



**YASHCHENKO
FOUNDATION**

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Activity Report

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Introduction

The first quarter of 2026 presented significant challenges across Ukraine. The winter of 2025–2026 was the coldest in nearly a decade, with prolonged temperatures falling to -20°C . Combined with continued strikes on energy infrastructure, these conditions caused widespread blackouts and heating failures across frontline and vulnerable communities. Despite this, the Foundation maintained full operational continuity across all core programmes while further expanding its regional reach.

In the medical sector, the Foundation delivered approximately 18.4 tonnes of high-value pharmaceuticals, valued at more than £7.4 million, to hospitals and primary healthcare facilities across nine oblasts. Deliveries focused particularly on frontline and conflict-affected areas including Kherson, Kharkiv and Donetsk oblasts, helping address severe shortages of essential medicines in overstretched healthcare facilities.

The Walking Blood Bank programme also maintained uninterrupted operations across 11 frontline and high-strain regions. During the quarter, mobile testing teams conducted 26,865 blood typing tests and registered 1,964 new donors, strengthening local emergency blood capacity and supporting community resilience in areas heavily impacted by the war.



*ED **Toby Illingworth**, Founder and Head of Mission*

Introduction

Alongside medical programming, the Foundation's Shelter/NFI and WASH interventions supported 12,140 vulnerable individuals in Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts. The distribution of winterisation and hygiene kits, including insulated bedding, solar lamps and essential household items, helped families maintain warmth and sanitation during severe winter blackouts.

During the quarter, the Foundation also expanded activities into Moldova through a targeted humanitarian initiative in Ialoveni District, funded by SWEIG. The programme supported vulnerable households and children through the delivery of food, household assistance and winter support, alongside the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in homes reliant on solid-fuel heating systems.

Head of Mission, Ukraine

Toby Illingworth

7.4 mln

Total Value
of Aid Delivered (£)

