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USAID's Democratic Governance East (DG East) is a five-year activity to improve trust and confidence between citizens and government in eastern Ukraine, building opportunities for the region to lead Ukraine's democratic transformation. DG East aims to strengthen the connection and trust between citizens and their government in eastern Ukraine by promoting good governance and an inclusive civic identity, increasing interaction between citizens and civil society, and increasing collaboration between government and citizens and citizen participation in community development and local decision-making.

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Cover photo: The Center for ATO Veterans *Poruch* members and their families in Kramatorsk, Donetsk Oblast, congratulating all Ukrainians at a Ukrainian Unity Day celebration on January 22, 2022.

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ACRONYMS

ACMC	Anti-Crisis Media Center
APS	Annual Program Statement
ASC	Administrative Service Center
ATO	Anti-Terrorist Operation
BUR	Building Ukraine Together initiative (abbreviation from the Ukrainian “Buduyemo Ukrayinu Razom”)
CMA	Civil-Military Administration
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease or 2019 Novel Coronavirus
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DDGS	Direct Distribution of Goods and Services
DG East	USAID Democratic Governance East Activity
DGAP	Democracy and Governance Activities Pool
DITA	Department of International Technical Assistance, Innovation Development, and Foreign Affairs
DSP	Department of Social Protection
EMMP	Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan
ERA	USAID Ukraine Economic Resilience Activity
ERC	Environmental Review Checklist
EU	European Union
FC2U	From a Country to Ukraine festival
FCDO	United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
FY	Fiscal Year
GCA	Government-Controlled Area
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
IT	Information Technology
LGBTQI+	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex Persons, Plus All Other Sexual Identities
LGE	Local Government Entity
MDI	Municipal Development Institute
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning
MRTOT	Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OSBB	Association of Multi-Apartment Building Co-owners (from Ukrainian “Ob'yednannya spivvlasnykiv bahatokvartyrnoho budynku”)
PFRU	Partnership Fund for a Resilient Ukraine
PFU	Pension Fund of Ukraine
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PTSU	Priazovskyi State Technical University

SCORE	Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index
SeeD	Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development
SERF	Simplified Environmental Review Form
SO	Sub-objective
TBD	To be determined
UCBI	Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative
UNITY	USAID Ukraine National Identity Through Youth Activity
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollar
USG	United States Government
VNG	International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands
International	Municipalities

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The USAID Democratic Governance East Activity (DG East) project is pleased to present this report summarizing our work and performance for Fiscal Year 2022 Quarter 2 (FY 2022 Q2). This report describes DG East's work strengthening trust and confidence between citizens and their government in Eastern Ukraine and building opportunities for the region to lead Ukraine's democratic transformation. DG East activities were impacted during the quarter due to Russia's invasion. However, DG East adapted and pivoted programming, ranging from assisting local partners in providing humanitarian support for Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts and supporting public warning systems, to aiding grantees with anti-war communication campaigns. DG East will continue adapting to the evolving operating environment and adopt technical and operational approaches to maximize positive interventions and minimize, where possible, the devastating impact of Russia's war against Ukraine.

DG East strategic objectives are aimed at developing greater acceptance of a shared civic culture based on common values and understandings (Objective 1) and increasing participation to improve Ukraine's governance and reform processes and help resolve community problems (Objective 2), which are described in Sections B.1. and B.2. DG East is responding to the ongoing war within the framework of its programmatic objectives to promote good governance and strengthen inclusive civic identity by adjusting and re-designing key ongoing activities, launching new activities in response to the war, and re-positioning to engage partners and counterparts to rebuild local government services and restore the social fabric of communities during the post-war period. In Q2, DG East launched six new sub-awards of which three were grants under contract and three were subcontracts. In all, DG East had a total of 35 active sub-awards during the reporting period (including six sub-awards noted above). Of the 35 sub-awards, six were subcontracts and 29 were grant awards, of which four were with local government and municipalities and 25 were with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). DG East also launched 17 new Direct Distribution of Goods and Services (DDGS) activities to support a variety of beneficiaries in target locations, including seven war response activities. DG East had a total of 39 DDGS activities, including the 17 launched during the reporting period. With the start of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, 44 have been paused or canceled and five activities have been redesigned.

By remaining operational in Ukraine during the ongoing war and continuing to support national and local government with immediate procurement and other needs to ensure continuity of critical service delivery, DG East was able to maintain close coordination and cooperation with national, regional and local governments and donor organizations, including other USAID programs to ensure complementarity and reinforcement of support and provide agile response to the emerging and everchanging needs of local partners and beneficiaries. As such, at the time of the reporting period, DG East had more than 20 war response activities in various stages of development.

SECTION A

INTRODUCTION

A.1. BACKGROUND

The USAID Democratic Governance East Activity (DG East) works to promote inclusive civic identity, common civic values, and a united Ukraine by addressing the divisive impacts of Russia's aggression, cases of far-right Ukrainian nationalism, and the consequences of ongoing armed conflict through increased citizen participation, improved service delivery, and more responsive governance. DG East aims to strengthen the connection and trust between citizens and their government in Eastern Ukraine by:

- (1) developing greater acceptance of a shared civic culture based on common values and understandings, and
- (2) increasing participation to improve Ukraine's governance and reform processes and help resolve community problems.

Over the next year and a half, while still navigating Russia's invasion and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, DG East will continue to support strengthening the connection and trust between citizens and their government in Eastern Ukraine and the Azov and Black Sea region by building upon USAID's continued investment through projects such as the Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative (UCBI) I, II, and III, the USAID Economic Resilience Activity (ERA), and Partnership Fund for a Resilient Ukraine (PFRU) project, funded by the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). DG East will continue to adapt and adjust its approaches and activities to achieve positive impact and help limit distraction caused by Russia's war against Ukraine.

A.2. CONTEXT UPDATE

The second quarter of FY 2022 was an intense period for Ukraine with an amass of Russian forces that escalated to war. Prior to the invasion, and from the beginning of the second quarter, between 150,000 to 190,000 Russian troops amassed at the Eastern border, and additional troops, tanks, and other materials were sent to Belarus for what was described as military exercises. On February 24, Russia began a coordinated crescendo of missile strikes and artillery shelling urban centers throughout Ukraine. Since then, bombings and artillery shelling have continued in Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Sumy, Kherson and Mariupol, among others, all being under severe attack. For weeks Mariupol was under air strike attacks and presently, bombings have fully destroyed all critical infrastructure objects. Multiple humanitarian convoys were not able to get to the city, while over 300,000 residents remained trapped. As this situation continues to evolve, DG East will continue to pivot activities where possible, temporarily suspend activities in part or full until the operating environment stabilizes and launch new activities that are relevant to the current operating environment. The level of damage to Ukraine's infrastructure, particularly in the eastern and southern parts of the country, is severe and in many cases requires complete re-building and/or considerable rehabilitation efforts. With significant internal movement of the population from eastern and southern Ukraine to the west to escape the war, there will be a notable socio-economic void in the affected areas following the end of fighting. DG East is responding to the war within the framework of its programmatic objectives by adjusting key ongoing activities, launching new war response activities, and strategically

engaging with national, regional, and local partners and counterparts to conduct analyses and develop strategies to rebuild back smarter in the post-war period.

This report summarizes DG East's advancements, providing an overview of significant results, challenges, and adaptations during the second quarter of FY 2022.

A.3. ABOUT THIS REPORT

Chemonics is pleased to present this quarterly performance report for FY 2022 Q2 (January 1-March 31, 2022). DG East aims to build confidence among citizens and government in Eastern Ukraine and the Azov and Black Sea region by promoting inclusive civic identity and common civic values, increased citizen participation, and improved service delivery through two technical objectives and operations (pre-war) based in four regional offices in Kramatorsk, Severodonetsk, Mariupol, and Kherson, with the administrative support office in Kyiv.

A five-year project, DG East has completed the second quarter of its fourth year of implementation. This report details DG East's accomplishments during the reporting quarter and describes the interventions completed, benchmarks achieved, and future activities in accordance with the war response strategy and, where applicable, approved Year 4 Activity Annual Implementation Plan. By implementing the activities in this and subsequent periods over the life of the project, DG East will achieve the following results:

- Increased interaction of citizens with civil society groups;
- Increased understanding of reform and participatory governance processes;
- Further development of Ukrainian civic identity;
- Increased integration of separated, marginalized, or isolated populations;
- Effective advocacy by local actors on relevant national and regional-level policies; and
- Improved local governance processes and capacities.

