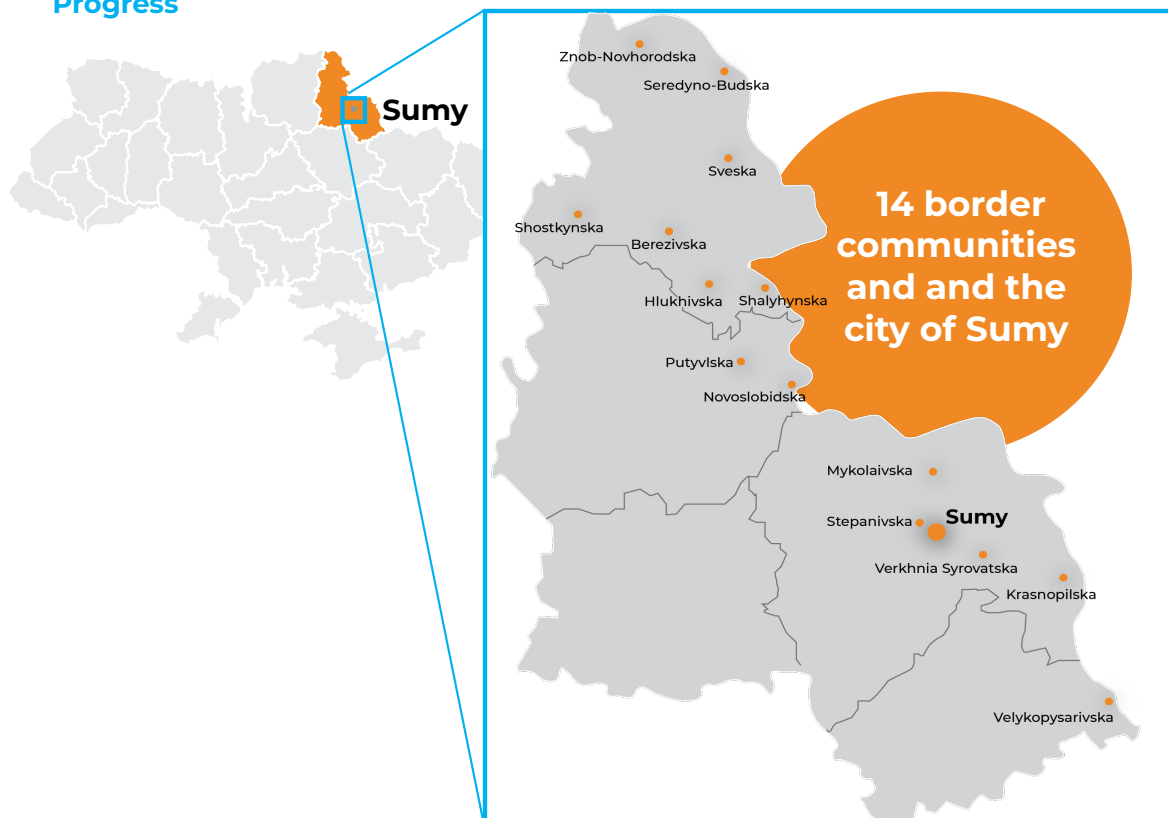
to improve efficiency and responsiveness in wartime conditions





Progress

The project is nearing completion, while the training component currently being implemented.



Over 300 pieces of personal protective equipment delivered (chemical protective suits, helmets, vests, tourniquets).



More than 140 units of equipment supplied to primary care hospitals (power stations, electrocardiographs, oxygen concentrators, CPAP devices, etc.).



12 VAC therapy machines with consumables and **24 syringe perfusers** to be provided to secondary care hospitals.



A training cycle has started and is set to reach **245 healthcare workers**. The program focuses on strengthening doctors' ability to save lives in emergencies and provide urgent care in wartime conditions.



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Yesterday we went to Sosnivka, and while we were seeing patients, there was shelling nearby. Sometimes you arrive on a call to see a patient and find out there was shelling on the next street.



But we keep working — that's why the protective gear we received is truly essential for us.

Maksym Yakushenko,
family doctor at the Shalyhyne
Primary Health Care Center

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I have villages just 500 metres away from our aggressive neighbours, and there hasn't been a week without shelling — whether in Zhnob-Novhorodske or in our villages.



All the wounded end up in our outpatient clinic, which in practice functions almost like a stabilisation point. We provide the first emergency care, but it's essential to keep reminding and practising these skills.