12

Regions of Ukraine
Covered

Summary

59,466 kg

Total Aid Delivered

3,130 kits

Hygiene and Shelter Kits Distributed

23

Communities
Supported

41,068

Beneficiaries
Reached

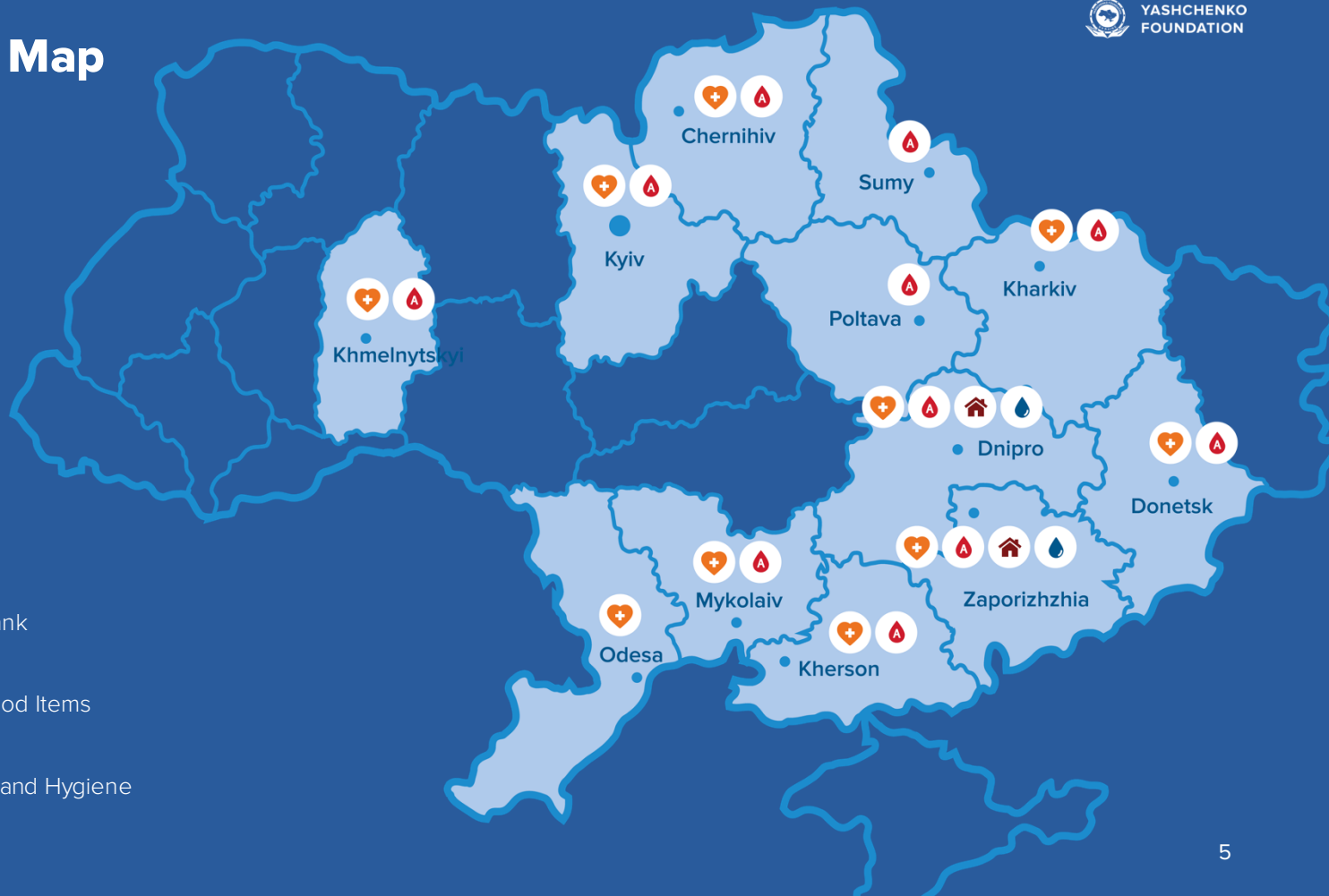


26,865

Blood Typing Tests
Conducted

Delivery Map

-  Medical Supplies
-  Walking Blood Bank
-  Shelter & Non-Food Items
-  Water, Sanitation and Hygiene





Medical Supplies

During February and March 2026, the humanitarian missions successfully covered a total of 10 oblasts and 21 unique hromadas across Ukraine, distributing a total of 59,466 kilograms of critical aid (113.97 pallets).

The list of reached Oblasts included Zaporizhzhia, Odesa, Kherson, Mykolaiv, Kyiv, Khmelnytskyi, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, and Chernihiv oblasts.

The primary focus of medical distribution and pharmaceutical supply was conducted in March 2026, providing targeted reinforcement to municipal hospitals, centers for primary health care, and specialized medical institutes.

