

# 2024 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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# DEDICATION

We dedicate our 2024 Annual Impact Report to our dear volunteer, Max.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:13



"When I think of Ukraine, I think of Max. I think of his big-heartedness, expansive warmth, and unparalleled generosity. Thank you, Max, for showing me your beautiful and beloved city and sharing about your country, family, pride in and hope for Ukraine. I hold you and your family in heart, mind, and prayer."

Dr. Aidan Grommel

*"It is impossible to imagine someone more positive than Max! Beloved father and husband! Wonderful friend! The one who quits everything to hurry to help not only friends but also unknown people as they were his friends! I am happy to know you, Max! Thank you for many hours of laughing together! You bring so much positivity to this world!"*

Alona Kravchuk

"I first met Max when I arrived in Odesa. I needed to find a place to live. Max showed up every morning at my hotel and insisted on driving me himself and helping me find a new home. Over the course of that week, I discovered what a kind soul he was - always thinking of others before himself, a true volunteer, dedicated to his family and country. The world is a better place because of you. With hope in our hearts."

Sharon Harris

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Letter from the Country Director

Greetings from this eerily quiet evening in Ukraine. Peace and quiet are something we don't experience very often, and we don't take them for granted...anywhere in Ukraine. We all know that Russian missiles and drones can strike anywhere and at any time. And they do. Their favorite time to attack is at night when we cannot see them and when we are at our most vulnerable while sleeping.

After more than three years in Ukraine, I am going to sleep watching the attack warnings all over the country. My "go bag" is at hand with my individual first aid kit (IFAK). Really, it's unnecessary. We are all resigned to the fact that we will either die or we will not. There is not much we can do to prevent, control, or respond. A few days ago I did remove the exceptionally large red cross sticker from the hood of my van just in case it is mistaken for a target. They do like to hit humanitarian vehicles.

A month ago, 10 Shahed drones targeted the community where I live. I chose this location because it is far from any military targets. For two hours, I stood in darkness in my helmet and body armor inside my bathroom - the only room with two solid walls between me and the outside. And for two hours Ukrainian air defense fired against the drones. It was loud and constant and terrifying, more so than any frontline mission I had been on. Several people died and many were injured that evening. The electrical substation 700m from my home was destroyed. My community had no electricity for more than two weeks. As if I needed proof that Russia has been targeting the energy infrastructure all over the country.

The fact that our electric company had power restored so quickly is evidence to the determination, diligence, and ingenuity of the Ukrainian people. It is marvelous and, at the same time, quite sad to witness their fight for freedom as they pay a heavy price in death and destruction.

I hope one day soon they will be rewarded with victory. I am proud to represent AdventRelief and the commitment to providing medical care to the people of Ukraine as long as there is a need.

Слава Україні!



Sharon Harris, Country Director

***96% of health facilities in Ukraine remain partially operational.***

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## Message from the President

Walking through demolished, war torn villages and towns — mingling with the folks left behind— visiting our AdventRelief dental team, I can only say that it is a privilege for AdventRelief to share a very small token of care and support with our friends who have suffered such great loss.



## Message from the Medical Director

Our team at AdventRelief-Ukraine has been on the ground for the last 3 years in Ukraine providing essential medical support to communities worst affected by the conflict. Thanks to the support of local and international donors and volunteers we have been able to reach thousands of patients. We would especially like to give credit to our local team and to those in the communities where we operate who have facilitated our work in this complex region. Without your support this would not have been possible.

There are still many health challenges facing the region, and our goal is to continue supporting the people of Ukraine through this difficult time through our healthcare services.



## Message from the Assistant Country Director

I really appreciate such needed help and support to my country and our citizens. I'm happy to be part of Advent Relief Ukraine and would like to promote it more by partnering with larger, well-established organizations. The medical equipment and resources you brought to Ukraine will save a lot of lives!



# KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2024

## Organizational Milestones

- Opened our international volunteer program
- Launched Ukraine's first free dental clinic operated by an international NGO
- Launch of Mobile Dental Clinic - Mykolaiv Oblast (154 patients to date)



## Improving Access to Health Care in Underserved Areas

- Community Dental Clinic - Donetsk Oblast (2,881 patients)
- Community Dental Clinic - Mykolaiv Oblast (2,779 patients to date)
- Community Dental Clinic - Odesa Oblast - 7 remote villages - (428 patients)

## Extending Care to Vulnerable Populations

- Dental Clinic at a shelter for women & children
- Initiation of Orphanage Primary Care Medical & Dental Clinics
- First Aid/Trauma Training for civilians (in Ukrainian language) - Dnipro
- First Aid/Trauma Training for humanitarian volunteers (in English language) - Dnipro
- Psychological support for children at an orphanage/boarding school

## Critical Humanitarian Support

- Distribution of medical aid - medications and equipment to 20 hospitals, trauma stabilization points, ambulance units, and medical clinics
- Deployment of Mobile Trauma Center & Step-Down Unit
- Two mobile clinics stationed near the southern front to deliver rapid trauma care and post-operative recovery support in case of hospital destruction.

