In response to the war, Ukraine’s government prioritised mental health as part of recovery and reforms, aiming to address immediate mental health and psychosocial support needs of the population and have committed to building a comprehensive mental health system, capable of also meeting longer-term needs.

The Inter-Ministerial Coordination Council, and the Mental Health Center of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine were created to consolidate and coordinate the efforts of different sectors at national and local levels to build Ukraine’s mental health system and services.

A three-day mental health forum “Moving Towards Mental Health System & Services of the Future: A Case of Building Back and Forward Better in Ukraine” conducted in Kyiv by WHO and the Coordination Center for Mental Health of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. The forum gathered about 550 participants in person, and more than 3,100 online.

22 partners joined the mhGAP initiative in Ukraine, providing training to over 4,300 primary health care workers in 2023.

148 new trainers trained in mhGAP by WHO and partners in 2023, adding to the 144 previously trained.

More than 66,000 healthcare workers completed an online course based on the materials of mhGAP training, including more than 16,000 primary health care doctors.


Management of common mental health conditions, based on mhGAP protocols, was introduced in primary healthcare, through a new package of the State Programme of Medical Guarantees, with more than 230,000 people receiving mental health services in primary health care in 2023.

Community Mental Health Teams introduced by the government in 2021 were further developed; 83 Community Mental Health Teams provided services to 6,275 people with severe mental health conditions in 2023.