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Interview

Drinking water for residents of southern Ukraine: people are grateful for help, but their needs are much greater

Kostiantyn Herasymov, Project Manager at ADRA Ukraine, tells us how the charity organization helps to supply people with potable water in the areas affected by the destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant dam.

— Kostiantyn, please describe the situation with water supply during the war and the challenges that ADRA Ukraine is responding to as part of the project you are coordinating.

— The dam of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant was destroyed by an explosion on June 6, 2023, which led to rapid flooding of settlements located downstream of the Dnipro River from the Kakhovka reservoir. In addition, 40,000 people were in the critical flood zone on the right bank of the Dnipro and needed to be evacuated. On the left bank of the Dnipro, the situation was more difficult to assess, as this area of Kherson region is uncontrolled by Ukraine. The reservoir provided water supply, including potable water, to large industrial cities such as Kryvyi Rih, Marhanets, Nikopol, Kherson, and Pokrov, which are home to about 700,000 people. The shallowing of the Kakhovka Reservoir as a result of the destruction of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant dam made it impossible for the region's agriculture to access water. The population lost access to drinking, clean water. Even after the water level returns, it will remain contaminated for a very long time.

— How did ADRA Ukraine respond to this problem?

— The team at ADRA Ukraine headquarters developed several plans to provide assistance in the affected regions. These projects included evacuating people, providing temporary shelter, supplying drinking bottled water, drinking water treatment equipment, and drilling wells. The implementation of our project began with the assessment of requests from the heads of local administrations. On June 7, 2023, the ADRA Ukraine team received a letter from Anton Yefanov, Deputy Head of the Kherson Administration, describing the urgent needs of the community. ADRA Ukraine staff identified the following needs: bottled water and water treatment plants. A religious organization, [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) in Ukraine, acted as a donor to support this project. After several field visits to Kherson, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, and Dnipro regions and communication with local authorities, locations for the project were identified. Bottled water was distributed in the village of Antonivka in Kherson Oblast, the city of Beryslav and the village of Rakivka in Kherson Oblast, and the village of Solone in Zaporizhzhia Oblast. A tender was held to implement this component of assistance. We organized water distribution and collected data of beneficiaries who participated in the project. As for the water treatment plant component, the following locations were selected: Rakivka village and Novovorontsovska town in Kherson Regiob; and Solone village in Zaporizhzhia Regiob. Preliminary water tests were conducted, potential locations for equipment installation were assessed, and engineering measurements were taken. For implementation of this component, requests were collected from local communities where the population was most in need of clean potable water. In other words, the purpose of this project was to install the treatment equipment in places accessible to people or in the food preparation units in hospitals where the beneficiaries themselves are treated.

— How can the results of the assistance provided to the population under the project be assessed?

— We set a goal of providing bottled water to 1,500 people. We managed to provide water to 3,939 people, which is 263% more than planned. As for the water treatment plants, we achieved the following results: we planned to provide 1,800 people with three stations in different locations in the Kherson region: in the village of Rakivka and in the Novovorontsovo hospital. In Rakivka, the population is currently 326 people, so they also have access to this water and can come and fill bottles. In the Zaporizhzhia region, in the Solonivka Lyceum "Leader", where the treatment equipment was installed, the number of students and staff is 217. People who live in the neighboring streets of the village can also come to get water.

— What difficulties did ADRA team face during the project implementation?

— It was planned that the work at all three locations would be completed within a month after signing agreements with the contractor, but during the technical implementation phase, the enemy shelled the territories, especially in Rakivka, which made it impossible to complete the work on time, because the power grid near Rakivka was damaged and could not be repaired until the unexploded ordinance removal teams managed to visit the location to determine whether there was a threat to people's lives. Therefore, the work was completed later. In addition, we had a delay with the plant commissioning, but the necessary additional equipment was installed and everything is now working.



— How did people respond to the assistance provided?

— People were very satisfied. Water treatment plants are a better option for providing potable water to beneficiaries than bottled water. Because bottled water is more of an emergency aid and for a short time. And the equipment is more productive and has a longer-term perspective. In addition, ADRA Ukraine pays for maintenance for each plant all year round.

— What needs still remain unmet?

