PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

The USAID Public Health System Recovery and Resilience Activity (PHS R&R), led by Pact, is a five-year activity that aims to strengthen the Government of Ukraine's (GOU) capacity to prevent, detect and respond to public health threats; sustain critical public health services during crisis; protect the health of all Ukrainians including vulnerable and marginalized population groups; and expand mental health support to war-affected populations. By applying a whole systems approach to assist the GOU to improve core national and regional public health capacities to address health challenges during wartime and the post-war future, PHS R&R contributes to USAID's efforts in supporting Ukraine to achieve long-term national health security and stability.

KEY FACTS:

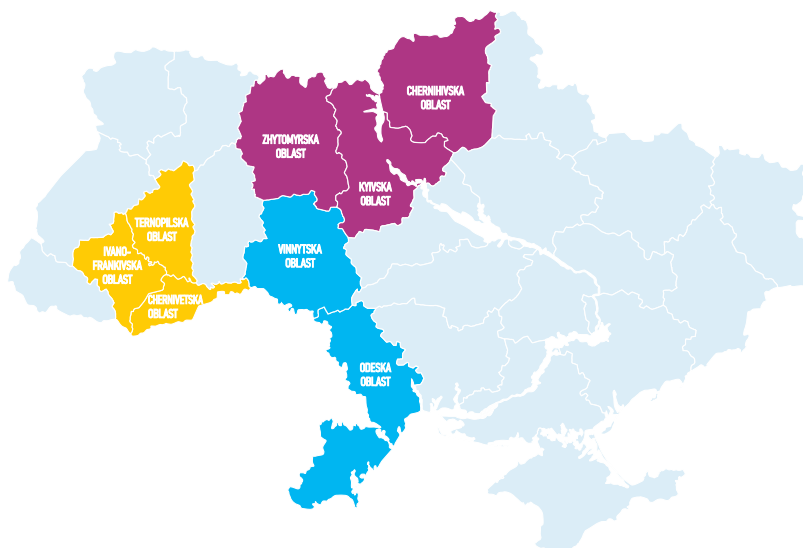**Project duration:** May 2022 – May 2027

Implementing partners:

▸ Pact (lead)
▸ Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
▸ Overseas Strategic Consulting
▸ European Institute of Public Health Policy
▸ Temple University School of Public Health, together with Drexel University School of Public Health and Health Federation of Philadelphia
▸ Ukrainian Coalition for Vaccination

Geographic coverage:

National level-support with eight focus regions (see map) during initial phase

Key national/regional partners:

▸ Ministry of Health of Ukraine
▸ Center for Public Health
▸ Regional Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
▸ Ministry of Veterans Affairs
▸ First Lady's Office/First Lady Mental Health Initiative

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KEY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES:

▶ **Objective 1. Prevent, detect and respond to public health threats**

▸ Targeted support to the regional Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (rCDCPs) to strengthen their preparedness and response to new waves of COVID-19 in the context of war and health system overload

▸ Implementing measures to improve public health resilience in terms of readiness, response, and recovery

▸ Improving the system of data collection and use for decision-making

▸ Increasing COVID-19 vaccination coverage

▸ Improving risk communications capacity

▸ Promoting the continuity of essential medical services at the primary healthcare level

▶ **Objective 2. Sustain critical public health services during crisis**

▸ Strengthening the capacity of the rCDCPs to effectively operate and implement the 10 essential public health functions

▸ Strengthening the capacity of the public health system in two priority areas under the Global Health Security

▸ readiness to prevent, detect, respond and effectively recover from emergencies;

▸ strengthening risk communications

▸ Increasing routine immunization coverage

▸ Improving the detection of morbidity at the primary level

▶ **Objective 3. Strengthen community resilience against potential public health risks**

▸ Raising awareness and involvement of territorial communities in addressing public health issues

▸ Developing coordination and communication mechanisms with other partners

▸ Implementing community-based services, including communications to increase vaccination rates, preparedness for and response to emergencies, identification of vulnerable populations and at-risk groups, hpromotion of timely care-seeking behaviors, reduction of barriers for accessing health services, and stigmatization reduction for mental health.

▶ **Objective 4. Expand access to mental health services**

▸ Capacity building for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) programs at the national level Implementahhsolutions using digital tools and platforms

▸ Expanding the training of mental health professionals and non-professionals for increased access to MHPSS services

▸ Co-creation and piloting of tailored stepped-care models of community-based MHPSS services

▸ Strengthening regional-level capacity, coordination, and integration of mental health in public health

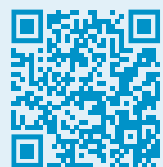▸ Expanding access to community-based mental health services using evidence-based MHPSS models

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