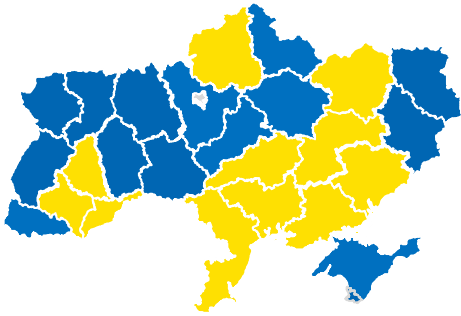




DOBRE Program

Decentralization Offering Better Results and Efficiency

Donor: United States Agency for International Development



DOBRE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH 100 CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITIES IN 10 OBLASTS OF UKRAINE.

BY THE NUMBERS



14,000+

internally displaced people reached with emergency support



6,476

people attended economic development webinars in FY22



13

service delivery projects completed in FY22



10

local partner organizations implemented

1,840

activities



545,360

people reached over life of program

Overview

Decentralization Offering Better Results and Efficiency (DOBRE) is a nine-year program implemented by Global Communities and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). DOBRE has worked closely with 100 consolidated communities (CCs) in 10 oblasts of Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Kirovohrad, Mykolayiv, Ternopil, Chernivtsi, Chernihiv and Zaporizhzhia) to help them realize the benefits and meet the challenges brought by decentralization. DOBRE provides technical and material assistance to CCs to help them govern openly and provide accountability in meeting the needs of their citizens. The program also supports citizens' active engagement in decision-making and policy making. DOBRE's support encompasses strategic planning, spatial planning, financial management, public service delivery, local economic development, capacity building, good governance practices and gender- and youth-responsive policies.

"For six years, the USAID DOBRE program has been working with its partner communities in order to strengthen the capacities of local self-government. DOBRE's priority in its next phase is to assist communities in overcoming the consequences of the war and help them in restoring and rebuilding their territories."

—Maksym Burdavytsyn, Deputy Chief of Party, DOBRE

Objectives

- **Support local governments to effectively manage resources and services that respond to community priorities.** DOBRE aims to support local governments by increasing efficiency of local personnel through orientation and training, increasing efficiency of planning processes, improving and renovating infrastructure and public service delivery, improving financial and asset management practices, strengthening local economic development as a driver for community development, assisting with learning of best practices in project management and post-conflict recovery, and assisting with policymaking and implementation at the sub-national level.
- **Improve citizen engagement and oversight in local governance.** DOBRE promotes civic engagement and transparency, community resilience and social cohesion, and local government accountability and civic oversight.

Key Activities

- **From 2022 to 2025**, DOBRE will work with at least **60 CCs in 10 oblasts** in Ukraine to help them cope with the consequences of war, recover and rebuild, and resume the trajectory of sustainable development. Partners with Global Communities in the DOBRE program consortium include the Ukrainian Crisis Media Center, the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, and the Malopolska School of Public Administration at the Krakow University of Economics in Poland.
- **From May to August 2022**, DOBRE leveraged its presence to provide emergency rapid response through partners in Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi oblasts to assist over 14,000 people internally displaced by the war.