— Obviously, the need for such water treatment plants is much greater. We need many more plants for schools, because even if we take the city of Kryvyi Rih, it used to take water from the Kakhovka reservoir. After the dam was destroyed, water is supplied there from several different sources, and this is a problem because the water comes in of different quality. Therefore, it is necessary to install such water treatment plants in schools, especially in canteens, so that children have normal potable water and food cooked with high-quality water. In general, this problem should be considered strategically at the state level. By the way, we are already considering drilling wells, and where they are drilled, in this region in the south of Ukraine, it is advisable to install water treatment plants, because the water there is bitter and salty, and such plants could fix this.

— We have focused on a project supported by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ukraine. But what are some other humanitarian aid project supported by other donors in the same area?

— At the same time, ADRA Ukraine is implementing two other projects related to overcoming the consequences of the Kakhovka HPP explosion - projects supported by [the ADRA Czech Republic](#) and by [ADRA Network](#). Within the framework of the project, two wells have been drilled, and the installation of two water treatment systems is being completed in the Kryvyi Rih district of Dnipro Region with the support of ADRA Czech Republic. In addition, one truckload of bottled water was distributed to the population of Kherson Region, which no longer has access to drinking water. As part of the ADRA Network project, our team is working on installing three stationary water treatment systems in the Dnipro, Mykolaiv, and Kherson Regions. We also delivered one mobile water treatment plant to the Dariivska community in the Kherson Region. This project also included the distribution of 1356 individual and family kits and three trucks of bottled water to the population in need in Tyahynska community (Kherson Region), Maryanske village (Dnipro Region), and Shevchenkova community (Mykolaiv region).





HIGHLIGHT

A charity concert in Kyiv organized by ADRA Ukraine raised **UAH 110,000 (~\$3, 000) to support residents of Kherson Region**

A charity concert dedicated to the 30th anniversary of ADRA's work in Ukraine took place on December 2nd in Kyiv. Special guests – famous Ukrainian singers Oksana Bilozir and Viktor Pavlik, as well as other soloists and a chamber choir – performed before about 700 visitors of the Left Bank Spiritual Center. During the event, representatives of ADRA Ukraine spoke about the humanitarian aid that Ukrainians are currently receiving from the organization. The funds raised through the concert will be used to purchase firewood for residents of Kherson Region affected by the war. The charity project is implemented jointly with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Southern region.

The concert program featured spiritual and patriotic songs. In addition to special guests, they show hosted soloists Vitaliy Pryimuk, Miriam Tikhonovska, Lina Porkhun, Volodymyr Parkhomenko, and the Kyiv Chamber Choir of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Famous Ukrainian singer Oksana Bilozir noted: “It is a so great thing to carry out a Christian mission on earth, to help those who need it.” Addressing those who remain in Ukraine, she said: “We have a lot of work to do, we need to support, love, honor each other, give faith, hope and love”.

Leonid Rutkovsky, Country Director of ADRA Ukraine, expressed his gratitude to ADRA's partners, including governments of many countries, as well as UN humanitarian organizations and other partners. He said that today the team of the Ukrainian ADRA office has seven offices, seven large warehouses of humanitarian aid, 325 employees and several hundred volunteers, who are

implementing 18 powerful humanitarian projects in different parts of Ukraine.

During the concert, representatives of the ADRA Ukraine team, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and other charitable organizations also addressed the audience, explaining the importance of the humanitarian mission in this difficult time for the country.

The event raised **UAH 110,000 (~\$3,000)**. These funds will be used to buy firewood for the residents of Kherson Region to help them survive the winter period, as the residents of this Region cannot collect firewood to heat their homes in the mined forests. ADRA Ukraine's hotline has received numerous requests for such assistance from residents of Kherson Region.

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The recording of the charity concert can be viewed at the following link:
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HIGHLIGHT

ADRA Ukraine distributed food and hygiene kits to IDPs from Mariupol living in the Kyiv region

In Kyiv, on November 8, ADRA Ukraine volunteers distributed 200 food and hygiene kits to IDPs from Mariupol living in the capital and Kyiv Region. Each kit is designed for a family of three. The assistance was provided within the framework of the SlovakAid project supported by caring citizens of Slovakia and [ADRA Slovakia](#). The distribution was facilitated by the Kyiv Humanitarian Headquarters of the network of “I – Mariupol” centers.