The report is organized as follows:

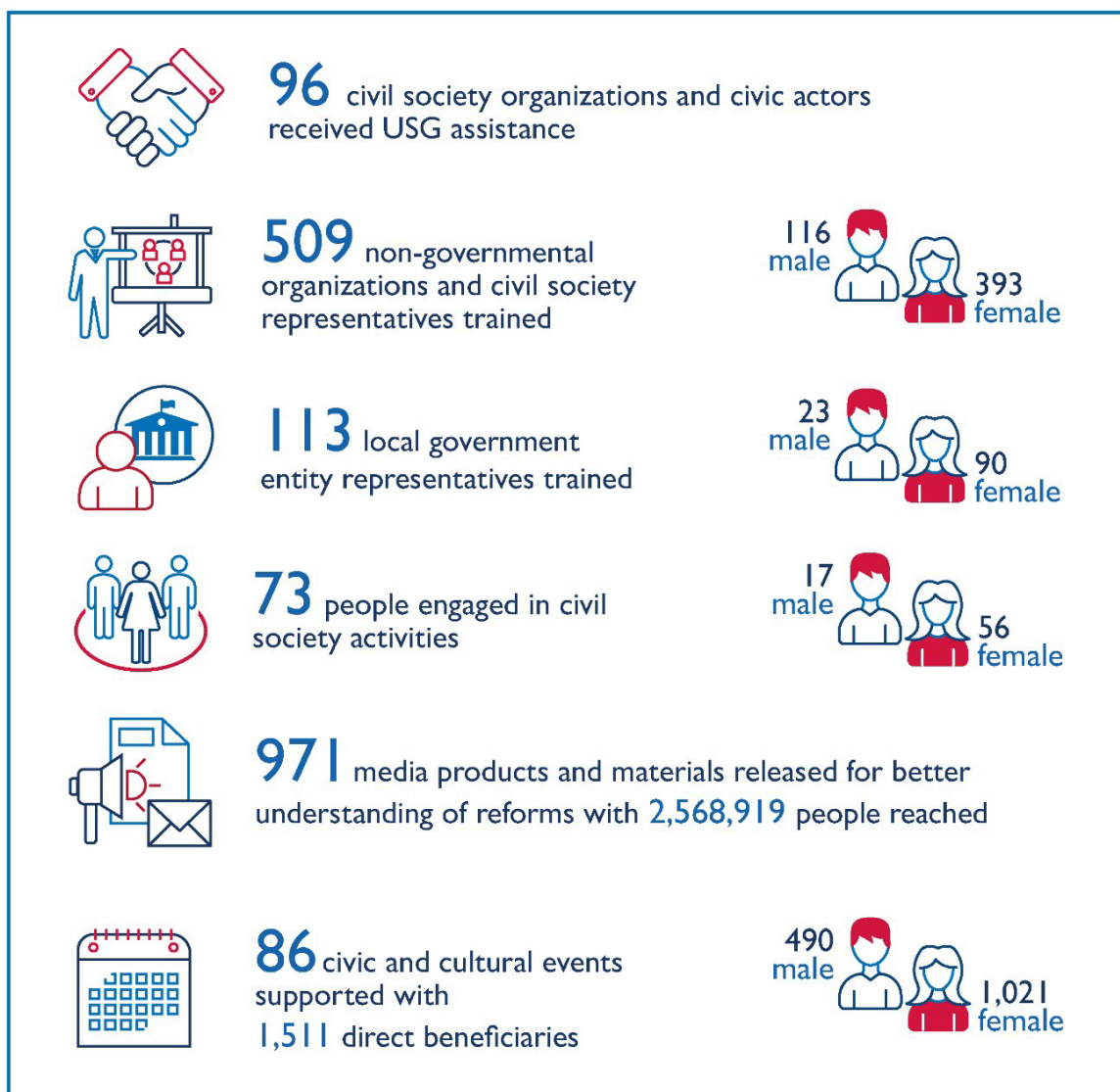
- Section B summarizes major activities and accomplishments in each of the technical objective areas - greater acceptance of shared civic culture based on common values and understandings and increased participation to improve Ukraine's governance and reform processes, as well as DG East's new response activities;
- Section C describes cross-cutting investments in inclusive development and cooperation with other activities and the host government;
- Section D provides activity administration details, including critical issues, sub-awards, performance monitoring, evaluation and learning summary, environmental monitoring, and financial information; and
- Annex A provides detailed information on progress against Quarter 2 indicator targets and a summary of project deliverables and milestones.

SECTION B

PROGRESS BY OBJECTIVE

This section summarized DG East's support to civil society and local government in eastern Ukraine and Kherson over FY 2022 Q2.

B.1. DEVELOPING GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF A SHARED CIVIC CULTURE BASED ON COMMON VALUES AND UNDERSTANDINGS (OBJECTIVE 1)



DG East interventions under Objective 1 are designed around the Theory of Change that:

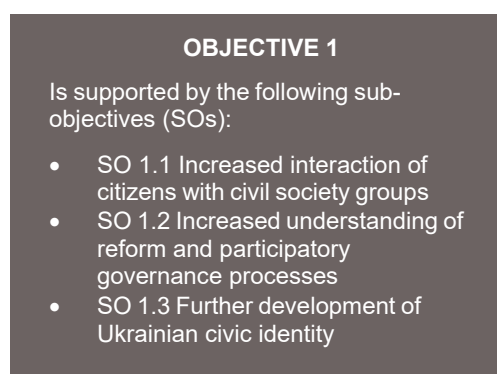
IF greater numbers of citizens are engaged in civic activity, understand reforms, and participate in modern Ukrainian culture and events, THEN acceptance of a common civic culture, based on shared values, understandings, and Ukrainian identity, and ties to emergent reforms will be strengthened

BECAUSE:

- Increasing the numbers of civic groups in the East and South will advance progressive, common values such as civic engagement, accountability, transparency, social responsibility, creativity, innovation, tolerance, and respect in Ukrainian society;
- Anxiety about the economic and political future of the country inhibits acceptance of a Ukrainian civic identity because residents of these regions feel ignored;
- Skepticism of the reform process is based on the slow progress of national-level reforms and lack of awareness of reforms.

DG East's interventions under Objective I have been designed as mutually reinforcing activities to increase citizen interaction with civil society groups, further understanding of reform and participatory governance processes by citizens and residents of eastern Ukraine, and to contribute to further development of Ukrainian civic identity (see Figure 1). During Q2, before Russia's invasion, DG East continued to operate and successfully maintain activities to achieve targets despite ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Figure 1. DG East Objective 1



DG East rapidly adapted its activities due to the war so that beneficiaries and grantees had the support they needed in real time. For example, Kramatorsk City Mobile Application became a stable channel of communication between city authorities and residents with a warning system related to shelling and information about receiving humanitarian aid, evacuation routes, and more. DG East increased understanding of reform and participatory governance through the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) Anti-Crisis Media Center (ACMC) and Internews Ukraine. In direct response to the war, DG East will launch targeted anti-war communication campaigns, working with several professional media outlets to help communicate the human cost of the war to Russian troops. These campaigns will be disseminated based on the location and number of target audiences, such as AM radio frequencies, telemarketing, postcards/leaflets, video series, and human rights organizations. The activity targeted areas with the highest number of Russian troops: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts.

SO 1.1. Increased Interaction of Citizens with Civil Society Groups.

To achieve greater interaction between citizens and civil society in eastern Ukraine and Kherson, DG East supported partners such as NGOs Severodonetsk Youth Council and Change Communications. While the humanitarian crisis caused by the war paused or terminated activities, DG East continued to adapt and find new ways to increase activism, strengthen relationships between citizens and local civic actors, and promote youth-led community development.

Promoting a Culture of Good Neighbors. The Municipal Development Institute (MDI), the grantee implementing the Good Neighbors – One Country activity, continued to carry out a robust information campaign to promote good neighborliness. As a result of its informational and advisory work, new associations of co-owners of multi-apartment

buildings (OSBB) were created. MDI announced a competition for mini projects among OSBBs and NGOs in 14 target cities to support the creative transformation of urban public spaces.¹ This competition aimed to improve citizen involvement in the public life of cities and build reliable partnerships between local authorities, OSBBs, NGOs, and citizens. The grantee held webinars on topics such as OSBB advocacy of common interests at the city, regional, and state level; dealing with state supervision and control; and modern online interaction and communication tools. Currently, DG East is unable to continue supporting this activity and is working with MDI to widen the activity geography to Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Kherson oblasts and include a modified communication campaign.

Continued Promotion of Youth Activity and Interaction. As the Academy of Opportunities was such a success in the last fiscal year, DG East supported a second round of activities for NGO Severodonetsk Youth Council. Prior to Russia's invasion, the grantee conducted offline English-speaking club lessons, arts and crafts classes, meetings, DJ lessons, videomaking, photo taking courses, computer literacy courses for adults and the elderly, as well as lessons on Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Social Media Marketing courses and lessons on Google tools.² The classes, courses, and trainings at the Severodonetsk Youth Council provided youth with skills that they can use in their communities and strengthen the connection between citizens in Severodonetsk. Due to the war, the grantee paused this activity and moved to western Ukraine. Presently, the grantee and DG East are working together to modify this activity to respond to people's current needs.