*“The impact on mental health has also been profound amid the incessant threat of missiles and drones, long periods of family separation, and cumulative trauma. Children are particularly vulnerable, with 1.5 million at risk of long-term mental health consequences.”*

Elisabeth Amsdorf Haslund, UNHCR Senior Communications Officer

# LOOKING AHEAD

## Strategic Goals for the Upcoming Year

Ukraine is a very large country with increasing needs across all aid sectors. Peace negotiations do not seem likely, and the world's attention is divided among so many crisis areas. AdventRelief is committed to helping the people of Ukraine as long as necessary. We will have the most impact over the long term if our small staff and limited resources are directed to those people who need help the most. We have identified FOUR critical needs groups that we want to help:

1. Internally displaced people (IDP)
2. Orphans and children residing in care homes
3. Seniors
4. Children and adults with disabilities

## Distributive Justice - Offering Medical Care to New Regions

We spent most of 2024 in the eastern part of Ukraine in Donetsk oblast. In October of 2024, due to increased threat level in Donetsk, we moved our clinic services to Mykolaiv oblast where we will continue to serve remote communities impacted by the loss of medical services. Whereas the provision of dental care to at-risk communities was important, the safety and security of our medical staff is a priority. After eight months of continuous care, we felt we had done a great intervention in this area and it was time to help others.

As we expand medical services in the Mykolaiv oblast, we are simultaneously conducting needs assessments in other areas, cooperating with local humanitarian aid organizations and government agencies that serve our four critical needs target groups.

## Response to Emerging Needs

### DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL CONSUMABLES

The loss of USAID programs and funding had tremendous impact on hospitals, medical clinics, and trauma stabilization points as they struggle to source medical consumables. AdventRelief continues to send medical supplies to locations in need.



## DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE HOSPITAL

The number of defenders who have been injured and are in need of rehabilitation is expected to exceed the capacity of existing rehabilitation centers. We will partner with a Ukrainian NGO to deploy one of our mobile hospitals to support rehabilitation of wounded veterans and defenders returning to their units.

## TRANSITION TO MOBILE DENTAL

Although our community dental program has been extremely successful, we have decided to transition to a mobile dental program. A mobile dental clinic will allow us to use volunteer dental staff, avoid costly rent and utility payments, and offer care to more remote areas with quicker response. In our first project, we hope to station the mobile dental clinic at a military training center so the defenders will have the opportunity to take care of their dental needs before they are deployed.



*Inside one of AdventRelief's mobile clinics*

## TELEHEALTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

During 2024, AdventRelief visited Kharkiv and saw one of seven university dormitories now housing tens of thousands of displaced people from the eastern occupied territories. Our medical director and country director met with a local humanitarian aid coordination group and planned a telehealth psychological therapy project. The demand for mental health counseling in Ukraine where almost everybody is suffering from PTSD makes this project an extremely high priority. Because of the demand for therapists all over Ukraine, salaries are high and availability of therapists is low. The other challenge is that Kharkiv is close to the frontline and gets attacked every single day making it more difficult to find therapists who are willing to go there. Therefore, we propose using foreign psychologists who could meet with residents in a private room by video with the help of online interpreters.

***“International humanitarian law (IHL) protects civilians and anyone who does not take part in hostilities. Yet we continue to see them paying the price in this conflict.”***

**Ariane Bauer, ICRC regional director for Europe and Central Asia.**

## Partnerships & Collaborations



*AdventRelief mobile hospital and mobile clinics on their way to the front line.*

The most effective way for AdventRelief to provide medical care in Ukraine going into 2025 is through trusted partnerships. Over the past year, we have been in discussion with Transporters Without Borders (TWB), a Ukrainian registered NGO with international support from foreign medical professionals who go on rotation in Ukraine. TWB primarily supports the military with emergency medical services at trauma stabilization points. We plan to deploy a small mobile clinic to them for use near the front line. We will also donate a shipping container to them that they will armor and use as a surgical center. As mentioned earlier, we will also collaborate with them on a rehabilitation center using one of our mobile hospital units. Our foreign volunteer doctors who have conflict zone experience or training will be able to join their team, allowing us to support trauma critical care.

In 2025 AdventRelief joined the UNHCR Health Cluster, WHO, and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Ukraine. These partnerships will allow us the opportunity to share our health care initiatives among a larger audience in order to improve outreach and access to resources.

### Funding and Sustainability Plans

AdventRelief expects to receive 501(c)(3) status in the US in 2025 allowing for US tax-deductible donations. We have already received tax-exempt status in Switzerland and Ukraine.

AdventRelief is also registered with the United Nations. This will allow us to be recognized as an official international humanitarian organization with access to grants and financial resources. We can now advertise volunteer opportunities on Relief Web which is the most widely used resource for online volunteer recruitment for the humanitarian sector.

*“Funding has long been a challenge. Now, it is more uncertain than ever. And the victims will, once again, be the displaced and war-affected families at risk of losing life-saving aid when they need it most.”*

**United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

# ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

## Mission, Vision, and Core Values

We are a team of humanitarians ready to serve. Our mission is to bring hope and healing to people in crisis. Acting on this guiding principle, AdventRelief is an international medical humanitarian nonprofit that has been providing essential care to vulnerable communities in areas of conflict or natural disaster since 2015. We believe in a world in which every person in conflict and crisis should have access to lifesaving medical care delivered with integrity, neutrality, and compassion.

### Mission Statement

*By providing compassionate medical aid to vulnerable communities impacted by conflict and crisis, AdventRelief promotes dignity, restores hope, and supports healing through respectful, needs-based care.*

## History

### WORLDWIDE

AdventRelief began its humanitarian journey in 2015 on the shores of Lesvos, Greece, responding to the ongoing refugee crisis. Over time, we have established primary and emergency field hospitals and clinics in Iraq, Uganda, Moldova, and Ukraine; providing vital care to displaced persons and refugees.