18,641 kg

Medical Supplies
Delivered

9

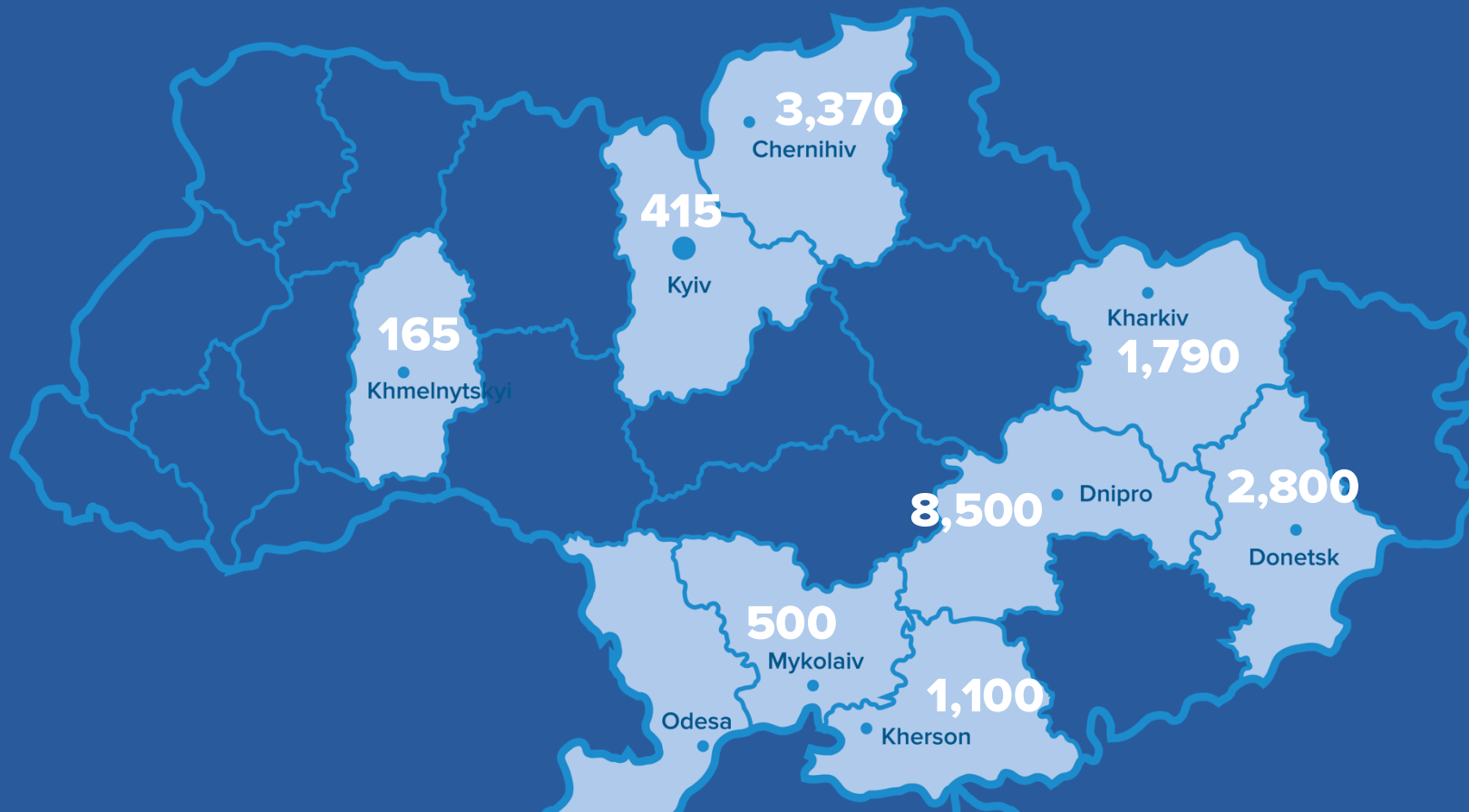
Regions of Ukraine
Covered



*Head of Operations **Nataliia Vyshnivska**
receiving another batch of medications
from Direct Relief*



Medical Aid Distribution by Region (kg)





Critical Medical Response in Frontline Areas

Kherson Oblast. Due to its proximity to the occupied left bank, the city and coastal hromadas face daily shelling and drone attacks. Despite the danger, many elderly residents remain with limited access to pharmacies. To support them, the Foundation delivered vital medications to Kherson, including cardiac, antibacterial, and respiratory drugs.

Donetsk Direction. The region remains the epicenter of intense hostilities, creating severe logistical constraints and medicine shortages in local facilities. To quickly replenish hospital reserves, the Foundation navigated complex routes to deliver a large batch of medications to Kramatorsk, including antibiotics, cardiac drugs, oncology treatments, and anesthetics.

Kharkiv Oblast. Local medical infrastructure is under immense strain due to regular strikes and proximity to the front line. In March, the Foundation promptly delivered medications to hospitals and primary care centers across 6 hromadas in the region.





Medical Supplies for Kherson

” Assistance from partners has become a vital resource for Kherson's vulnerable populations, including low-income families, pensioners, and IDPs. Instead of distributing single random packs, volunteers provide full treatment courses of scarce, essential medicines—such as cardiac, vascular, and antibacterial drugs—that beneficiaries cannot afford on their own.