DG East supported the development and integration of youth with NGO Change Communications and production of the film "East Stop," a documentary dedicated to the problems of youth in rural areas of eastern Ukraine. By raising awareness about the problems that young people face in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, DG East helped highlight issues and perspectives at the local level. The film was intended to raise these issues to the national level in order to mobilize central and local authorities, help strengthen youth development, and stimulate youth engagement. The documentary included interviews with 16 teenagers. While this activity was partially put on hold due to the war, NGO Change Communications was able to premiere the documentary at movie theaters in Pokrovsk and Kramatorsk on February 22-23 to raise public awareness of issues that rural youth in the East are facing, gathering 105 viewers in both cities. Severodonetsk and Kyiv screenings, scheduled for February 24 and 25 respectively, were canceled because of the start of the war. The grantee released the film on its YouTube channel, along with three captioned videos and a teaser, however, it has yet to reach a wide audience. A Facebook promotional campaign highlighted the captioned videos and teaser, reaching almost 210,000 people.

The grantee had an agreement with the public broadcasting company UA:PBC to broadcast the film nationwide on June 4, the commemoration day of children who suffer from conflict, and at proposed Ukrainian movie festivals in the future. The grantee plans

¹ www.facebook.com/GoodNeighborsOneCountry/photos/a.111793867737583/254279750155660 (in Ukrainian)

² www.facebook.com/DevelopmentPlatformSMR/posts/2588969174580930,
www.facebook.com/DevelopmentPlatformSMR/posts/2582524035225444

to conduct new interviews with the same teenagers who were interviewed for the documentary and compare the interviews to illustrate how the war has affected them.

SO 1.2. Increased Understanding of Reform and Participatory Governance Processes.

DG East supported ACMC, NGO Our Home Sloviansk, and Azov Sea Region News to increase understanding of reform or participatory governance processes in eastern Ukraine and Kherson. NGO Our House Sloviansk published over 400 articles on reintegration, over 100 articles on reforms, almost 350 articles on topics related to events and processes in the occupied territories of the Donbas, and almost 450 articles on topics related to events and processes in the government-controlled areas (GCA) of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. Other activities included NGO Internews Ukraine launching (prior to the war) a Young Journalists Employment Program for participants from eastern Ukraine and Kherson

Capacity Building Through Media. In Q2, ACMC created 2,777 media products in various formats, which received a total of 1,777,559 views on social pages.³ Before the war, the most popular media materials were articles on topics related to sustainable development community initiatives, establishing new youth centers in Donetsk Oblast, getting a vaccination booster, and advising veterans on socio-psychological services. As the war progressed, the grantee started creating materials with practical instructions on how to behave and survive the humanitarian crisis, including psychological support recommendations. In partnership with DG East grantee NGO Union of Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) Veterans, ACMC conducted a series of online lectures on how to behave in crisis and emergency situations. The grantee also launched a fundraising campaign for Kramatorsk city defense needs. The ACMC team evacuated from Kramatorsk to western Ukraine and continues to operate remotely, remaining one of the major information sources for eastern Ukraine.

Supporting Honest and Unbiased News. Azov Sea Region News began as a DG-supported media outlet that focused on how lives are changing in southern Ukraine and opportunities from state reforms. This project was intended to create honest and unbiased news content for Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson oblasts, which became even more critical once Russia invaded. The grantee's radio transmitters were turned off by Russia's forces when they occupied Kherson Oblast. The grantee wanted to maintain the ability to provide honest and truthful information to residents in target regions, so the media outlet switched to online broadcasting in order to adapt to the situation and have the potential to reach a wider reach. Now, the grantee's Crimean Community Radio regularly records broadcasts and posts them on its social media pages. The grantee continues to publish regular news prepared by regional journalists from Henichesk, Kherson, Mariupol, and Berdyansk. Azov Sea Region News is a crucial media outlet for people in occupied territories, spreading truthful information about the humanitarian crisis in the occupied regions of southern Ukraine. In February-March, the project's materials were viewed more than 4 million times.

³ acmc.ua, www.youtube.com/channel/UCp0cCBy5rU3b0GQJgMFCPGA, www.facebook.com/acmc.ua

SO 1.3. Further Development of Ukrainian Civic Identity.

DG East collaborated with several partners, including Priazovskyi State Technical University (PSTU) and My Stanytsia Luhanska Hub to promote unity and a fostered Ukrainian civic identity. However, all cultural events were postponed due to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war. Ukraine. DG East pivoted its activities to support frontline communities, vulnerable populations, and youth initiatives in Luhansk Oblast.

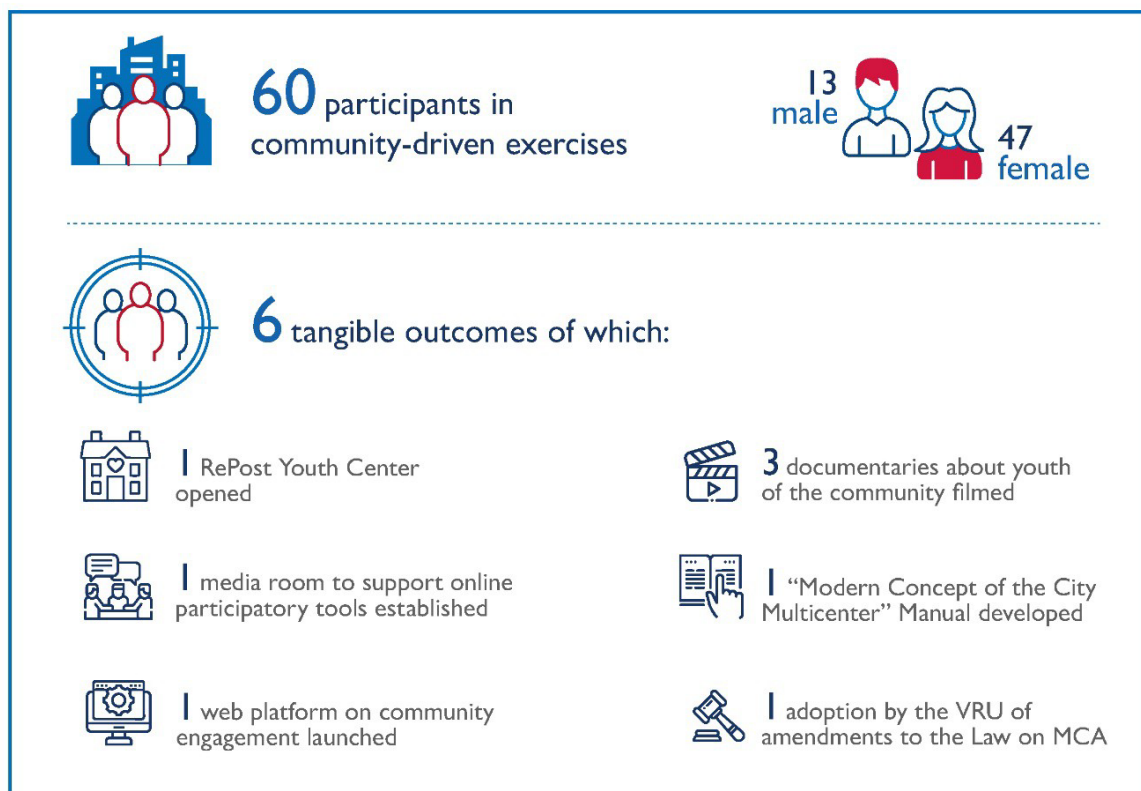
Promoting Civic Identity Through Support to PSTU. DG East and ERA provided technology and a methodology to improve education in tourism and cultural/art studies and curricula to engage youth in these fields. The Digital Laboratory on the PSTU campus was created to promote the development of eastern Ukrainian culture and tourism using virtual methods and tools. In Q2, the grantee received equipment and conducted the “Historical and architectural monuments of Mariupol” tour so that university representatives could digitize existing archaeological and museum exhibits. Tragically, all of the university’s buildings and the Digital Laboratory were destroyed in the war. PSTU will renew its work at the Dnipro Polytechnic National Technical University.