Dr. Alina Polovynkina,
Family Physician, Zhnob-Novhorodske
Outpatient Clinic of General Practice

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In **Sumy** region, **the need for help is still urgent**. In July 2025 alone, 23 people were killed and 140 injured. Doctors and residents in border communities face danger every day and need constant support.

Join us in helping them stay safe and get the care they need.

Project 2

Strengthening Healthcare System to Treat Patients with Acoustic Trauma



Project Description

Acoustic trauma has become one of the most common injuries in this war due to the heavy use of artillery, rockets, and other explosives:



90%

of those injured in the war have signs of **acoustic trauma**

32

times higher in **2022**, the number of people with ear injuries was **32 times higher** than in 2020



More than

50 000

people in Ukraine are living with severe acoustic trauma and require ear surgery

Ukraine's healthcare system isn't ready for the sharp rise in patients with these injuries: hospitals lack audiology and surgical equipment, along with trained specialists.

Our project works to close these gaps so that people with acoustic trauma can get timely, high-quality treatment and recovery support.



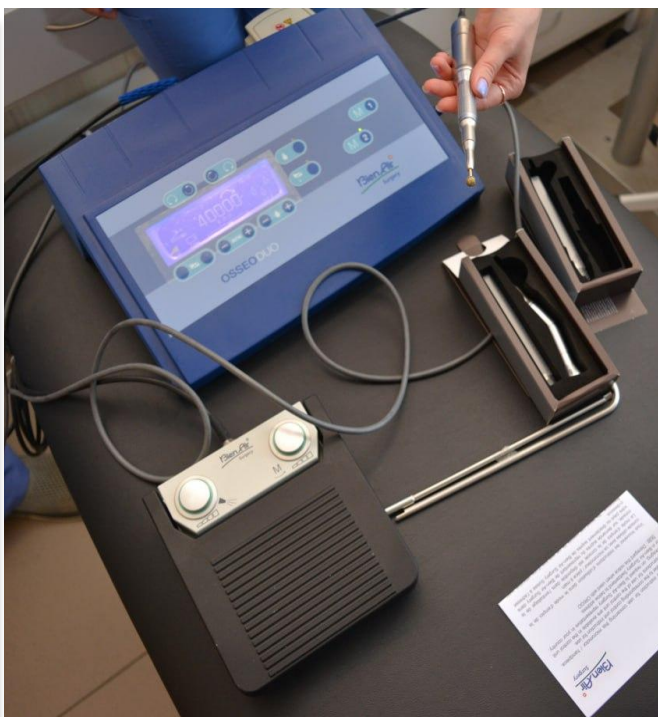
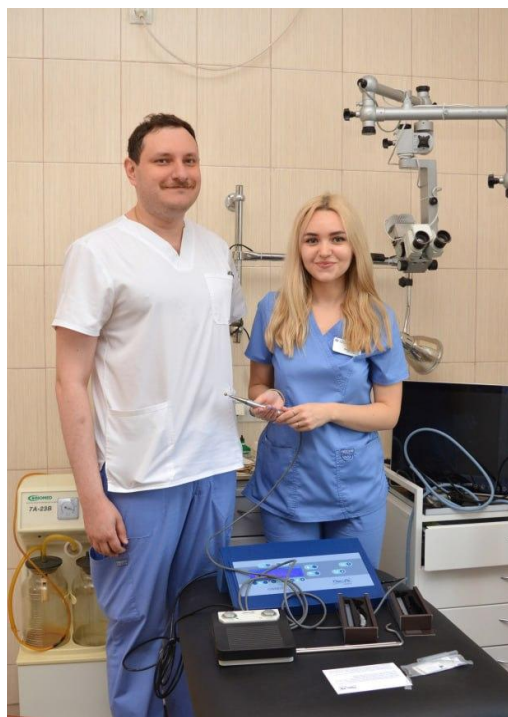
Progress

At the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025, we supported the **Kharkiv Regional Hospital** in this field by providing surgical equipment and training.

Recently, we have already purchased and delivered an ENT surgical drill to one of Ukraine's six leading otolaryngology centers — the **Zaporizhzhia Regional Hospital**.

We are now finalizing the procurement of audiology equipment for the hospital's audiology unit, where specialists diagnose and treat hearing impairments. The next step will be training the medical staff of these departments.

On June 20, we also **hosted a webinar** on the scale of the acoustic trauma crisis in Ukraine and the humanitarian response needed.