### UKRAINE (2022-2023)

From the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 until 2023, AdventRelief conducted three fact-finding missions into Ukraine to understand and respond to the need for medical assistance for civilians and Ukrainian defenders.

Our leadership and donors quickly responded to the urgent need for medical equipment and supplies. We imported a tremendous amount of high-value assets - trucks, mobile hospitals, trailers, medical consumables, and hospital equipment and supplies.

Almost immediately the landscape of frontline trauma care changed. UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and the consistent and intentional Russian strikes against humanitarian vehicles and medical infrastructure rendered our very large and very visible mobile hospitals impractical for frontline deployment, requiring us to modify our aid delivery strategy. We were able to donate 4 mobile hospitals to the military to aid in the life-saving treatment of soldiers. We worked closely with hospitals to deliver and install advanced surgical equipment to replace what was destroyed or lacking.

In 2023, we coordinated the import of 10,000 generators from a private donor outside of AdventRelief and assisted with their distribution. Later in the year, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF, or Doctors Without Borders) asked us to collaborate on dental care as a)there were no other NGOs offering this service, b)there was a tremendous need and c)they were aware of our successful dental clinic in Moldova treating Ukrainian refugees.



In fact, everywhere we go in Ukraine we are asked for dental care. Dentistry is very expensive in Ukraine and with the full-scale invasion, many dentists left the country or were recruited for military service. The government dentists who continue to serve vulnerable people are overwhelmed with patients. After many years of COVID and now the full-scale invasion, it had been five years or more since some patients have received dental care.

Our collaboration with MSF required us to re-register our humanitarian foundation in Ukraine, register with the Ukrainian Tax Authority, register with the Ministry of Social, open a Ukrainian business bank account, hire an accountant to process payroll and file tax reports, purchase dental equipment and medicine, build a mobile dental clinic, and completely change the trajectory of our project from medical to dental. Accomplishing all this took many months longer than expected because a)Ukraine is defending itself against full-scale invasion, b)many government and civilian employees left their jobs to join the military, and c)laws had to be changed to coordinate the influx of NGOs.

In December 2023 we operated our first primary care dental clinic in the Odesa region, serving women and children living in a shelter as well as 7,000 people living in the surrounding villages who had little to no access to dental care due to destroyed roads, lack of dentists, and financial impacts of the ongoing war.



***“The war in Ukraine is taking an increasingly heavy toll on children’s mental health ... Analysis of case management data from January to June 2024 reveals 43% of these children are suffering from psychosocial distress.”***

**Save the Children**

## Overview of Ukraine Programs and Services 2024

By 2024, the generator distribution was nearly complete and the “Charitable Organization ‘International Charitable Foundation’ Advent Relief Ukraine” was registered. We relocated our operations from the northwest part of the country near the generator project to a more central location where we could better manage projects throughout the country. We found a warehouse and a secure location for all the trucks and mobile hospitals. We onboarded a country director and an assistant country director and were ready to open our first dental clinic in partnership with MSF.<sup>1</sup>



*Civilian emergency response training.*



### **DONETSK DENTAL CLINIC**

In January 2024, we moved our dental clinic close to the frontline in Donetsk oblast. We opened our dental clinic with a fully paid, all Ukrainian staff - a husband-and-wife dental team (themselves refugees from now occupied territory near Mariopol), a dental assistant from the local village, and an administrator/driver who was a volunteer and former soldier. The dental clinic was

set up in a former fitness center within two days and, with the help of the civil military administration and local hospital staff, everyone heard about our free dental clinic. We saw an average of 25 patients each day, giving priority to any military personnel or critical needs patients. In eight months, we treated almost 3,000 patients including salaried MSF staff.

<sup>1</sup> In January, MSF withdrew their funding for the project without cause and without notice just before we opened the clinic in the East, causing us to curtail other projects and scramble to find funds to cover the budgetary shortfall. The dental clinic consistently costs almost \$10,000 each month. The majority of this is for salaries that were set by and to be paid by MSF. MSF staff are paid at European standards.



### MYKOLAIV DENTAL CLINIC

In October, due to increased threat levels, we decided to move our dental clinic from the eastern front to Mykolaiv oblast, near the southeastern front. Within two days we signed agreements with local officials, notified surrounding villages, hired a new clinic administrator (fluent in English), custodian, and a dental assistant, upgraded the electrical supply for our sensitive dental equipment, found housing for our staff, and began treating patients. In only two days our team moved the entire clinic 500 km.

### ORPHANAGE MEDICAL, DENTAL & PSYCHOLOGY CLINIC

Simultaneously with the emergency relocation of the dental clinic, the first AdventRelief medical clinic staffed by foreign medical volunteers was scheduled to open 700km and 12 hours away. Three days before the opening of the clinic our project coordinator who was to arrive from Northern Ireland and our medical volunteer coordinator both got COVID and were unable to come to Ukraine. A week before that, our Ukrainian dental project coordinator was conscripted into the military. Our doctors, dentist, and interpreters arrived, were oriented, and began the primary care medical examinations of 154 children in residence at the “internat” (an orphanage/boarding school).



*The healthcare system in Ukraine continues to face immense challenges amidst the ongoing full-scale invasion. The war's impact on medical infrastructure, access to care, and workforce capacity has been devastating, necessitating extraordinary resilience and adaptation from this sector.*

*Nova Ukraine 2024 Impact Report*



The orphanage project was the first time we used our Mercedes Sprinter mobile dental clinic that we built in Ukraine. It performed beautifully, even when we had no electricity for 3 days, we were able to connect our generator and continue working. Our dentist from Australia was able to examine and treat the children with the help of our Ukrainian interpreter.