Figure 2. Production tour to digitalize archeological and museum exhibits
L-R: “Bank of Memories” mentor, student, PSTU Dean, student, and Deputy Head of Post-graduate Studies (names withheld for security reasons)



Promoting Civic Identity Through Community Platforms. The newly established Community Platform My Stanytsia Hub raised awareness and created promotional campaigns through different types of activities. Prior to the war, the hub hosted over 35 activities for people of different ages, including computer, media literacy, blogging, photography, musical courses and board game events. At the end of January, hub staff met with the Deputy Head of Stanytsia Civil-Military Administration (CMA) to systematize skills obtained during a study visit to Lysychansk. To develop a new approach to activities and youth engagement, the hub decided to involve the local Department of Education and proposed using the hub’s facilities for open lessons and events such as quiz games, concerts, stand-up shows, and discussion clubs, which could be initiated by any local student. Unfortunately, Stanytsia is currently occupied by Russian forces.

B.2. INCREASING PARTICIPATION TO IMPROVE UKRAINE’S GOVERNANCE AND REFORM PROCESSES AND HELP RESOLVE COMMUNITY PROBLEMS (OBJECTIVE 2)



DG East interventions under Objective 2 are designed around the Theory of Change that:

IF local perspectives inform national and regional policy, local governments improve the delivery of key services and are better linked to national institutions, processes, and norms and a broader circle of community members participate in governance and community improvement events, THEN citizens will be more supportive of their system of governance, the reform agenda, and a unified country BECAUSE:

- Community participation in addressing local problems often improves citizens’ political participation while prioritizing key service and “quality of life” deficits;
- Experiencing more efficient services and transparent/accountable local government is associated with reform;
- Effective advocacy reinforces the development of better policies and more participatory practices.

DG East’s work under Objective 2 has been through reinforcing interventions that increase integration of separated and isolated populations; promoting effective advocacy by local actors on relevant national, regional, and local policies; and helping to improve local governance processes and capacities (see Figure 3). To achieve Objective 2, and prior to Russia’s invasion, DG East implemented activities such as advocating for accessible cities, contributing to city strategies, supporting ATO veterans, empowering youth with local governance, and supporting the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer, intersex,

plus all other sexual identities (LGBTQI+) community. For example, prior to Russia's invasion, Mariupol implemented a fifth small-scale project, safe pedestrian crossings, with smart city elements, for which the residents themselves voted.⁴ DG East purchased equipment such as LED signs, LED console lamps, and a lightbox with a backlight. Although the Mariupol City Council had intended to continue consultations with residents on infrastructure projects with smart city elements, this activity was canceled due to attacks on the city.

Figure 3. DG East Objective 2

OBJECTIVE 2

Is supported by the following sub-objectives:

- SO 2.1 Increased integration of separated, marginalized, or isolated populations
- SO 2.2 Effective advocacy by local actors on relevant national and regional policies
- SO 2.3 Improved local governance processes and capacities

DG East launched two new activities to further increase citizen participation, ensure inclusion of underrepresented groups, and improve local governance processes. With critical activity pivots to the humanitarian crisis caused by the war, DG East assisted local partners to provide humanitarian support and essential services for Donetsk Luhansk, Kherson, and Mykolaiv oblasts. DG East procured essential equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPEs), power generators, satellite phones, hand-held radios, and quadcopters. With better protective equipment and the necessary tools, local municipalities are able to better respond to emergencies and minimize exposure to hazardous environments when performing their essential duties. Highlights for the quarter and more information on pivoted activities are summarized below.

SO 2.1. Increased Integration of Separated, Marginalized, or Isolated Populations.

DG East supported ATO veterans, their families, and LGBTQI+ communities, and empowered youth to engage in local governance. Prior to Russia's invasion, supporting grantees such as NGO Yellow Umbrella contributed to creating an inclusive environment for the elderly by resuming educational, social, and cultural events after COVID-19. These and other interventions contributed to greater awareness about the issues of social inclusion and gender equality across the region and advancements towards increased accessibility.

Supporting ATO Veterans and their Families. NGO Union of Donbas ATO Veterans continued providing comprehensive social and psychological support for ATO veterans, their families, NGO representatives, and activists. In December 2021-January 2022, 446 people attended more than 70 events aimed at providing psycho-social support and psychological adaptation for ATO veterans and their families, integrating ATO veterans into communities, increasing society's loyalty to veterans, and increasing veterans' knowledge about their legal rights. When the war began, the grantee organized a volunteer center, based at the Poruch Center for ATO veterans and their families, to collect funds and items needed for the Ukrainian Armed Forces and internally displaced persons (IDPs). DG East supported equipment procurement, staff training, and veterans education materials and trainers. As of the end of March, the grantee's team had relocated

⁴ mariupolrada.gov.ua/news/u-mariupoli-z-javilisja-pishohidni-perehodi-iz-led-pidsvitkoju

to western and central Ukraine. With the support of Kirovohrad Oblast Administration, the grantee will open temporary offices in Kropyvnytskyi to continue support activities. DG East will continue providing assistance and will transform planned activities to focus on war-related needs and requests.

Figure 4. Conflict resolution training for ATO veterans and their families at the Poruch Center, January 22



Supporting LGBTQI+ Communities. In November 2021-February 2022, NGO KyivPride held 21 events for more than 100 people to mobilize LGBTQI+ representatives and increase LGBTQI+ communities' capacity in project and financial management. With the war's outbreak, the grantee helped create LGBTQI+ shelters in Lviv and helped LGBTQI+ representatives evacuate. In Q2, 20 LGBTQI+ representatives were evacuated to the shelter. In April, KyivPride will organize online nationwide information sessions to share updates on the situation for LGBTQI+ communities and spread information on how LGBTQI+ communities are helping the Ukrainian army and citizens during the war. Additionally, online mobilization meetings will provide psychological support to LGBTQI+ representatives.

Empowering Youth Through Engagement with Local Governance. Grantee NGO Terre des hommes Ukraine – Young Citizens submitted its final report at the end of January, highlighting its successes. The grant activity, implemented from October 2020 to January 2022, resulted in 14 civic and cultural events that attracted 295 visitors. Takeover Day, attended by 87 youth from Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts, gave youth an opportunity to engage in and contribute to local decision-making through short-term internships at local state institutions. By the end of the grant, the Takeover Day web platform had 193 unique registered users, including youth and local government entity (LGE) representatives.⁵ The platform will continue to serve as a communication instrument to connect youth and local

⁵ takeover.org.ua

state institutions. Eleven youth mini-initiatives to promote youth activism were implemented in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. After the grant, Nikolske gymnasium students and Nikolske Village Council will continue to work together to create a youth hub.

SO 2.2. Effective Advocacy by Local Actors on Relevant National and Regional Policies.

DG East collaborated with public councils and youth councils and empowered Kherson residents with online participatory tools. For example, 19 representatives from seven Luhansk Oblast youth councils gathered online for a final session to present the results of their advocacy campaigns. The activity helped youth council members raise their own capacity to advocate for youth policy initiatives, while also effectively fulfilling their role of representing citizen initiatives to local authorities.

Strengthening Public Council Capacity Activity. Prior to the war, DG East worked with public councils and local government partners in eastern Ukraine to empower public councils to serve as an effective intermediary link between LGEs and diverse community groups by promoting advocacy and participatory decision-making policies and procedures. Local experts conducted training and meetings for public council members to improve their professionalism and advance their expertise. In February, prior to Russia's invasion, DG East conducted the online hackathon "It's Cool To Be Active" for public council members and citizens from Kramatorsk, Bakhmut, Kreminna, Druzhkivka, Pokrovsk, Rubizhne, and Severodonetsk. Public council representatives from the seven target communities organized the event to improve citizens' involvement in and support for advocacy campaigns. Participants also learned about the steps and elements of an advocacy campaign. Special attention was paid to developing an advocacy campaign action plan, including outlining actions and activities, methods and instruments, necessary resources, responsible persons, timeline and key dates, and results and indicators. During the hackathon, more than 20 participants discussed issues related to establishing communication and interaction between public council representatives and authorities.

Empowering Kherson Residents with Online Participatory Tools. As Kherson Oblast and the city of Kherson were occupied by Russia, the NGO was unable to implement project components due to threats and intimidation of activists, as well as the inability of key actors (city council, local NGOs) to contribute to the activity. However, only a few components remained for this activity prior to the war: developing an online participatory platform for Kherson City Council and conducting a series of online public hearings.

SO 2.3. Improved Local Governance Processes and Capacities.

DG East continued partnerships with Kramatorsk City Council, Kherson City Council, and Mariupol City Council up until Russia's invasion.

Supporting Kramatorsk City Strategy. Prior to the war, a promotional campaign to inform residents about Kramatorsk community strategy development reached more than 800,000 people, which exceeded the expected result. During the campaign, topics of most interest for the community residents were identified. Given the complexity of the material and the unpopularity of topics, this demonstrated that the promotional campaign was a

success. Kramatorsk City Council will receive all the campaign results and developments, along with recommendations and topics for continuing the information campaign. A final working group meeting was scheduled for March 11 but was postponed indefinitely due to the war.