Amid ongoing shelling, maintaining a stable medical stock is crucial for residents of frontline "red zones." Providing specialized, expensive treatments (including epilepsy and thyroid medications) free of charge protects families from extreme poverty, removing the impossible choice between essential healthcare and basic food.

The quality of these medications ensures effective patient recovery. While this cooperation has successfully addressed immediate healthcare gaps in the conflict zone, the humanitarian crisis persists, making continued partnership and expanded supplies of targeted medicines essential.”



*Halina Didenko (Vidomi Charitable Foundation)
– a partner of the Yashchenko Foundation
in Kherson*



Chemihiv Regional Centre
for Modern Oncology



Rehabilitation department of
Khmelnytskyi Regional Hospital



Slobzhanska District Hospital
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast



Distribution of
medicines in Kherson



Outpatient clinic, Synelnykivskyi
District, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast



Medical Supplies for Dnipro

"In Dnipro, a frontline hub where strikes have destroyed pharmaceutical warehouses, the partnership with Direct Relief provides an indispensable source of support. Medical teams deliver vital drugs to IDPs and conflict-affected residents under volatile conditions. Beyond physical healing, this high-value aid reinforces psychological stability, proving that the international community stands with them.

Physicians note exceptional clinical outcomes, observing that chronic patients often stabilize on lower dosages compared to local pharmacy alternatives. Additionally, the supply of rare, low-dosage antidepressants has provided rapid psychiatric stabilization for civilians enduring severe wartime trauma.

To maximize future impact, medical teams request adding IV fluids and hospital consumables to upcoming shipments. Crucially, international shipping timelines must be shortened; current delays cause medications to arrive close to their expiration dates, which legally complicates registration under Ukraine's strict humanitarian accounting laws. Faster delivery ensures aid reaches patients without bureaucratic delays."



*Inessa Shevchenko (Doctor)
– a partner of the Yashchenko Foundation
In Dnipropetrovsk Region*



Distribution of medicines in Kherson



Frontline communities in the Dnipropetrovsk region



The Mechnikov Hospital in Dnipro has received the anticonvulsant drugs



Lozivsky Primary Healthcare Centre, Kharkiv Region



Chernihiv Regional and Municipal hospitals





Medical Supplies for Khmelnytskyi

“Assistance from the Yashchenko Foundation and Direct Relief provides essential resources for rehabilitating patients recovering from strokes, polytrauma, and intensive care. For IDPs, pensioners, and those who have lost their incomes, free medications are the only source for comprehensive treatment, while a stable supply enables physicians to respond instantly to critical patient conditions.

The quality of these therapies significantly supports clinical outcomes. For instance, a severely wounded patient admitted with polytrauma, vision loss, and complete immobility was able to overcome severe pain and achieve mobility milestones thanks to targeted pain management and specialized antidepressants supplied by partners, eventually being discharged almost fully independent.

Beyond clinical efficacy, this support reinforces psychological stability, demonstrating international solidarity to conflict-affected Ukrainians. Medical staff emphasize that this aid is an invaluable tool for implementing evidence-based standard treatments, restoring quality of life despite the war.”



Yulia Balzhik (Head of the Rehabilitation and Recovery Department)
— Khmelnytskyi Regional Hospital



Distribution of medicines in Kherson



Medicines for remote communities in the Dnipropetrovsk region



Samarivka District Intensive Care Hospital, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast



Chemihiv Regional and Municipal hospitals



Mother and Child Centre in Dnipro



Walking Blood Bank

In Q1 2026, the Walking Blood Bank (WBB) program maintained 100% operational continuity with zero days of interruption. The initiative establishes localized, rapid-access blood group registries within crisis-affected communities to ensure an immediate emergency trauma response.

The program delivered 26,865 blood typing tests and registered 1,964 new donors this quarter. Activities covered 11 high-strain and frontline provinces: Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Chernihiv, Sumy, Donetsk, Poltava, Khmelnytskyi, Zaporizhzhia, and Kyiv regions.