Because the children had no parents, they arrived at their appointments with their best friends. Sometimes 1 or 2 children would come into our tiny mobile clinic to hold their friend's

hand while the dentist treated them. We asked the dentist to teach the children oral hygiene and when he showed them how to brush their teeth, they told him they did not have toothbrushes. By the time we left, each child had a toothbrush and toothpaste.

During the month at the orphanage, our medical team reviewed each child's medical history, did a thorough primary care medical examination, recorded clinic notes, made referrals to Ukrainian medical specialists, and consulted with Ukrainian doctors for treatment plans and prescribed medicine.

Of the approximately 154 children in residence, our doctors examined 142, our dentists examined and treated 120, and our Ukrainian psychologist evaluated 10 children with critical mental health concerns. The medical examinations resulted in the following referrals:

Cardiac - 4, Psychological - 32, Vision - 27, Surgery - 2, Physical therapy - 7, Speech - 3

Through two separate private donations, we were able to stock their pharmacy for a year, offer extended psychological therapy for all the children in group and individual sessions, and provide training for staff in dealing with children with behavioural problems. We received another donation to coordinate eye examinations and prescription glasses for the children in need.

*“After their examination and treatment, the children hug me - even after I drill their teeth! This never happened in my home country.”*

**AdventRelief-Ukraine Volunteer Dentist**

# OUR BOARD AND STAFF

| Meet our Board of Directors   | Meet our Ukraine Staff  |
|---|---|
|  <p><b>Kim Busl</b><br/>President</p> <p>Kim has spent a lifetime volunteering in the humanitarian sector worldwide.</p> <p>president@adventrelief.org</p>   |  <p><b>Sharon Harris</b><br/>Country Director</p> <p>Sharon came to AdventRelief in fall of 2023. She was an independent volunteer in Ukraine since March 2022, developing a large network of fellow volunteers, humanitarian organizations, and logistical assets. Before coming to Ukraine, Sharon held many positions in volunteer organizations focusing on housing and social services.</p> <p>ukraine.cd@adventrelief.org</p> |
|  <p><b>Dr. Michael-John Von Hörsten</b><br/>Medical Director</p> <p>Dr Michael-John von Hörsten is the medical director of AdventRelief-Medical Care. He is a South African emergency doctor who has worked in the humanitarian sector for over a decade.</p> <p>medical.director@adventrelief.org</p> |  <p><b>Anzhela Boldesku</b><br/>Director of Operations</p> <p>Anzhela is a Ukrainian national who has experience in international business as an entrepreneur and interpreter. She is the mother of two school-age children and supports many volunteer initiatives in Ukraine.</p> <p>ukraine.pc@adventrelief.org</p>  |
|  <p><b>Michelle Essex</b><br/>Human Resource Manager</p> <p>Michelle has volunteered in this position for almost three years. She lives in Texas and works as an optometrist. She has two sons in college.</p> <p>volunteers@adventrelief.org</p>  |  <p><b>Alona Kravchuk</b><br/>Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Alona is a mother of two wonderful boys who are 21 and 12 years old. She is happy and proud to be Ukrainian but, in her words, "Unfortunately on the 24th of February 2022 our life changed..."</p> <p>ukraine.aa@adventrelief.org</p>  |
|  <p><b>Markus Alt</b><br/>Response Coordinator</p> <p>Markus Alt resides in Switzerland where our NGO is registered. He is the secretary/Treasurer of AdventRelief-Europe and has been with us since our founding in 2015.</p> <p>ukraine.response@adventrelief.org</p>                              |  <p><b>Bohdan Rubis</b><br/>Dental Coordinator</p> <p>Bohdan is a Ukrainian national who has extensive background in the dental supply sector. He has volunteered with AdventRelief since we started our first dental care project.</p> <p>ukraine.dental@adventrelief.org</p>  |

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACT

## The People We Serve



### COMMUNITY DENTAL

Our community based dental clinic provides priority treatment to active-duty military personnel and civilians as well as primary care dental to people living in rural areas where there is limited or no access to dental care. The people we treat fall into these categories:

- People experiencing poverty
- Seniors
- People with disabilities
- Single mothers and their children
- Veterans
- Volunteers
- Families with many children

From February - October 2024, our dentists treated almost **4,000 patients**. The clinic was based in both Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, in the Donetsk region, approximately 25 kilometers from the frontline. We regularly transported residents from previously occupied villages, close to the frontline, to our clinic. Due to its proximity to the front line and other war-related factors, these two large urban areas had only a few dentists offering free or low-cost care to qualifying residents. All but one of the surrounding villages had no dentists and that village had only one. Due to the increased threat level, and to extend our services to other regions, AdventRelief decided to move our staff and clinic to another region.

In October 2024, we relocated the clinic to Mykolaiv region and saw almost **1,000 patients** in three months. As of 2025, there are an estimated 13,000 people living in 30 villages in this area. The broader region here has a total population of 22,000. These figures reflect the community's recovery following severe damage during the 2022 Russian invasion, when over 170 private homes and public buildings were destroyed.

