

SOUTHERN UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Russian Federation continues its massive attacks on Ukraine's critical infrastructure. Between the night of December 13th and 14th alone, at least 450 drones and 30 missile strikes were reported, predominantly targeting Southern Ukraine (Mykolaiv and Odesa oblasts). Over the past week, a total of 1,500 drones, 900 aerial bombs, and 46 missiles of various types were launched, according to the Communications Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine. These attacks have caused widespread power outages, loss of heating and water, and the disruption of municipal electric transport. Most tragically, they have resulted in numerous civilian deaths and injuries.

According to Vitalii Kim, Head of the Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration, settlements in the Bashtanka and Mykolaiv districts were left without power overnight. Critical infrastructure and electric transport in the city of Mykolaiv were also severely affected. This forced an urgent transition to generators for all critical facilities to ensure water supply and wastewater disposal.



The situation is further complicated by the fact that the Odesa and Mykolaiv Oblasts are located on the periphery of the unified power system, says Hennadiy Riabtsev, Chief Research Fellow at the National Institute for Strategic Studies. With a limited number of transmission lines connecting them to regions where power generation is concentrated, restoring a stable energy supply is exceptionally difficult.





PLANNED RESPONSE & TARGET AREAS

For the past three years, IBC has actively supported its Community Center in Mykolaiv. The center has served as a vital hub where residents could:

- **Access hot soup and freshly baked bread.**
- **Heat food and charge electronic devices.**
- **Collect clean drinking water.**
- **Participate in MHPSS activities.**

Due to recent funding cuts, we were forced to suspend most of our community center-based operations; however, the center continues to distribute bread through December 31st. We have also shared our facilitieswith Intersos to ensure that MHPSS activities continue for both their beneficiaries and our own.

Moreover, we continue our mission of providing clean drinking water in areas of active conflict, particularly to the residents of Kherson, who are under constant attack day and night.



MAPPING OF IBC OPERATION IN UKRAINE











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IBC believes it is vital to restore the full capacity of our Community Center in Mykolaiv. As attacks on critical infrastructure intensify, the local population increasingly needs a safe space to charge devices for work, access water and bread, and most importantly, reclaim a sense of community.

IBC also endeavors to support residents of Odesa by providing water and mobile charging stations in districts experiencing prolonged power and water outages, and by hosting people at our office so they can charge devices and work in a warm, safe space.

Furthermore, during a visit to our office last week, Ms. Alina (Head of Odesa Sub-office, OCHA) and Takesure Mugari (Head of Southern Hub, OCHA) reported a significant influx of IDPs to the Southern oblasts due to intensified fighting in neighboring territories. OCHA has requested that IBC resume its support to assist these highly vulnerable populations by any means, to provide critical basic needs and protection services, contributing to broader stabilization efforts for newly displaced families in the Southern oblasts.