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HIGHLIGHT

Two medical institutions in Kharkiv oblast received generators from ADRA Ukraine with the support of Japanese partners

The generators were delivered to Kharkiv City Polyclinic No. 18 and the Oskil Psychoneurological In-Patient Unit, located in the Kharkiv region. ADRA Ukraine provided this humanitarian aid within the framework of [the MOFA project](#) with the support of [the Government of Japan](#).

With the onset of cold weather, medical institutions in Kharkiv and the village of Oskil began to experience difficult times, because power outages in Ukraine do not allow themselves to be forgotten due to damage to the energy infrastructure as a result of hostilities. Constant cold and changes in light have become commonplace. Every day was a kind of test for doctors and patients, because many of them could not stay for a long time in a medical institution where there is no stable heating and electricity.

At the moment, Kharkiv City Polyclinic No. 18 and the Oskil Psychoneurological In-Patient Unit are already using the generators provided to them. Patients and doctors finally don't get the discomfort of staying in these medical facilities. Now they have heat and light regardless of whether there are electricity problems in their area.

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HIGHLIGHT

The most vulnerable population have received the humanitarian aid kits from ADRA Ukraine at Kyiv Protection Center

On November 25th, ADRA Ukraine's volunteers distributed three types of humanitarian kits in one of the capital's protection centers: hygiene kits, winterization kits and bedding kits. The kits were distributed to people with disabilities, their caregivers, single mothers, and people aged 50+. The assistance was provided under the GFFO project supported by [German Federal Foreign Office](#) and [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#).

With the onset of the first frost, even more people now are to need such assistance. Not everyone in Ukraine can afford warm clothes or basic hygiene kits or bedding. The most vulnerable populations need it the most.

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Success Story

Yevhen Fedorovych is a native of Mariupol. Since the very beginning of the hostilities, the city had been subjected to frequent shellfire. Because of this, the man lost his property, his home and the worst thing of all - his daughter. Therefore, he was forced to take custody of his grandchildren and flee with them to a safer city. That's how they ended up in Kyiv. Now the man rents an accommodation in the capital of Ukraine as an IDP.

Yevhen's grandchildren is the greatest value he has right now. That's why he wants to provide them with everything he can. However, the family struggles financially. When the man learned about the distribution of food and hygiene kits by ADRA Ukraine, he decided to apply for the assistance. Currently, he has received a kit, which he highly appreciates. Yevhen Fedorovych is highly satisfied with this support, since he really struggles to provide for himself and his children during this challenging time of war.

**Yevhen Fedorovych
from Mariupol (Donetsk Region)
currently lives in Kyiv**



Success Story

Olesia has elderly parents. When the full-scale invasion started bringing severe stress and tension to the everyday life of many people, their mental health condition deteriorated significantly. The woman did her best in order to take care after her parents and help them in anyway she could. However, the family really struggled without the professional help. That is why, having learned about ADRA Ukraine and the psychological support it offered, the woman immediately enrolled her parents into the program. At the moment, their emotional state is much better. Also, thanks to ADRA and the support of [the German Federal Foreign Office](#), [Aktion Deutschland Hilft](#) and [ADRA Germany](#), Olesya's parents underwent a high-quality medical examination and had the appointments with relevant healthcare professionals.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude, this this charitable support is much needed amidst the war in our country. There is a lot of stress and tension, but when you have a feeling that someone abroad cares after our moral, mental and physical conditions, it inspires and gives people enough strength to move on, as it has happened in my family's case," the woman says.

Olesia Makotyak
Vinnitsa



Success Story

Valentyna Vasylivna is from the Kherson Region, namely from the small village of Zmiivka. The woman was forced to leave her home because of constant shellfire and artillery strikes. Now, almost every building in her home village is destroyed, including houses, schools and even the village council. Of course, the woman had a hard time adapting to the new city, but her friends advised her to seek help from ADRA Ukraine. Soon, the woman already received the support. "I didn't even know whom to ask for help, but thanks to ADRA I feel like my life is not over", Valentyna says. At the moment, the woman regularly receives various types of assistance, including food kits as part of the project funded supported by [the UN World Food Programme](#).

Valentyna is sincerely grateful for the kits, since now she can spend little less money on food, which is already in short supply, and can know for sure that she will not starve during the month.

Valentyna Sikora
from Kherson Region



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