### *Heroes Among Us*

*On March 1, 2022, a Russian convoy of approximately 300 military vehicles advanced toward our town. Local residents armed themselves with small arms and improvised weapons. Their actions halted the convoy's progress. This resistance significantly delayed the Russian advance and allowed Ukrainian forces to organize a more effective defense.*



### MOBILE DENTAL

From October - November 2024, foreign and Ukrainian volunteer dentists treated more than **150 patients** at an “internat” (orphanage/boarding school) in Mykolaiv region. Some of the children were war orphans; some had parents who were not able to care for them due to poverty, illness, or military service; and some children had disabilities. We are happy to report **100% intervention** at this location.



### MOBILE MEDICAL

Our foreign volunteer medical team gave full primary care health examinations to more than 150 children at the internat. Ukrainian medical professionals are providing follow-up care based on their referrals.

AdventRelief has been providing ongoing psychological counseling to more than 30 children at this location. Our psychologist offers twice weekly training to help staff and faculty respond to and support children with special needs.



# SUCCESS STORIES

## A MIRACULOUS SAVE BY DENTAL-EMT & A BRITISH VOLUNTEER

Our Ukrainian dental coordinator was conscripted into the military a week before our orphanage clinic was scheduled to open. He was not able to complete the purchase of the autoclave that we needed at our clinic. We reached out to our partner/donor, DentalEMT in Germany. As luck would have it, they had an autoclave that was only a few years old, but it was in Germany. Someone in the volunteer network told us there was a British volunteer driving from the UK to Ukraine through Germany. We contacted the driver and he made arrangements to meet DentalEMT on the side of the highway as he drove through Germany. Coincidentally, this same volunteer was delivering aid to the very orphanage where we had our clinic. The autoclave arrived just in time.

## EMERGENCY DENTAL TREATMENT FOR DE-MINING COMMANDER

During our dental clinic in Sloviansk, we offered priority and free emergency dental care to active-duty military and military adjacent personnel. We got a call that the commander of a civilian humanitarian demining group needed emergency dental treatment. She arrived at our clinic late one evening and our dental surgeon stayed at the clinic to treat her. She was able to re-join her unit to continue their life-saving work.

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUFFERER RECEIVES DENTAL TREATMENT

An elderly man from a village 30 kilometers from our dental clinic in Kramatorsk had not been able to get dental care due to his muscle spasms. Our drivers brought him from his village to our clinic. Our dental team gave him his first dental exam and treatment since before COVID.

*A new Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA4), published in February by the Government of Ukraine, World Bank, EU, and UN, estimates that \$860 million is required for health sector recovery and reconstruction in 2025.*

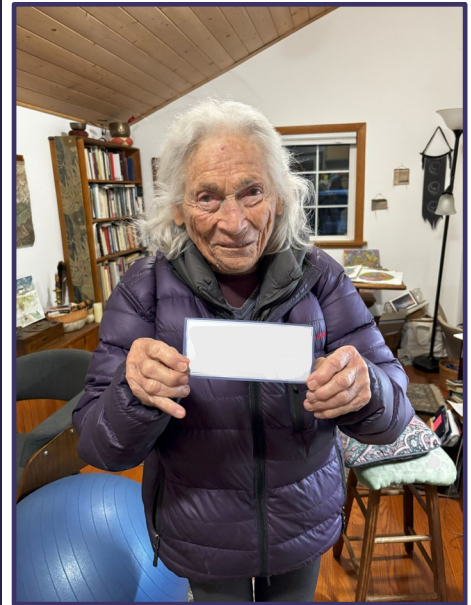
*Ukraine Health Cluster Bulletin February 2025*

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Income Report

In 2024, AdventRelief Ukraine had an FY2024 total operating budget of \$113,860 exclusively from in-network private donations from people like our 96-year-old, sustaining donor, Dot Fisher-Smith, seen below. We did not receive any outside grants or support.

| 2024 Credits/Donations |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Amount                 | Description         |
| \$9,750                | Anonymous Donation  |
| \$38,000               | OCI Donation        |
| \$11,000               | OCI Donation        |
| \$55,000               | AdventRelief Europe |
| \$110                  | Patient Donations   |
| \$113,860              | <b>Total</b>        |



## Expense Report

2024 was our first year operating both medical and dental clinics in addition to our continuous distribution of humanitarian medical equipment and supplies. We had many startup expenses that we do not anticipate having in future years. These expenses, though necessary, reduced the financial resources that would have otherwise been spent on direct medical care.

As this was a startup year for medical and dental clinics, we had significant, one-time expenditures for equipment such as autoclaves, dental x-ray equipment, dental instruments, dental chairs, examinations lights, office furniture, computers, printers, cell phones, office supplies - basically everything we needed to setup two fully functional dental clinics with multiple patient chairs as well as a mobile medical clinic. We also purchased household furniture, bedding, kitchen goods, and cleaning supplies to fully stock our team house. All of this equipment continues to be used into 2025, and we expect it will last for at least the next 3-5 years. Other one-time expenses were for branding - staff and volunteer t-shirts and polo shirts, property stickers, and vehicle branding.

This was also the first year we put our vehicles into service, incurring major expenses for maintenance, repair, and storage of our large vehicle fleet consisting of:

- (2) Renault G290 6x4 trucks with trailers that transport our (3) Weatherhaven mobile clinics and shipping container
- (1) Iveco EuroTrakker MP 190E 35W/P CURSOR that we use to transport our Fokker Stork mobile hospital and trailer
- (2) Mercedes Sprinter 413 CDI 3550 4X4 - one is our mobile dental clinic and the other is our 4.6-ton transport vehicle that we used to move medical and dental supplies and equipment

Two Weatherhavens and both Sprinters were military green and needed to be painted white to be in compliance with international humanitarian standards. All three of the large trucks needed oil changes, hydraulic fluid replacement, new batteries, and full mechanical inspections before deployment to the field. Our mobile dental clinic needed repairs and improvements to the solar installation, water heater, and interior cabinetry and dental equipment in order to prepare it for the rough road conditions in Ukraine - especially in the rural areas where we hope to offer clinics.