Supporting Kherson Strategic Plan Development 2022 – 2030. Kherson City Council, Beketov University in Kharkiv, and DG East had an online coordination meeting on February 3. DG East presented the Strategy's draft mission and vision and a map of strategic issues for the Kherson community. The participants discussed the documents and provided additional recommendations. As a result of the meeting, the Department of Economics and Investments will be responsible for strategy development and will publish both documents for discussion and adoption by the working group. Due to the war, the parties were not able to continue working on the strategy's operational goals.

Mariupol City Strategy-2030. In relation to the Mariupol-2030 Development Strategy, the City Council held a number of meetings and prepared implementation plans. While the strategy was recognized as one of the best Urban Development Strategies in Ukraine, these efforts were canceled indefinitely due to the war.

B.2.A NEW WAR RESPONSE ACTIVITIES LAUNCHED

Russia's aggression and ongoing war against Ukraine create an operating environment that calls for immediate action in response to the evolving needs of DG East staff, partners, and constituencies. By remaining operational in Ukraine during the war and continuing to support national and local government with immediate procurement and other needs to ensure delivery continuity of critical services, DG East is well positioned for the post-war period to help guarantee effective and responsive governance in the most conflict-affected areas of eastern and southern Ukraine. DG East launched seven war response activities in Q2 that are summarized below and are organized by DG East objectives.

SHORT TERM (MARCH – JUNE 2022) OBJECTIVE 1

Support Anti-War Communication Campaigns by several professional media outlets to communicate the human cost of the war to Russian troops. DG East supports developing materials focused on general themes and specific messages and disseminating them via Ukrainian AM radio channels such as Radio Promin, Radio Donbas, and Ukrainian Radio, which can be followed by Russian troops using a mobile phone or a radio set; telemarketing, to contact Russian soldiers' family members and create alternative channels to inform them about the real situation and the consequences and the war; postcards and leaflets; videos; and human rights organizations. The activity targets oblasts with the highest number of Russian troops: Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Kherson, and Mykolaiv.

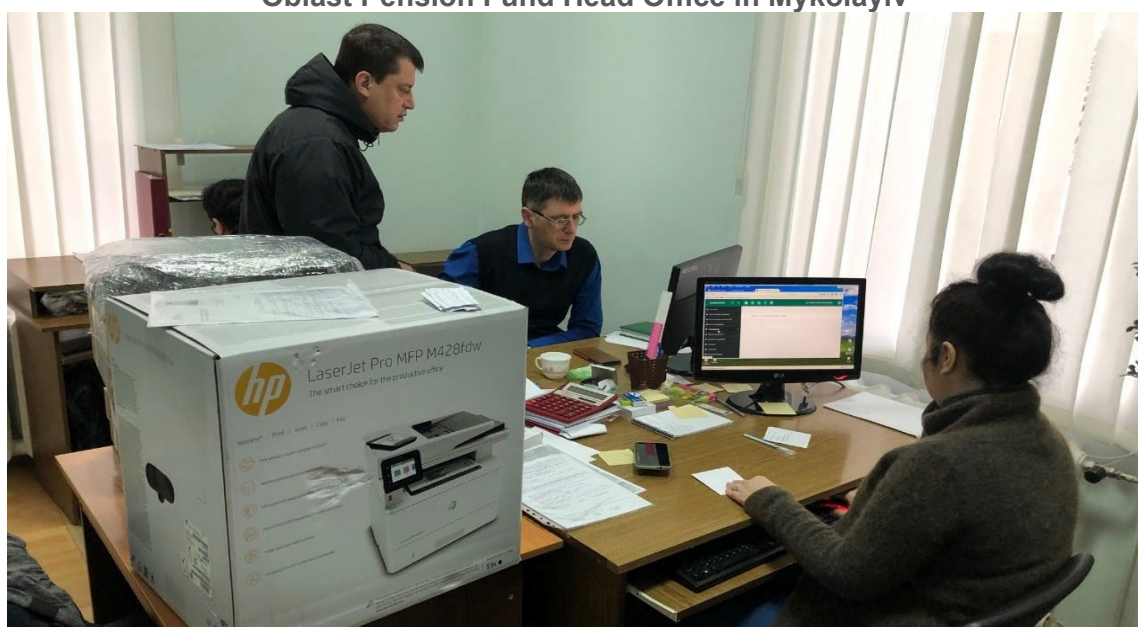
SHORT TERM (MARCH – JUNE 2022) OBJECTIVE 2

Assistance to Local Partners in Providing Humanitarian Support for Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts and Kherson City Council to deliver essential services in hazardous and hostile operating environments by procuring essential equipment, including PPE, power generators, satellite phones, walkie-talkies, and quadcopters. This equipment ensures the safety of local government personnel while performing their duties, including inspecting damage and destruction, searching for survivors after shelling, and remotely inspecting utilities

infrastructure. With better protective equipment and the necessary tools, local municipalities will be better able to respond to emergencies and minimize exposure to hazardous environments when performing their essential duties.

Support to the Luhansk Oblast Pension Fund Head Office, which is providing pension services, including to people with disabilities, in a hostile environment. The Luhansk Oblast Head Office of the Pension Fund of Ukraine (PFU) provides services to more than 340,000 people, including 36,247 people with disabilities. PFU staff in the Severodonetsk office processed March pension accruals and payments for Luhansk at the beginning of March. Due to the war, the Severodonetsk PFU office relocated essential staff to Mykolayiv in Lviv Oblast, but could not relocate the IT equipment required for their regular services. DG East will support the re-located PFU office by procuring IT equipment to ensure continuous operation and service provision.

Figure 5. DG East Regional Director monitors equipment delivery to the Luhansk Oblast Pension Fund Head Office in Mykolayiv



Support the Department of International Technical Assistance, Innovation Development and Foreign Affairs of Luhansk Oblast State Administration to organize remote work and efficiently contribute to coordinating international humanitarian assistance in Luhansk Oblast. The department's essential staff, formerly based in Severodonetsk, have relocated to safer areas in Ukraine. However, they could not relocate the IT equipment essential for coordination, sending requests to donors, organizing logistics, and reporting. The department's key personnel is essential in coordinating international humanitarian aid to support the population of Luhansk Oblast, which is extremely important due to active fighting in the oblast, a partial blockade from supplies of goods and medicines, and interruptions in banking system operations.

Assistance to LEGs in eastern and southern Ukraine by providing emergency support to city councils in Kramatorsk, Kostiantynivka, Bakhmut, Kherson, and Mykolaiv and the

Donetsk, Luhansk, Dnipropetrovsk, and Zaporizhzhia oblast state administrations. DG East will help to increase their capacity to effectively respond to emerging humanitarian needs caused by the war, including hosting IDPs, equipping temporary accommodations with beds and washing machines, and creating humanitarian coordination hubs.

Technical Support to the Luhansk Oblast Department of Social Protection (DSP) to increase its capacity to provide social services to citizens, including people with disabilities, in a hostile environment. Luhansk Oblast DSP provides services to more than 286,929 IDPs, 128,000 recipients of housing subsidies, and 28,300 recipients of other state social services. The department's essential staff were relocated to other oblasts of Ukraine; the department head relocated to Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast. It was urgent to evacuate the staff, and the IT equipment was left behind in the Severodonetsk office, which is under heavy air and artillery strikes now. In order to ensure continuous delivery of social services to Luhansk Oblast's vulnerable population, DG East is supporting the DSP with IT equipment for the relocated staff.

Assistance to the Zaporizhzhia City Council to improve delivery of social services to citizens by procuring critical IT equipment and software. Since the start of the war Zaporizhzhia has become a hub for IDPs fleeing the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine. The increasing number of IDPs adds additional strain to the Zaporizhzhia City Council DSP, which was already functioning at capacity level. Zaporizhzhia City Council notified DG East of the need for IT equipment to meet IDPs' growing demand for social services and increase the DSP's capacity.

SECTION C

CROSS-CUTTING INVESTMENTS AND COOPERATION

This section summarizes DG East’s progress on inclusive programming and cooperation with other activities and the host government over the last quarter.

C.1. PROGRESS ON INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

DG East continued its efforts to include Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) considerations in program activities at all stages, from design to implementation and impact evaluation. DG East continued activities supporting 1) LGBTQI+ communities, including through the Academy of Opportunities (part 2), which focuses on youth; 2) GESI training for professionals and opinion leaders; 3) NGO women representatives by strengthening their capacity to advance gender equality, women’s empowerment, and social inclusion; 4) training participants to understand topics such as gender, gender roles, gender identities, social inclusion, and diversity; 5) GESI needs assessment; and 5) strategic networks and communication with under-represented groups and their representative NGOs and civic groups (see Figure 6).