26,865

Blood Typing Tests
Conducted

1,964

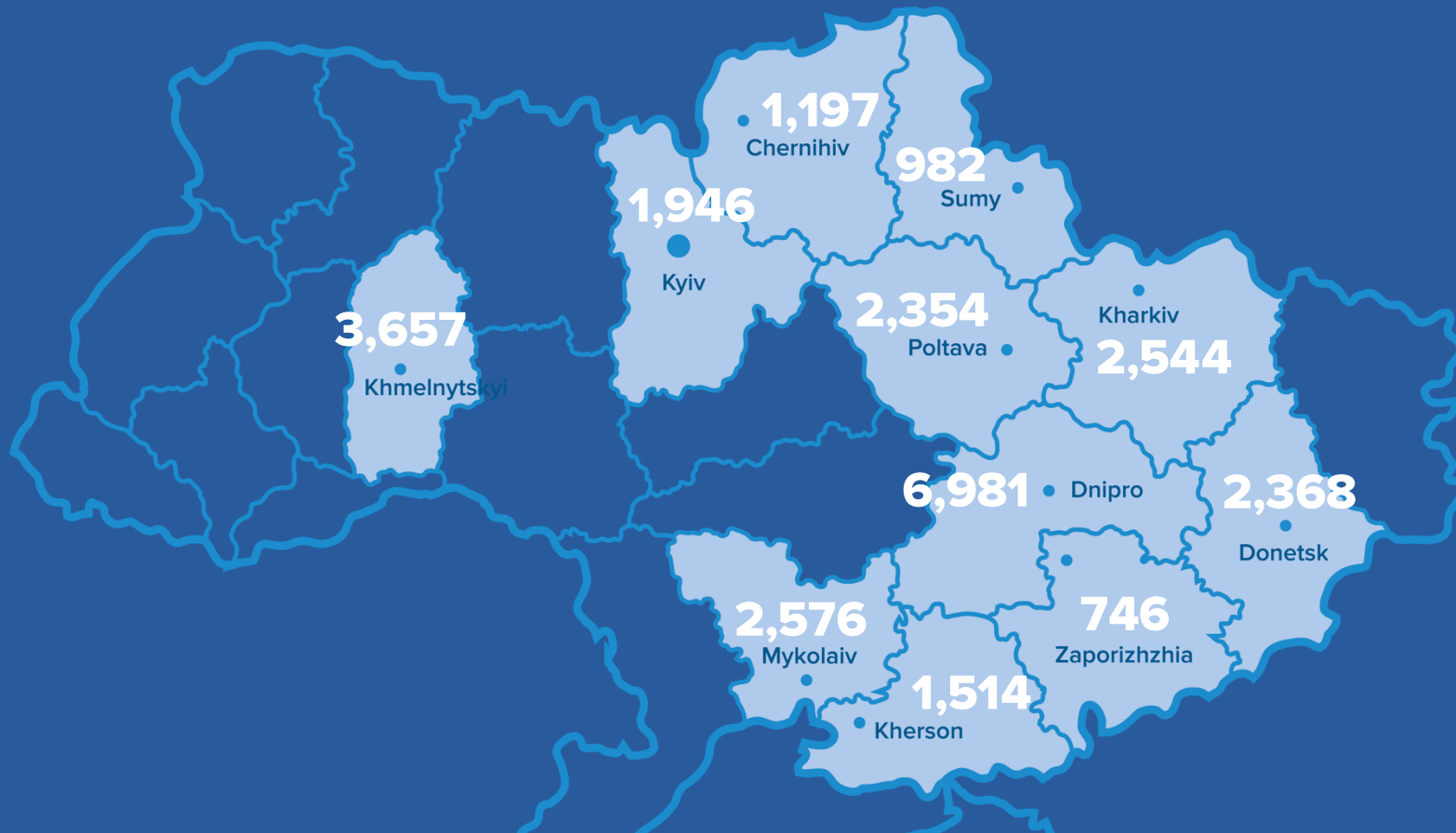
New Donors
Registered



Alina Tsytko, a volunteer with the Yashchenko Foundation, is carrying out rapid blood-type testing.