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Last year alone, we treated over 1,400 patients with blast-related acoustic trauma — most of them had hearing loss, ear injuries, or post-traumatic infections. Right now, we have a 2–3 month waiting list for patients in need of surgery.



This modern drill system is more than just a piece of equipment — it allows us to work faster and more precisely, and to perform hearing restoration procedures with greater safety for our patients.

Oleksii Tyllia,

**Head of the Department of ENT Microsurgery,
Zaporizhzhia Regional Clinical Hospital**

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Ukraine has six otolaryngology centers for complex ear surgeries and 29 regional hospitals that mostly diagnose and rehabilitate people with hearing loss.

Even the top centers **lack modern equipment**, as otolaryngology was a low priority before the war. With more **patients needing treatment and hearing aids**, the system can't cope alone — it needs systemic support.

Join us in helping people regain their hearing.

Program 2: Critical Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Project 1

Back to School Safely Initiative



Project Description

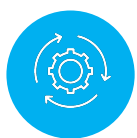
In frontline Mykolaiv, under constant shelling, a kindergarten can only operate if it has a shelter. Without one, it must stay closed — not just because of the state requirement, but for the **children's safety**. In 2022, the “Dibrovonka” kindergarten in the Inhulskyi district had to shut down for this reason. For three years, the staff looked for ways to reopen.

Our team stepped in to help bring **children back to in-person learning** and give parents the chance to work and support their families.



200 children

were left without access to
primary education



Progress

In May, we completed the renovation of the shelter, transforming it into a modern, fully equipped space. After three years, the kindergarten is finally **reopening for 100 children**.

It is already accepting applications from parents, and soon children will be able to learn, play, and spend time with friends in safety.



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Children need to be around their peers for social interaction. I can really see that with my son.



And as a mother, I also need some time for myself. I've stayed home with my kids for four years. I want to find time for myself as well, maybe even return to work.

Ms. Oksana,
mother of one of the children

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Many schools and kindergartens in Ukraine — especially in Mykolaiv — remain closed because they **don't have safe shelters**. Even when shelters exist, they're often too small, keeping classes in hybrid mode.

Your support can change this — a safe shelter means children can return to school and spend time with their friends.



Project 2

Emergency repairs of households in Kherson damaged by war hostilities



Project Description

Because the **Kherson** region is so close to the frontline, it has one of the highest rates of destroyed homes in Ukraine. Shelling here never stops, **damaging 30–150 houses every day**. To help people protect their homes, we started an **emergency repairs project**.

We focus on restoring basic living conditions and preventing further damage — fixing roofs, replacing windows, and sealing openings. We prioritize support for those who need it most: older people, families with children, and people with disabilities.



Progress

To date, we have already supported 50 families in the Kherson region.



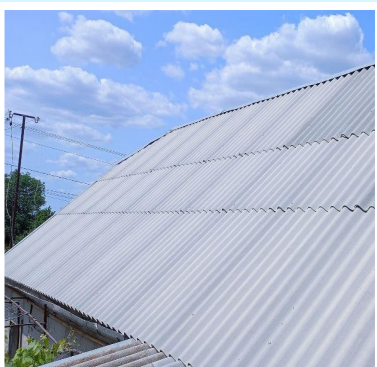
50 families

in Kherson got their **houses repaired** after shelling



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We were asleep when, at midnight, we heard an explosion — right in our yard, just outside our windows.



It felt like half the house had been blown away. The blast ruptured the gas line, shattered our windows, and damaged the roof.

At first, our neighbors helped us cover the roof with plastic sheeting. Later, we found out that the Fund could help repair the roof. We're incredibly grateful for the support because we were very worried about being left without a roof over our heads. We're elderly people and could never have managed the repairs on our own.

Lidia Yakovlivna

Zelenivka village, Kherson region

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The **need** for such assistance in the Kherson region **remains constant**.

Your support can help more families stay safe in their homes — join us in making it possible.