Figure 6. Advancing Inclusive Development Through Targeted Interventions



Through support to NGO KyivPride, DG East helped mobilize LGBTQI+ representatives and increase LGBTQI+ communities’ capacity in project and financial management. Since the start of the war, DG East supported KyivPride initiatives to establish LGBTQI+ shelters in Lviv and support LGBTQI+ representatives with evacuation transportation. DG East will continue to support KyivPride in meeting the needs of the LGBTQI+ community both during and post war, including psycho-social and an information campaign through a series of podcasts.

DG East continued to collect data disaggregated by disability among training participants and events that took place under grants or project activities. DG East began this practice in April 2021, and as of March 31, 2022, 230 people who identify as persons with disabilities took part in DG East project activities.

DG East will continue activities to promote gender equality and social inclusion, further cooperation with civil society organizations (CSOs) that represent the interests of underrepresented groups, and include policies to improve physical accessibility for people with disabilities on the agenda of local government bodies in Donetsk, Luhansk, and Kherson oblasts. Specifically, through the upcoming annual program statement (APS) to respond to the needs of civil society in new frontline communities, DG East will support underrepresented groups comprised of youth, women, LGBTQI+ community members, and IDPs.

C.2. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO OTHER USAID ACTIVITIES AND TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT

DG East actively communicated and coordinated activities with key ministries and USAID partner projects. As Russia's aggressive behavior was escalating at the beginning of the quarter, DG East began discussions with Donetsk and Luhansk oblast administrations and Kherson City Council about both crisis response and humanitarian support activities. DG East is supporting Luhansk Oblast State/Military Administration and Donetsk Oblast State/Military Administration by purchasing items necessary for providing critical services to the population. DG East will purchase communication items (satellite phones, hand-held radios), PPE, power generators, and drones for Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts in Q3. This support will build the capacity of local governments to operate in a hostile environment and safely restore damaged critical infrastructure. The items will be distributed among the local government representatives and service providers responsible for rescuing people from damaged buildings; restoring electric, water, and gas supplies; and emergency services.

In March, DG East conducted a range of negotiations with the heads of Luhansk Oblast PFU, DSP, and the Department of International Technical Assistance, Innovation Development, and Foreign Affairs (DITA) to assess needs and support their operations in a hostile environment so they can continue providing critical pension, social, and humanitarian services to the population. Negotiations resulted in a decision to support all of them by equipping remote workplaces for essential staff relocated to western and central Ukraine with IT equipment (13 workplaces in total). DG East equipped five Luhansk Oblast PFU workplaces and three DSP workplaces in April, and five DITA workplaces will be equipped in May.

Since the beginning of the war, DG East has been in constant communication with the national government, including discussions and coordination with the Ministry of Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories (MRTOT) to 1) strengthen the Ministry's digital capacity to safely store information, including Ukrainian citizens' personal data that is needed for timely and continuous provision of essential services and humanitarian support, by purchasing server equipment and cloud-storage software; 2) strengthen the Ministry's capacity to ensure safe and efficient communication with local

governments and provide essential services in a hostile environment by purchasing communication equipment and software; and 3) equipping essential staff with the necessary IT equipment for remote operations. DG East will make the purchases in the beginning of Q3.

DG East continued coordinating with ERA, (UCBI III, and USAID Ukraine National Identity Through Youth Activity (UNITY) on IDP support, including youth; and coordinating with the FCDO-funded PFRU on support and cooperation with MRTOT and local media partners.

SECTION D

ACTIVITY ADMINISTRATION

D.I. ACTIVITY APPROACH AND CRITICAL ISSUES

DG East continued operations through Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine, while supporting safety and security of DG East staff. By having established, adaptable, and flexible management and operational structures and a well-planned and operational security action plan, and by capitalizing on excellent working relationships among staff, DG East was able to effectively manage through the most difficult period of the quarter through daily contact and evacuation/settlement support to staff and their families, including support to access mobile communications and transportation needs. At the time of this report, 95 percent of DG East staff have relocated and 100 percent of staff have reached relative safety.

DG East continued to pursue an adaptive implementation model by 1) adjusting technical and operational approaches due to Russia's invasion by replicating and maximizing positive interventions; and 2) strategically using the demand-driven funding pool for grants, subcontracts, and direct distribution of goods and services (DDGS) to enable rapid-delivery procurement for a steady implementation pace in the current operating environment. DG East was able to adjust and respond quickly to pivot activities by proactively engaging partners in contingency planning and supporting them with tools and equipment to adapt to the new operating environment, which resulted in approximately 30 percent increase in March 2022 programmatic spending compared to March 2021. In addition to responding quickly to the evolving requirements, DG East has been intentional about pre-positioning for post-war activities through partner engagements, needs analyses, and strategic planning for short-term, medium-term, and post-war needs.

There were a number of significant personnel changes during the quarter. Both the Kramatorsk and Kherson Regional Director were vacated and filled by internal recruitment. The Activities Pool Director position was vacated and filled by a Chemonics home office professional experienced with contracts and compliance, who previously served as a short-term DG East Activities Pool Director. This approach resulted in a smooth transition of responsibilities with no impact on technical implementation. Overall, DG East has seen more than usual staff change during the quarter, but was able to efficiently fill vacancies through internal and external recruits while maintaining steady staffing levels, despite several professional openings at any given time.

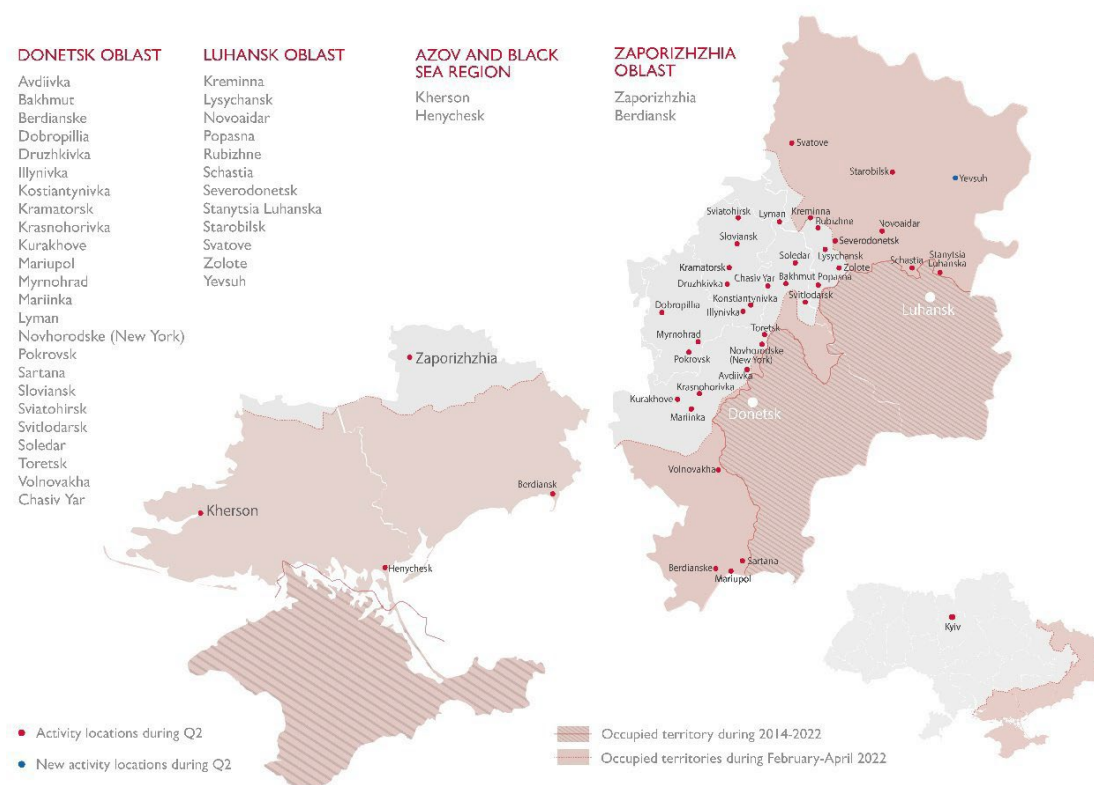
All five DG offices were closed at the time of this report. Regretfully, DG East office in Mariupol was destroyed by the Russian armed forces during the siege of the city.

DG East will continue to closely monitor the political and security environment and include contingencies for activities, operations, and staffing. As this has affected activities in FY 2022 Q2, it most certainly will have an impact on Q3.

D.2. SUB-AWARD DETAILS

In FY 2022 Q2, DG East issued six new sub-awards: three grants under contract and three subcontracts. Overall, DG East had a total of 35 active sub-awards during in Q2 (including the six sub-awards above): six subcontracts and 29 grant awards, of which four were with local government and municipalities and 25 were with local NGOs. DG East also initiated 17 new DDGS activities to support a variety of beneficiaries in target locations, including seven war response DDGS activities. DG East had a total of 39 DDGS activities, including the 17 launched during the reporting period. DG East’s programmatic footprint is in Figure 7 below.