Blood Typing Tests by Region





Strengthening Community Medical Resilience

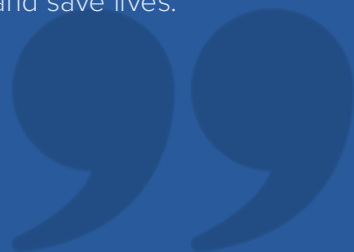
"The "Walking Blood Bank" project strengthens the medical resilience of frontline communities. Free, 2-minute rapid tests at mobile points eliminate logistical barriers and hesitation, quickly turning ordinary passersby into conscious donors.

The initiative's greatest achievement is triggering a network effect of mutual aid. Rapid testing and expert consultations dispel long-held doubts. Powerful community engagement is at play: women encourage their husbands, employees bring entire departments, and elderly individuals inspire their grandchildren to become regular donors.

The project also has a profound psychological impact. The significant turnout at mobile points demonstrates remarkable civic unity. Despite wartime and financial hardships, people arrive in large numbers to save lives with their own blood. For partners, this sends a clear message: the project provides society with an effective, practical tool to sustain hope and save lives."



Olha Kondratenko
– Walking Blood Bank Programme Manager







Catalyzing a Culture of Donation

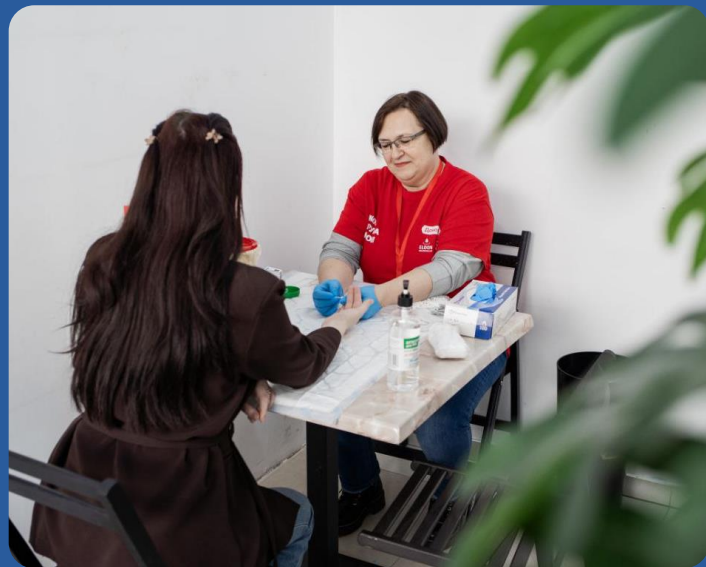
"The value of the "My Blood Type" project lies in its simplicity. For many, the main barrier is the anxiety of the unknown, leading them to postpone testing for decades. Our mobile points create a welcoming space where this hesitation dissolves in two minutes. By turning a clinical procedure into a free, public interaction, the initiative builds trust and directly encourages citizens to engage with national blood security.

Discovering one's blood type frequently sparks unforgettable reactions, from family debates when long-held assumptions are disproven, to moments of quiet realization. It is common for an individual to get tested and return with their entire family, or share their EldonCard result in a corporate chat, prompting an entire department to visit the mobile unit the next day.

Amid wartime hardships, the project serves as a practical tool for social cohesion. The most significant outcome is hearing participants state: "Now that I know my blood type, I am ready to donate." Whether it is an elderly resident discovering their blood type with genuine joy or a soldier learning how to support local trauma centers, the initiative effectively empowers individuals with a clear sense of purpose."



***Victoria Sikora**, a volunteer with the Yashchenko Foundation, is conducting rapid testing to determine blood type.*





Shelter & WASH

Q1 2026 brought severe challenges as an untypically harsh winter pushed temperatures down to -20°C. Coupled with intensified strikes on energy infrastructure, these freezing conditions caused systemic failures in centralized heating and electricity, leaving frontline communities extremely vulnerable.

