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# Strengthening Resources for the Sustainable Development of Host Communities in Eastern Ukraine

## Challenges

Because of the conflict in eastern Ukraine, 1.5 million people had to leave their home region. Most of them have remained in the eastern parts of the country. Internally displaced persons, in particular the elderly, single parents and people with disabilities, are dependent on the services of the local communities. This ranges from a place in kindergarten to a bed in the hospital to financial support for single mothers. However, making this available adequately to the local population and to the newcomers is a major challenge for the host communities.

## Our approach

On behalf of the Federal German Government, GIZ has carried out important reconstruction work in eastern Ukraine in the years since the outbreak of the conflict. For example, the municipalities in eastern Ukraine, which have been burdened by the influx of internally displaced people, were specifically supported by the improvement of social infrastructure and municipal services. This is what the project builds on and will be structurally deepen. The aim is to improve access to social and health services and to make these services even more needs-oriented. The project carries out further training, procures new equipment and provides advice.

Specifically, the social and health services for more than 1 million people in about 20 municipalities in the three regions of Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia are to be improved. To this end, 1,500 employees of social and medical institutions will be trained.

In addition, municipalities and institutions are to be supported in creating maintenance concepts for the social infrastructure that has been rehabilitated in recent years in order to keep it usable in a sustainable way.

The project activities are based on the current reform plans and priorities of the Ukrainian government. Vulnerable population groups, in particular internally displaced persons, elderly people and single mothers, who are heavily dependent on social benefits should benefit from the project's work.

Communities will be strengthened in their capacity to introduce

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efficient, integrated and needs-based social and health services for sustainable and peaceful development.

The project is committed to active participation in community life and aims to increase the participation of citizens in the planning and implementation of social and health services. Cooperation between governmental and non-governmental structures for the benefit of internally displaced persons and the receiving population will also be improved.

The project is part of the GIZ cluster "Perspectives for Eastern Ukraine" based in Kyiv. The project team is located in three regional offices in Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia and Kharkiv.

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