Program 3: Energy Resilience

Project 1

Energy resilience of hospitals in eastern and southern Ukraine

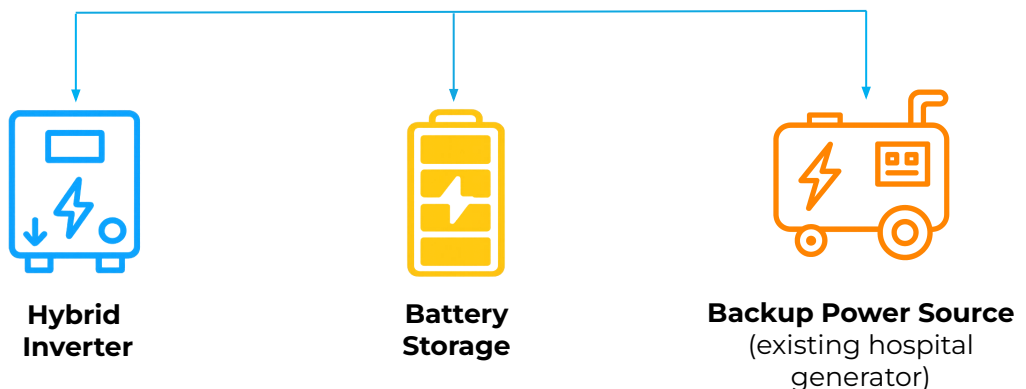


Project Description

Hospitals in Ukraine's frontline regions work every day under shelling and with an **unstable power supply**. In these conditions, uninterrupted power is vital for critical departments like intensive care, operating rooms, and anesthesiology — the places where lives are saved every day.

Our solution is to **install hybrid energy systems** - combining batteries with inverters - that store electricity from the grid and automatically keep power running during outages.

Main System Components



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Our hospital constantly suffers from power outages due to its proximity to the frontline. For example, in December 2024, the electricity was cut 21 times, each lasting about two hours. For the intensive care unit and the operating room, this is a real challenge, as the critical load there is the highest.

Artem Kovalov,
director of the Valky Hospital

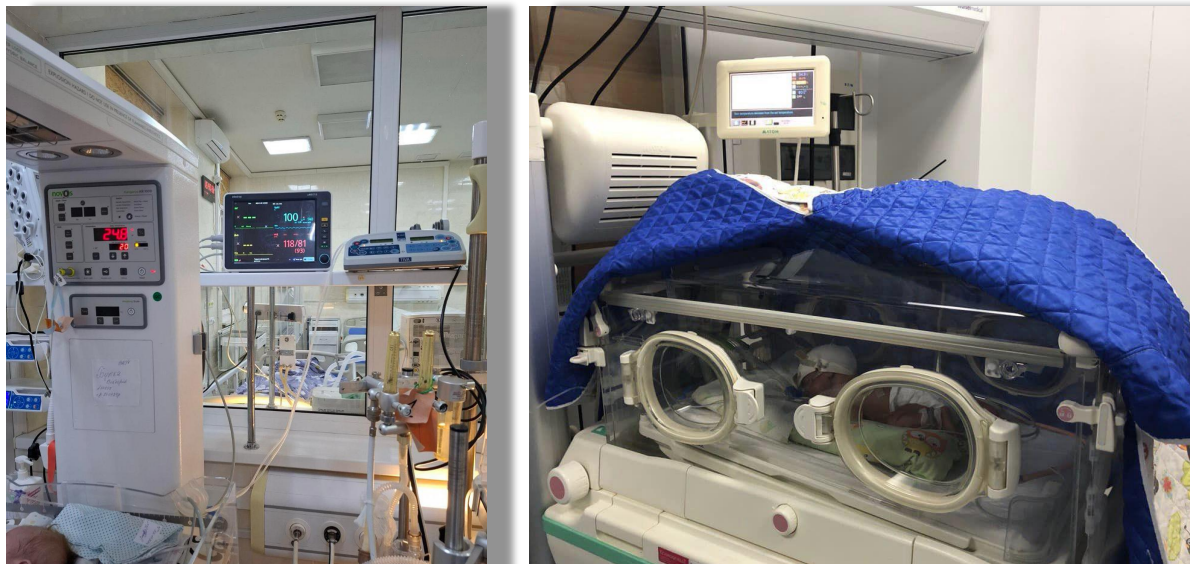
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Progress

Soon hybrid energy systems will be installed in three hospitals in southern Ukraine:

- Voznesensk Multidisciplinary Hospital (**Mykolaiv region**);
- Valky Central District Hospital (**Kharkiv region**);
- Perinatal Center of **Zaporizhzhia** Regional Children's Clinical Hospital.



The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Zaporizhzhia Regional Children's Hospital can **operate for over 4 hours during blackouts** thanks to a hybrid power system



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For hospitals in frontline regions, **hybrid energy systems** are a dependable way to keep the power on when shelling causes blackouts — and a smart investment for the future.

After the war, they can be upgraded with solar panels to make hospitals **fully energy independent**.

Join us in bringing this essential support to the hospitals that need it most.

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