To mitigate the crisis, the Foundation deployed critical Shelter/NFI and WASH assistance to Zaporizhzhia and Dnipropetrovsk oblasts, supporting 12,140 individuals. Distributing winterisation kits (insulated bedding, thermos flasks, solar lamps) and hygiene sets enabled vulnerable households to maintain warmth and sanitation during severe blackouts.

2,496

Hygiene and
Shelter Kits Distributed

12,140

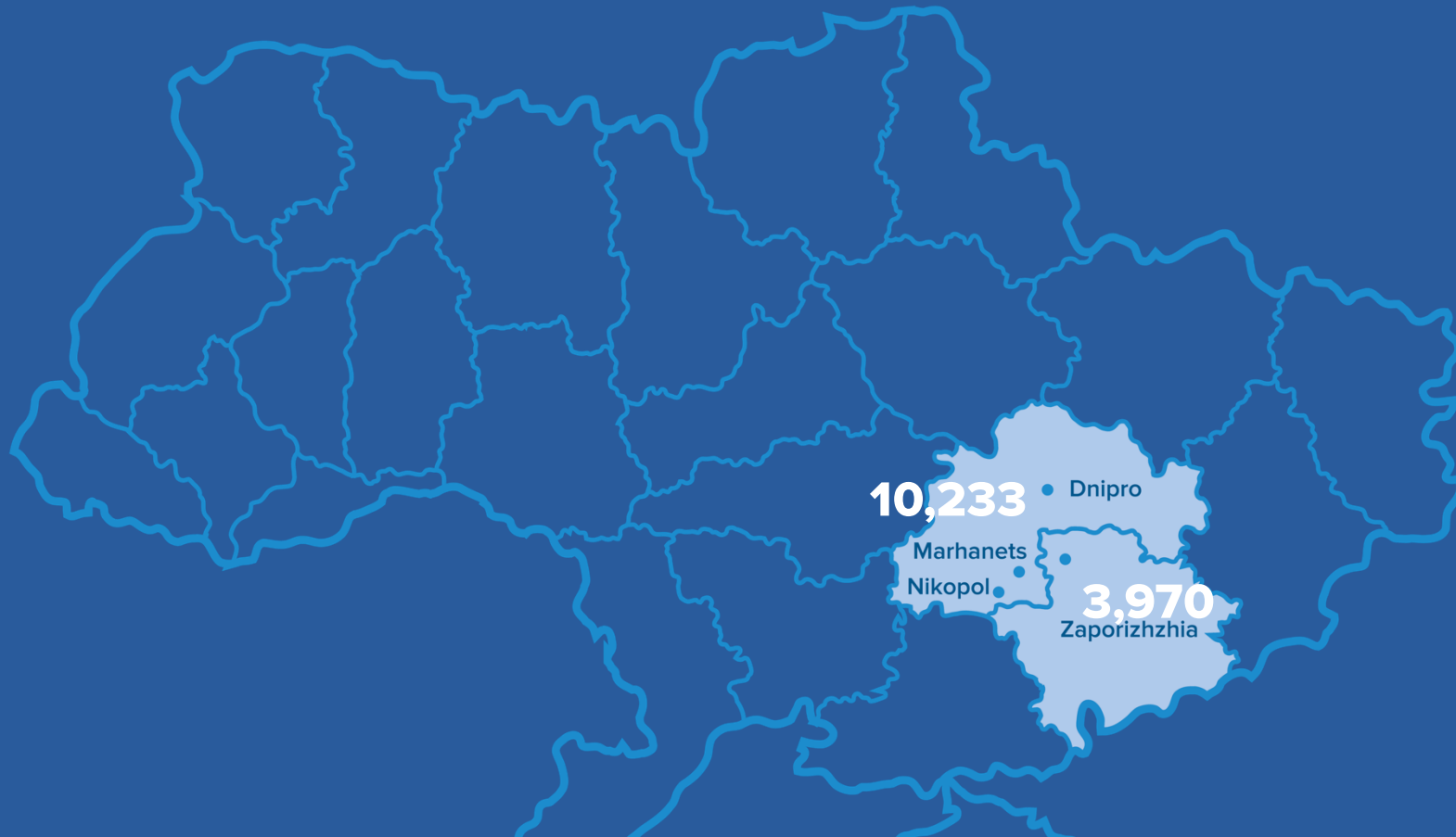
Beneficiaries
Reached



*Distribution of aid in the town of **Marganets**,
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast*