Figure 7. DG East Program Imprint



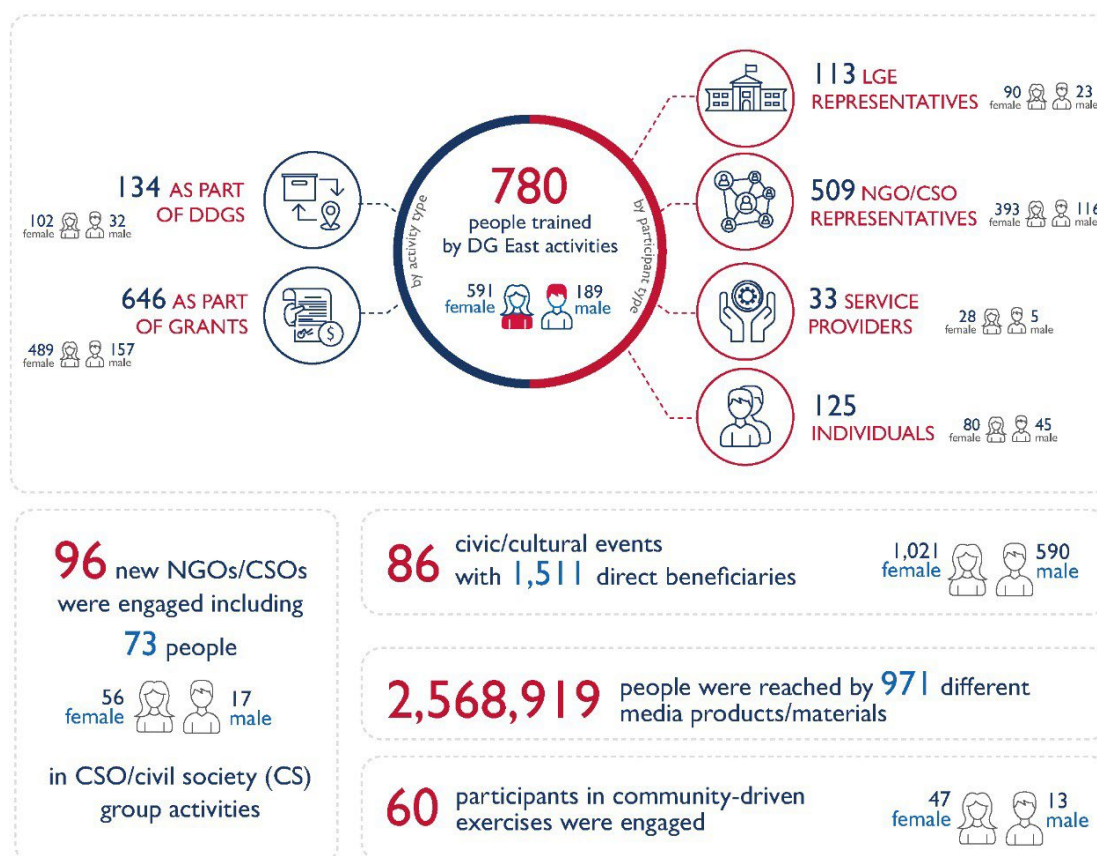
With the start of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, many activities were no relevant or were impossible to implement. Of 35 grants and subcontracts and 35 DDGS ongoing activities at the beginning of the war on February 24, 2022, 44 have been paused or canceled and five activities have been redesigned and continue to be implemented by DG East partners.

As of the end of FY 2022 Q2, more than 20 war response short- and medium-term activities were being developed.

D.3. PERFORMANCE MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING

DG East progressed toward achieving Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) outputs and outcomes (see Figure 8). The quarterly program indicator summaries are in Sections B.1, B.2, and C.1 above, and a detailed annual progress reporting against DG East FY 2022 indicator targets is in Annex A.1. Overall, all targets for the quarter were achieved or overachieved, despite the continued challenging operational environment. Yearly targets have already been achieved for indicators 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16. This, in part, is due to the fact that many of the activities were held online, allowing a larger number of people to participate, including civil society representatives and other civic actors. In Q2, 24 participants with disabilities were identified, three men and 21 women. Since the Washington Group Questionnaire was predominantly used in trainings for identification, three percent of participants identified as people with disabilities. While this may seem low, it could be explained, in part, by the monitoring surveys revealing that some participants with disabilities do not identify themselves as disabled.

Figure 8. DG East Impact in FY 2022 Q2



D.3.A CHALLENGES AND ADAPTATIONS

In February, DG East held the third Deep Dive session for project staff, led by the MEL team. The Activity Log Frame and Kobo collection system were demonstrated as additional tools for better monitoring. Each DG East office showed practical examples and the team discussed progress against DG East indicators. As feedback, participants commented on the importance of these sessions and expressed a need for increased

regularity, duration, and discussion. Unfortunately, due to the war, DG East had to cancel the Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Index (SCORE) East component and data collection for indicators 19, 21, and 22. As a result, data will not be available in FY 2022 for the majority of DG East outcome and impact indicators.

D.4. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

DG East ensured monitoring of environmental compliance and mitigation efforts on behalf of beneficiaries. During the reporting quarter, nine environmental reviews were approved: six Environmental Review Checklists/Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plans (ERCs/EMMPs) and three Simplified Environmental Review Forms (SERFs).

Due to war, many activities requiring environmental monitoring were modified or canceled. Detailed information is presented on Table I. Due to changed conditions, DG East withdrew two SERFs for equipment and furniture procurement.

Table 1. DG East Monitored Activities

ACTIVITY	MONITORING RECORDED	ISSUES ENCOUNTERED	MEASURES TAKEN
KRA-039-G-013-2020 Sloviansk City Council, Sloviansk DSP: New Style of Social Service	ERC/EMMP for fire safety improvement (procurement of evacuation stairs)	No issues encountered.	Activity completed. DG East monitored environmental compliance of equipment procurement and installation.
KRA-065-G-025-2020 Terre des hommes Ukraine - YOUNG CITIZENS	ERC/EMMP for two mini-initiatives focused on outdoor equipment procurement	Part of the mini initiatives cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity mainly completed The part of activity focused on two mini-initiatives was modified/ canceled.
SEV-062-D-029-2021 Green Hub Your Territory	ERC/EMMP for air conditioner installation and items for science lab.	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified. Part of activity is on hold.
KRA-086-D-035-2021 Druzhkivka City Council, Druzhkivka Administrative Service Center (ASC) - Digitalization for Accessibility	ERC/EMMP for materials and archive equipment	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified. Part of activity is on hold.
KRA-083-G-035-2021 NGO Union of ATO Veterans - Reintegration of ATO Veterans into the Community	ERC/EMMP for materials and professional trainings	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified. Ongoing activity. Part of activity is on hold.
KRA- Druzhkivka Hromada Council - Street Rider Festival	ERC/EMMP for outdoor equipment procurement and installation	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified/ Canceled.
KHE-009-G-004-2022 NGO Totem "Artivism Manufactory: Enhancing Advocacy through Art"	SERF for media and office equipment procurement	Grantee relocated due to the war.	Activity modified. Ongoing activity. Grantee is working on a new location according to schedule.

ACTIVITY	MONITORING RECORDED	ISSUES ENCOUNTERED	MEASURES TAKEN
KHE-008-G-003-2021 NGO Crimean Community Radio	SERF for media and office equipment procurement	Grantee relocated due to the war.	Activity modified. Ongoing activity. Grantee is working on a new location according to schedule.
MAR-042-D-020 -2021 Support for Transparent Decision-Making Processes of the Eastern Local Councils Activity	SERF for IT and office equipment procurement	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified/ Canceled.
KRA-083-D-034-2021 Displaced Horlivka Institute of Foreign Languages in Bakhmut	SERF for equipment procurement ERC/EMMP for outdoor equipment and playground	Activity cannot be completed due to the war.	Activity modified.
KHE-010-G-005-2022 NGO Information Technology Promotion Center (Kavun City site)	SERF for media and office equipment procurement	SERF withdrawn due to changed conditions caused by the war.	Activity modified/ Canceled.
SEV-069-D-033-2022 Building Capacity of 9 Youth Councils of Luhansk Oblast	SERF for equipment procurement	SERF withdrawn due to changed conditions caused by the war.	Activity modified.

During Q3, DG East will mainly focus on war response activities that fall under the March–November 2022 USAID exemption from environmental review procedures in 22 CFR 216 in accordance to 22 CFR § 216.2(b)(1)(i) for DG East Activities focused on support of local, regional, and central government entities to deliver essential services in a hazardous environment.

