Overview
Community-Led Emergency Action and Response (CLEAR) is an 18-month, $15 million program implemented by Global Communities and funded by the United States Agency for International Development’s Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA). CLEAR is addressing the urgent protection, shelter & settlements (S&S), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs for 22,580 people who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. A core strategy of the program is implementation in coordination with local organizations, leveraging our existing networks through the DOBRE program, and working with other civil society organizations (CSOs) in Chernihiv and Chernivtsi oblasts. CLEAR has integrated reflection and learning to capture lessons from this approach to be shared with donors and the broader humanitarian community.

“The CLEAR program brings together localization and humanitarian response. Therefore, it is critical to empower local actors with skills and knowledge to continue their lifesaving efforts. CLEAR prioritizes working in smaller and remote communities to secure better humanitarian access for vulnerable populations.”

—Dubravka Latinac Pem, CLEAR Program Director

Objectives & Key Activities
• Provide gender-sensitive protection services in coordination with local protection actors to increase the safety and well-being of 20,000 people who have been displaced or affected by the war.

• Provide safe, habitable and gender-sensitive shelter and settlements solutions to 12,900 people who have been displaced or affected by the war.

• Provide WASH support through hygiene promotion trainings and non-food item (NFI) kit distributions at the household and institutional levels while capitalizing on the strengths and capacities of local actors.

• Quickly identify households in need of immediate NFI support and protection, and follow up with longer-term support through repairs, specialized protection support, communal center trainings and CSO learning.

• Build a localized implementation approach in the 23 conflict-affected communities targeted by the program by working through 12 local partner organizations.

• Coordinate closely with local and international actors including protection, shelter, and WASH clusters, local government units, and Government of Ukraine entities directing and leading emergency response programming.

• Leverage relationships with CSOs and engage with communities in a co-creation process to validate needs, approaches, and capacities and design programs with specific sectoral interventions in collaboration with CLEAR technical staff.