Winterisation & WASH Beneficiaries by Region





NFI and Hygiene Kits Distribution

"Humanitarian distribution in frontline communities (Marganets, Nikopol) and transit hubs (Zaporizhzhia) provided critical support for the most vulnerable: large families, IDPs, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Flawless organization—safe logistics, zero queues, and rapid registration in "red zones"—allowed beneficiaries to safely receive essential items, reinforcing their stability.

These kits are exceptionally valuable for urgent household recovery after attacks. In Nikopol, a large family's home was severely damaged by a drone strike, destroying their belongings. The bed linen and relief items provided through the project allowed them to quickly replace what was lost, serving as vital support during severe stress.

Beyond material aid, the initiative delivers a colossal emotional impact. In Zaporizhzhia, a displaced family with a severely ill son declined home delivery, coming in person solely to express gratitude for our evacuation assistance. This proves the aid provides not just survival resources, but psychological resilience and the strength to persevere despite the war."



***Kristina Zadorozhna**, Senior MEAL Officer at the Yashchenko Foundation.*





Humanitarian Aid in Moldova

In Q1 2026, the Foundation expanded its humanitarian activities into Moldova through a targeted intervention in Ialoveni District, funded by the South West Engineering Interest Group (SWEIG). The project focused on supporting vulnerable households facing financial hardship during the winter period, including single-parent families, large households, and children living in highly vulnerable conditions.

Assistance included the delivery of food supplies and essential household items to families and vulnerable children. The Foundation also identified serious domestic safety risks linked to the use of solid-fuel heating systems and installed carbon monoxide alarms in high-risk households to reduce the risk of injury or death during the winter months.

The programme additionally supported a local orphanage caring for vulnerable and displaced children through the provision of bulk food supplies and household essentials, helping maintain stable living conditions and daily meal provision during the reporting period.



ED Toby Illingworth visited Moldova to deliver humanitarian aid



Intervention in Ialoveni District, Moldova



Financial Summary

(GBP)	January	February	March		Year to Date
Income - Grants		12,304	100,000		12,304
Income - Donations	8,902	8,598	2,631		20,131
Income - Other			4,008		4,008
Total Income	8,902	20,902	106,638		136,443
Operating expenses	27,828	27,479	31,598		86,905
Supply Procurement			111,000		111,000
Branding/Uniform			247		247
Communication costs	52	19	19		90
Administrative costs	487	502	768		1,756
Total Expenses	28,366	28,000	143,632		199,998
Surplus / Deficit	-19,464	-7,098	-36,994		-63,556

* Yashchenko Foundation is happy to provide donors with a detailed breakdown of values and quantities of aid delivered upon request.

** The financial figures presented in this chart reflect a consolidated view of the profit and loss statements of Yashchenko Foundation (UK) and Yashchenko Foundation Ukraine

In-Kind Donations Received

In-Kind Donations Received (Value in GBP)	January	February	March		Year to Date
Medical aid		12,726,523			12,726,523
Food					
Hygiene	167,201				167,201
Clothes					
Goods for children					
Household goods	69,280				69,280
Misc.					
Disability Equipment for PWD					
Total Donation	236,481	12,726,523			12,963,004

Humanitarian Aid Distributed

Humanitarian Aid Distributed (Value in GBP)	January	February	March		Year to Date
Medical aid			7,172,827		7,172,827
Food					
Hygiene	70,100	97,101			167,201
Clothes					
Goods for children					
Household goods	30,080	39,200			69,280
Misc.					
Disability Equipment for PWD					
Total Donation	100,180	136,301	7,172,827		7,409,308

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