### Two of the four vehicles we repainted in Ukraine in 2024



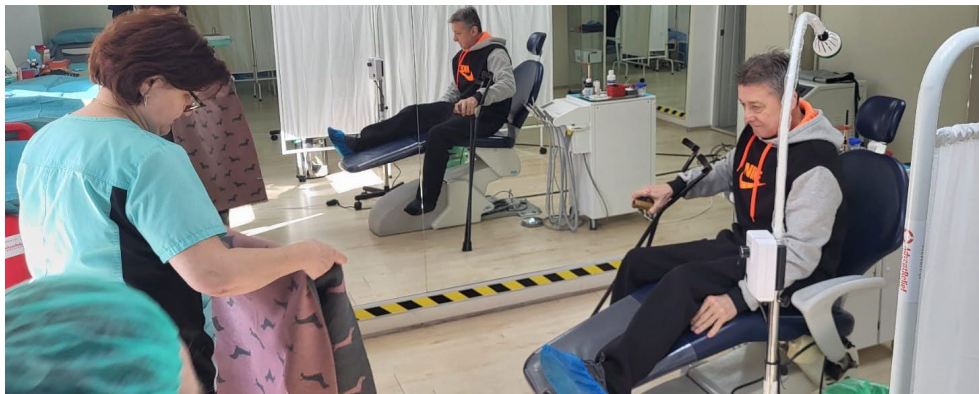
**2024 Total Expenditures in US\$**

| Category       | Total \$ Spent    |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Shipping       | \$ 95             |
| Printing       | \$ 142            |
| Food           | \$ 171            |
| Legal          | \$ 192            |
| Administration | \$ 226            |
| Bank Fee       | \$ 250            |
| Communications | \$ 260            |
| Gifts          | \$ 402            |
| Transportation | \$ 616            |
| Uncategorized  | \$ 687            |
| Branding       | \$ 694            |
| Tax            | \$ 698            |
| Medical        | \$ 1,175          |
| Hotel          | \$ 1,799          |
| Fuel           | \$ 6,245          |
| Supplies       | \$ 8,018          |
| Dental         | \$ 8,287          |
| Rent           | \$ 8,886          |
| Auto           | \$ 9,298          |
| Salary         | \$ 57,229         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 105,352</b> |

**2024 Total Expenditures as %**

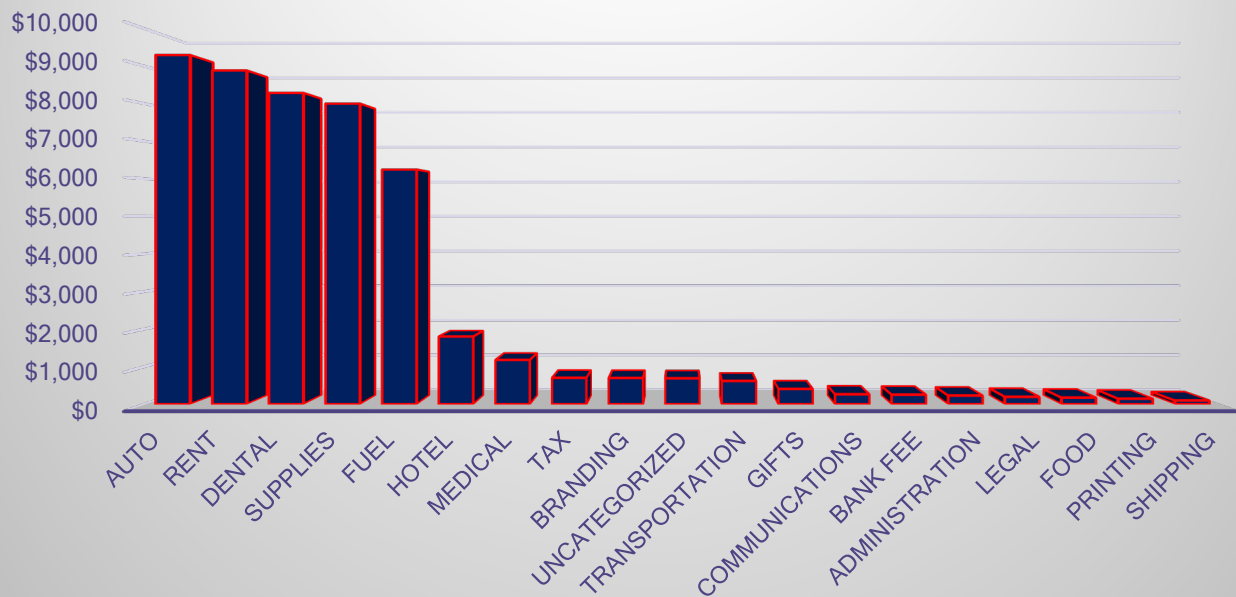
| Category       | % of Total     |
|----------------|----------------|
| Shipping       | 0.09%          |
| Printing       | 0.14%          |
| Food           | 0.16%          |
| Legal          | 0.18%          |
| Administration | 0.21%          |
| Bank Fee       | 0.24%          |
| Communications | 0.25%          |
| Gifts          | 0.38%          |
| Transportation | 0.58%          |
| Uncategorized  | 0.65%          |
| Branding       | 0.66%          |
| Tax            | 0.66%          |
| Medical        | 1.11%          |
| Hotel          | 1.71%          |
| Fuel           | 5.93%          |
| Supplies       | 7.60%          |
| Dental         | 7.87%          |
| Rent           | 8.43%          |
| Auto           | 8.83%          |
| Salary         | 54.32%         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |

