

**PROJECT OVERVIEW** 

## PROTECT HER Together: Strengthening Communities, Saving Lives

## **PROJECT GOAL**

Provide comprehensive, high-quality and confidential protection, health and psychosocial services to war-affected populations in Sumy, Chernihiv and Kharkiv oblasts, with a focus on preventing violence against women and children and ensuring survivor-centered care.

The ongoing war in Ukraine has created a humanitarian emergency marked by widespread displacement, severe gaps in health services and a sharp rise in conflict-related sexual and domestic violence. Health facilities face staffing shortages, disrupted operations and increased demand. Vulnerable

populations—including internally displaced persons (IDPs), survivors of trauma and those at risk of violence—often lack access to life-saving medical care and safe spaces.

Corus International, in partnership with the Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health (UFPH), League of Modern Women (LoMW), Chernihiv Public Committee for Human Rights Protection (CPC HRP) and Infection Control in Ukraine (ICU), will implement a 12-month integrated project to address these urgent needs. The initiative combines Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS), a fully equipped Mobile Medical Unit (MMU), targeted training for health and protection workers and community-wide awareness campaigns.



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## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- 56,866 individuals directly and indirectly supported
- 19,666 individuals directly supported
- 7 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) supported (6 existing and 1 new in Bohodukhiv, Kharkiv)
- 6,480 survivors of violence and those at risk of violence received comprehensive support through the WGSS, extending services to rural areas through mobile outreach
- 1,750 dignity kits distributed to women and girls at heightened risk of violence
- 42 local medical and social workers trained in survivor-centered protection and response
- 7 Women and Girls Safe Spaces (WGSS) supported (6 existing and 1 new in Bohodukhiv, Kharkiv)
- 45 humanitarian actors trained in minimum standards for preventing violence against women and children
- 3,249 individuals reached with community safety and violence-prevention messaging, with a total indirect reach estimated at 37,200 people



## The Corus Effect

Corus International is an international development organization that unites an array of nonprofit organizations and businesses, each with specialized expertise — from health to technology to economic development to emergency response. Alongside communities and local partners in fragile settings, our expert teams integrate disciplines, approaches and resources to overcome poverty and suffering for those living in the world's toughest and most difficult circumstances. Our traditional and nontraditional approaches bring together the multi-dimensional, holistic solutions needed to truly achieve lasting change.

Corus features global public health leader IMA World Health, international development and aid organization Lutheran World Relief, technology for development consultancy CGA Technologies, impact investing firm Ground Up Investing, and direct-trade company Farmers Market Brands.

