

# MEDAIR

## Together for Life and Hope

A Swiss Christian humanitarian organisation that responds to conflict, disease, and disasters so that the world's most vulnerable and hard-to-reach people can live with dignity and hope

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What Does Medair Do?

# Medair's Impact at a Glance

**800,000+**

People supported since March 2022

**90+**

Medair staff delivering emergency aid

## Filling the gaps

Helping as many people as possible while going to the hardest to reach places

## Emergencies

Following air attacks, we distribute clinic power equipment, provide water & shelter

## Strategic Partnerships and Localization

- 13 partnership contracts with 8 local partner NGOs for 1.7m in 2025
- Strengthening civil society actors for longer term impact and improved outreach
- Working together with Local Government Sectoral Agencies
- Coordination with UN and NGO clusters
- Contracting and Corporate partnerships



## Medair in Ukraine: Emergency Relief Where It is Needed Most

# Who We Are & What We Do in Ukraine

### MHPSS & Health

Support focuses on lower levels of MHPSS pyramid, providing **information** and **psychoeducation**, organizing **peer-support groups**, training **health** and **social-service providers** and ensuring **effective referral pathways** to specialized mental-health services

Assistance includes **repairing** and **re-equipping** conflict-affected, **clinics** securing **power** and **heating** for health facilities, offering **cash-for-health support** to vulnerable people, and strengthening the capacity of clinics through **targeted training** and **resource provision**

### Shelter

**Repair** and **insulate** conflict-damaged **homes**, provide **firewood** or **heating support** for **boiler systems**, and upgrade collective centres for IDPs to ensure **safe, warm, and habitable living conditions**

Offer tailored assistance such as **cash** for **rent/shelter** while promoting more **efficient** and **decentralized heating** and **power solutions** amid uncertainties in electricity and gas supply

### WASH

**Identification** and **prioritization** of WASH needs through **technical assessments**, community consultations, and WASH **FIT evaluations** in **health facilities**, and conflict-sensitive, accountable, and safe **implementation**

**Repairing** and **upgrading urban water systems**, installing treatment units in **collective centres**, and **strengthening WASH** and **IPC capacity** across **communities** and **health facilities**



## Pilot Concept: Hybrid Biomass CHP System

# Improving programming to meet peoples' needs

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### Install Biomass-Based CHP System for Resilient Energy Supply

- Pilot will set up a **Combined Heat and Power (CHP)** unit in conflict-affected community
- System provides **heat & electricity** in **winter** and switches to **power-only** mode in **summer**
- Installation will occur at a **critical public facilities** (e.g., kindergarten, school, health point) and possibly in peri-urban settings (e.g. multi-home buildings) chosen based on **local needs** and **vulnerability**

### Ensure Sustainability Through Local Resources and Community Coordination

- CHP system uses **locally available biomass** (pellets, waste or sunflower husk) & integrates **battery storage** for a **hybrid**, blackout-resilient solution
- Guarantees **continuous** lighting, heating & essential equipment operation during prolonged outages
- Pilot includes **assessment of biomass supply chain & coordination** with local authorities for safe and long-term operability



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