The most sizable portion of our budget - at more than 50% of our total - pays salaries for our Ukrainian staff. It's worth noting, our foreign staff is completely volunteer based and does not receive salaries. We do pay for in-country transportation for foreign staff and an occasional team meal, but volunteers pay for their own roundtrip travel expenses, hotels, and meals. This includes our full-time staff in country as well as part-time staff who work remotely and/or in country.



## 2024 Expenditures

(excludes salaries = \$57,000 total)



After salaries, the next highest categories ranging from 7.6% - 8.83% were auto, rent, dental, and supplies. As mentioned earlier, the initial cost for maintenance, repair, and outfitting of our three large trucks, our mobile clinics, and our transport vehicles were atypically high in terms of expected annual costs. Rental costs for our warehouse have already been reduced by 52% for 2025. Our team house costs 33% less. We anticipate lower budgetary costs for



dental equipment as we made our initial investment in expensive instruments such as autoclaves (\$6,000 x 2), dental chairs (\$700 x 4), and x-ray guns and sensors (\$2,000). Dental consumables will remain the same. Similarly, supply costs should be reduced after our initial 2024 investment.

# CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

Though we were in Ukraine since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, 2024 really felt like the year we found our niche. Everything happened so quickly in the early days and the landscape changed daily. It was quite difficult to respond to the ever-changing needs and nobody expected the war to go on so long.

## **BUREAUCRACY**

Some of our most difficult and long-lasting challenges pertain to government regulations. Many months after enlisting the help of a customs attorney, we are still struggling with customs issues from 2022 when we brought all our vehicles and mobile clinics into Ukraine.

## **BANKING**

Ukraine has some unique banking regulations and methods, especially pertaining to foreign currency, donations, and charitable expenditures. With the help of our accountant and ardent research on the part of our assistant director, our banking and accounting processes are now clear and precise.

## **FALSE FRIENDS**

It took us some time to really understand which resources were needed, where they were needed, and, most importantly, who could be trusted. As often happens at the beginning of a conflict or disaster, there is a rush to claim resources and humanitarian aid. Our desire to quickly respond to the many needs inevitably brought us in contact with individuals who did not exactly have the humanitarian mindset. In addition to learning to navigate the complex and confounding bureaucracy of a post-Soviet nation, we also learned to identify and avoid the “bad players.”

## **LOGISTICS**

Geographically, we were focused on the west and even Moldova where many refugees were fleeing. By 2024 it was clear that the need was more in the east. We responded quickly to this change and adjusted accordingly, moving all our assets to Dnipro and operations to Donetsk - close to the frontline.

## **SECURITY**

The Russians constantly launch drones and missiles, targeting civilian, humanitarian, and medical infrastructure and personnel. This is by far our greatest concern and threat. It is an unavoidable risk of volunteering in this conflict zone. Operating with such a small staff, we needed to enlist the help of a specialized organization to monitor security details. In the beginning we relied on MSF, but later we joined the International NGO Safety Organization (INSO) that now provides us with current and expert security information, guidance, and training for our areas of operation so we can keep our staff as prepared and safe as possible.

# FUTURE GOALS & STRATEGIC VISION

## Upcoming Clinics and Initiatives

- Mobile medical/dental/psychological care at orphanages
- Mobile medical/dental/psychological care at IDP centers
- Pre-deployment mobile dental for soldiers
- Emergency & trauma medical care for frontline soldiers & civilians
- Deployment of mobile emergency and step-down unit with UNHCR

## Fundraising Goals

AdventRelief-Ukraine staff is working on grants from:

- UNHCR Ukraine Humanitarian Fund
- Ukraine Charity
- Nonviolent PeaceForce

## Partnerships in Development 2025

### TRANSPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS

AdventRelief Ukraine is proud to partner with Transporters Without Borders (TWB), a Ukrainian military-adjacent charity that provides life-saving emergency medical care to wounded soldiers and civilians close to the frontline as well as rehabilitation and long-term care in grey zones. We will provide all-terrain trucks with self-loading/unloading mobile hospitals and clinics, trailers, medical equipment, and medical staff to join their team of international medical professionals, security officers, and technical and logistical staff.

### THE PHOENIX PROJECT

An ambitious residential program for internally displaced people, offering full wrap-around support services with built-in sustainability. This unique self-sufficient community will provide basic humanitarian needs, psychosocial support, economic stability, and security and protection for up to 300 residents. AdventRelief will provide the medical and dental care for residents.

### UNHCR HEALTH CLUSTER

AdventRelief has already joined the health cluster for UNHCR in Ukraine and continue to look for opportunities to collaborate with other health cluster partners. We are in discussions about placing our remaining mobile clinics as emergency hospitals. We are also working with the health cluster to coordinate mobile vision clinics when we work with children at the orphanage/care homes.

*"What's at stake in Ukraine is the direction of human history."*

*Yuval Noah Harari, The Economist February 9, 2022*

# DONOR RECOGNITION

## Major Donors

Your compassion has made healing possible. To our major donors<sup>2</sup>, thank you for bringing hope to those in need across Ukraine.