ANNEX A.

ANNEX A.1. PERFORMANCE MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

#	Indicator Description	Collection Methods	Base line	FY 2020		FY 2021		FY 2022			Activities related to the indicator in FY 2022 Q II	
				Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Q I	Q II		Actual
Program Goal: Strengthen the connection and trust between citizens and their government in Eastern Ukraine												
1	Trust in local institutions in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	4.0	4.5	4.3	5.0	4.1	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	DG East had to cancel SCORE (East component) for FY 2022 due to the full-scale war.
2	Support for EU membership in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	3.9	4.5	3.6	5.0	4.1	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	
3	Skepticism about reforms in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	6.9	6.5	5.8	6.0	6.9	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	
4	Pluralistic Ukrainian identity in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	6.9	7.4	7.1	7.6	7.3	7.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Objective I: Greater acceptance of a shared civic culture based on common values and understanding												
5	Percentage of respondents expressing confidence in key reforms [change in]	Outcome SCORE	0%	10%	19.7%	15%	11.6%	20%	n/a	n/a	n/a	DG East had to cancel SCORE (East component) for FY 2022 due to the full-scale war.
6	Level of civic optimism in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	4.1	4.5	4.5	5.0	3.6	5.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	
7	Number of civic coalitions formed	Outcome DG East	0	2	1	1	7	6	11	0	11	
Sub-Objective I.1: Increased interaction of citizens with civil society groups												
8	Number of CSOs and other civic actors receiving USG assistance	Output DG East	0	35	244	25	340	50	232	96	328	4 activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artivism Manufactory: Enhancing Advocacy with Art • Boosting Ukrainian Narratives in Kherson Region

												<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kherson City Council - Kherson Multicenter Development • Good Neighbors - One Country – 93
9	Number of non-governmental organization (NGO)/CSO representatives trained	Output DG East	0	115	726	115	1,488	350	769	509	1278	<p>5 activities with 509 NGO/CSO representatives trained (116 male and 393 female):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer to peers – reintegration of ATO veterans to the local communities – 18 • Academy of Opportunities-Part 2, Severodonetsk Youth Council –13 • GESI Training for Professionals and Opinion Leaders – 7 • Good Neighbors - One Country – 467 • Kyiv Pride: Going East – 4
10	Number of people engaged in CSO/civil society group activities	Output DG East Grantees	0	350	977	350	2,083	700	201	73	274	<p>5 activities with 73 of people engaged (17 male and 56 female):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for development and support of elderly people “Yellow Umbrella” in Yevsuh village (Part II) – 6 • Good Neighbors - One Country – 22 • Kherson City Strategy – 32 • Strong Communities On the Collision Line 2 – 10 • Kramatorsk City Strategy 2022-2030 Activity – 3
Sub-Objective 1.2: Increased understanding of reform and participatory governance processes												
11	Number of media products/materials released for better understanding of reforms	Output DG East	0	100	1,330	100	2,463	400	488	971	1,459	<p>10 activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Svoi Eastern Media Cluster (Agency ABO) • Production of Documentary Film “East Stop” • NGO Our Home Sloviansk (Eastern Variant 2021-2022) • ZmInY East
12	Number of people reached by media products/materials	Output DG East	0	100,000	2,682,382	100,000	8,477,100	500,000	1,355,449	2,568,919	3,924,368	

												<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Generation. Kherson community influence online: Empowering Kherson residents with online participatory tools • Strong Communities On the Collision Line – 2 • Highlighting Changes in the Communities of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts • NGO Internews Ukraine “Strong Media – Strong Society” • Azov Sea Region News Kramatorsk City Strategy 2022-2030 Activity
13	Number of LGE representatives trained	Output DG East	0	115	1,780	250	1,660	350	296	113	409	<p>5 activities with 113 LGE representatives (23 male and 90 female):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer to peers - reintegration of ATO veterans to the local communities – 1 • Academy of Opportunities-Part 2, Severodonetsk Youth Council – 2 • Good Neighbors - One Country – 66 • HICD Training Support to 150 LGE representatives – 25 • LGE Capacity to Increase Community Income Activity – 19
Sub-Objective 1.3: Further development of Ukrainian civic identity												
14	Number of civic/cultural events supported by USG assistance	Output DG East	0	100	106	80	574	80	185	86	271	<p>14 activities with 86 civic/cultural events and 1,511 direct beneficiaries (490 male and 1,021 female) (events/beneficiaries):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Opportunities-Part 2, Severodonetsk Youth Council – 4/50 • BUR Laboratory Mini Initiatives Activity –1/24 • Center for development and support of elderly people “Yellow Umbrella” in Yevsuh village (Part II) – 1/16 • DostupnoUA_Accessibility Rating of Ukrainian cities – 9/59
15	Number of direct beneficiaries from civic/cultural activities	Output Grantees	0	25,000	28,581	25,000	119,405	25,000	5,699	1,511	7,210	

												<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Neighbors - One Country – 10/268 • Kherson City Council - Kherson Multicenter Development – 1/18 • Kyiv Pride: Going East – 18/115 • Mariupol is a city of equal opportunities for all – 1/390 • My Stanytsia Hub – 1/4 • Peer to peers – reintegration of ATO veterans to the local communities – 7/81 • Production of Documentary Film “East Stop” – 2/105 • Strengthening Public Council Capacity Activity – 1/25 • Strong Communities On the Collision Line 2 – 11/173 • Tourism and Culture Capacity Development in Eastern Ukraine: Increasing Digital Capacity of Priazovskyi State Technical University for Culture and Tourism Improvement – 1/8
16	GNDR-8. Number of persons trained with USG assistance to advance outcomes consistent with gender equality or female empowerment through their roles in public or private sector institutions or organizations	Output DG East	0	150	515	150	530	150	326	18	344	<p>2 activities with 18 people trained (3 male and 15 female):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Opportunities-Part 2, Severodonetsk Youth Council – 10 • GESI Training for Professionals and Opinion Leaders – 8

Objective 2: Increase participation to improve Ukraine’s governance and reform processes and help resolve community problems

17	Openness to dialogue with outgroups in DG East target communities	Outcome SCORE	2.3	4.0	6.1	4.5	6.6	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	DG East had to cancel SCORE (East component) for FY 2022 due to the war.
18	Number of “tangible outcomes” (e.g., new policy adopted, service delivery implemented, infrastructure project completed, etc.) attained in activity communities	Outcome DG East	0	40	63	45	61	45	28	6	34	5 activities with 6 tangible outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUR Laboratory Mini Initiatives Activity (youth center RePost) New Generation: Empowering Kherson residents with online participatory tools (media room with sound/video and insulation equipment) Young Citizens -Community engagement in East Ukraine (web platform takeover.org.ua and 3 documentaries tools - youth of the community) Kherson City Council - Kherson Multicenter Development (“Modern Concept of the City Multicenter” Manual) Strong Communities On the Collision Line 2 (Verkhovna Rada adoption of amendments to the Law on CMA)
Sub-Objective 2.1: Increased integration of separated, marginalized, or isolated populations												
19	Percentage of respondents reporting improved service delivery among underrepresented and marginalized populations in DG East target communities	Outcome Customer Satisfaction Survey (DG East)	0	5%	4,6%	8%	n/a	10%	n/a	n/a	n/a	DG East had to cancel FY 2022 data collection for indicators 19, 21, and 22 due to the war.
Sub-Objective 2.2: Effective advocacy by local actors on relevant national and regional-level policies												
20	DR.4.2-2 Number of CSOs receiving USG	Output DG East	0	10	1	15	26	10	5	0	5	

	assistance engaged in advocacy interventions											
Sub-Objective 2.3: Improved local governance processes and capacities												
21	Percentage of LGEs and local institutions demonstrating performance improvement	Outcome DG East	0	15%	30,8%	15%	n/a	15%	n/a	n/a	n/a	DG East had to cancel FY 2022 data collection for indicators 19, 21, and 22 due to the war.
22	Percentage of DG East civic activity beneficiaries reporting improved governance in geographic activity areas in DG East target communities	Outcome DG East	0	8%	4.7%	10%	n/a	12%	n/a	n/a	n/a	
23	Number of participants in community-driven exercises	Output DG East	0	400	280	800	1,048	1,200	201	60	261	3 activities with 60 of people engaged (13 male and 47 female): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center for development and support of elderly people “Yellow Umbrella” in Yevsuh village (Part II) – 6 Good Neighbors - One Country – 22 Kherson City Strategy – 32
24	Number of local council and commission members trained on decision-making to advocate for community reforms	Output DG East	0	50	145	50	207	50	0	0	0	Activities are planned for the next quarters.

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