- **Anonymous** - One anonymous donor provides a substantial portion of our operating budget. Having these funds allows us to respond quickly to needs on the ground.
- **Anonymous** - We receive a monthly donation from a donor who has kept our projects alive in times of need.
- **Anonymous** - This donor has contributed to our mission in Ukraine since we began in 2022. Sometimes, even more important than his financial support, were the countless hours in logistical and fiduciary support. Thank you for always being a text message or phone call away.
- **Anonymous (through Ukraine Aid International)** - With so many of your own projects to support, we are profoundly grateful for your contribution which allowed us to implement an extended psychological therapy program at an orphanage/boarding school. Our medical team determined a critical need for mental health care and your generosity allowed us to rapidly implement a diagnosis and treatment plan for the children. We were also able to offer staff & faculty training to support the children in and out of the classroom.
- **Sunflower F.U.N.D. / Fidalgo Rotary** - Marketa Vorel works tirelessly to support humanitarian efforts throughout Ukraine. Her donation funded an entire year's supply of medicine and medical supplies for the orphanage/boarding school.
- **Dental EMT** - Special thanks to Dental EMT and Armin in Germany who literally saved our orphanage project by donating a very nice Melag autoclave.
- **Kevin Cohen** - Kevin and his donors provided the funds necessary to complete our mobile dental clinic. Kevin has been a long-time supporter of AdventRelief Ukraine.
- **Dnipro Mercedes** - Dnipro Mercedes kept our old Sprinters running smoothly. The friendly staff and mechanics worked past normal business hours to make sure we could complete our missions. They did most of the repairs for the cost of parts only and they were the only shop to be able to diagnose and fix a mysterious transmission problem. Our team is grateful for your kindness and care (and the delicious chocolates and cappuccinos you always gave us).
- **Mountain View Dental Center** - Dr. Charlie Collins, Dr. Ute Collins, and Dr. Diana Usoff donated numerous dental supplies and instruments.

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<sup>2</sup> Most of our donors have asked to remain anonymous. The names of these donors will not be published here.

# VOLUNTEER & PARTNER RECOGNITION

We are immensely grateful to our partners whose contributions of funding, supplies, volunteer support, logistics, networking, and resource donation made our programs in Ukraine possible.

| <b>NGO Partners</b>   |  |
|---|--|
| ADRA Ukraine<br>B.E.A.R. Ukraine<br>BaseUA<br>GLIA Poland<br>Global Augmentation<br>INSO<br>Justicon Law Firm<br>Premium Dent | Operation Change<br>P.C.C.R.<br>Premium Dent<br>Traveling Colonels<br>UAidDirect<br>Volunteer Coordination Center<br>ГО П'ятихатки-БАМ |

Our dedicated and compassionate volunteers are the heart and soul of our mission.

| <b>Medical/Dental Team</b>  | <b>Ukrainian Volunteers</b>   | <b>Foreign Volunteers</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| Dr. Aidan Grommoll<br>Dr. Behrooz Fetah<br>Dr. Minnie Regland<br>Rauri Morgan<br>Maeve McGoldrick<br>ОльгаВікторія<br>Альона<br>Рома<br><br><b>Premium Dent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ірина</li> <li>• Юрій</li> <li>• Тетяна</li> <li>• Владислав</li> <li>• Ярослав</li> </ul> | Андрій<br>Зелена-Садуба- Благодатне<br>Олександр<br>Костянтин<br>Лікар Олексій<br>Олександр<br>Роман<br>Віталій<br>Максим<br>Олег<br>Антон<br>Михайло<br>Сергій<br>Іван<br>володомир<br>Олег & 56 Брвгада<br>Артем<br>Юрій<br>Юля<br>Гіоргі<br>Дмитро<br>Вадим<br>Олексій<br>Микола<br>Максим<br>Олга | Rauri Morgan<br>Maeve McGoldrick<br>Olimpia<br>Michal & Kasia Wawdejuk<br>Xavier Collin<br>Dr. Steve Rinker<br>Alberto Barbosa<br>Dan<br>B.N.<br>Brooks Corbin<br>Danny Kwon<br>John Allison (DentAid)<br>Monte Dunard<br>Steve Hodgson<br>Ben Sydnor<br>Stefan Sydnor<br>Clara Magalhães Martins<br>Greg D.<br>Andrzej Szydlo<br>Dan<br>Boldi Gyori<br>P.H.<br>Martyn Spurrell<br>Viktoria Jaqua<br>Jay Rivera |

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways you can be part of our mission to restore hope, support healing, and save lives.

## Volunteer

We are always looking for dedicated and compassionate volunteers - medical and non-medical - to join our team.

Please visit [www.AdventRelief.org/volunteer](http://www.AdventRelief.org/volunteer) to apply for the following positions:

- Pediatricians
- Trauma doctors & nurses
- Primary care doctors & nurses
- Psychologists
- Ukrainian and Russian interpreters
- Drivers
- Logistics support
- Mechanical/Technical support

## Donate

We are now in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the full-scale invasion. Ukraine's medical infrastructure has suffered extensive damage. Your donation of any amount will help us provide medical, dental, and psychological care to the most vulnerable Ukrainians including:

- 3.7 million who are internally displaced
- 89,700 children residing in institutional care
- 2.7 million with disabilities
- 3.8 million elderly

Donate online here: [www.AdventRelief.org/donate](http://www.AdventRelief.org/donate)

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