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It has long been an axiom for all conscious people—at least in the free world—that human life matters. It is time to make it equally axiomatic that the quality of life matters too. And mental health is the foundation of that quality.

A life lived in constant anxiety, fear, and uncertainty can hardly be called a quality life.



First Lady Olena Zelenska



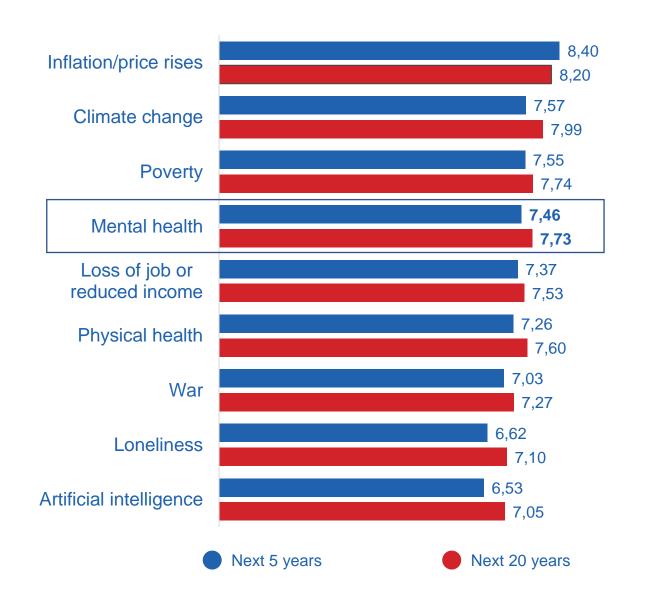
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# What are our biggest challenges today?

Measurement of future challenges in the world (average score out of 10)

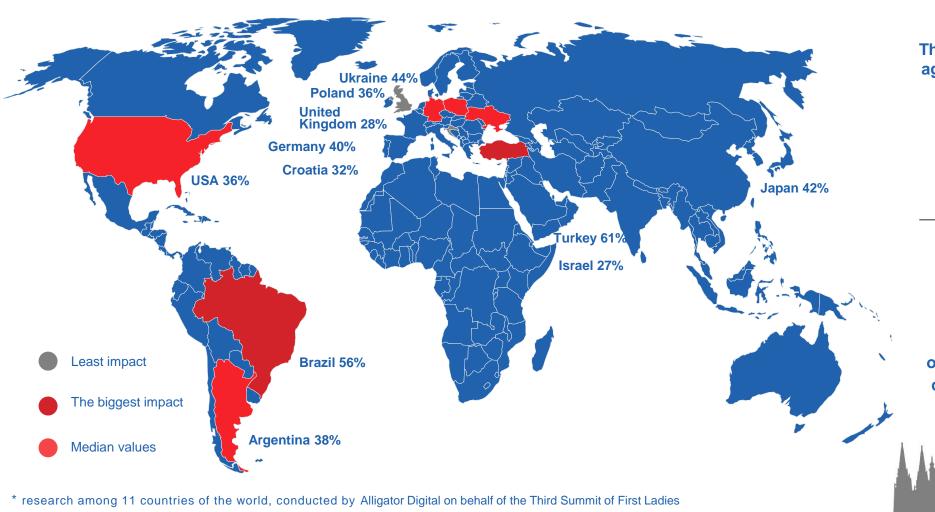
Mental health is as much a concern for people as poverty, climate change, and cost of living

Respondents believe that mental health will remain among the biggest challenges in the next 5 and even 20 years



### The war affects not only those who are directly in conflict zones, its effects are felt more widely

% of people who feel moderately or very affected by any global conflict



The impact of Russian military aggression against Ukraine is felt by

all over the world

#### More than a third

of people are affected by the conflicts of the last century

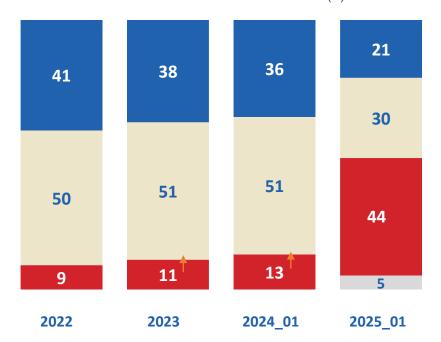
and Gentlemen (2023)

## Subjective assessment of one's own mental health

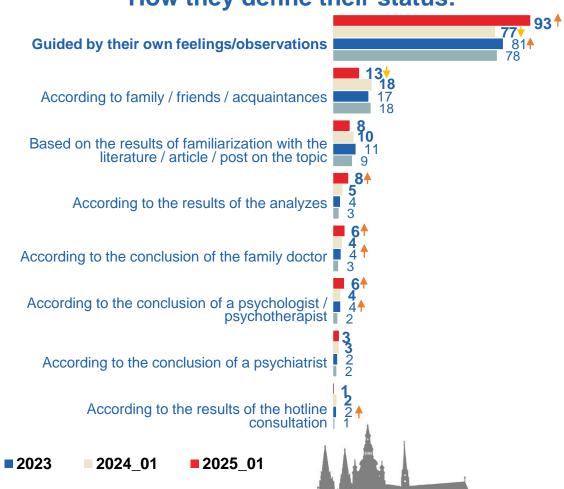


#### Satisfaction with the state of your own mental health\*.

- Hard to answer
- Not satisfied (1+2)
- Both satisfied and not satisfied (3)



#### How they define their status:



<sup>\*</sup> Mental Health and Attitudes of Ukrainians Toward Psychological Assistance during the War - January, 2025

**2022** 



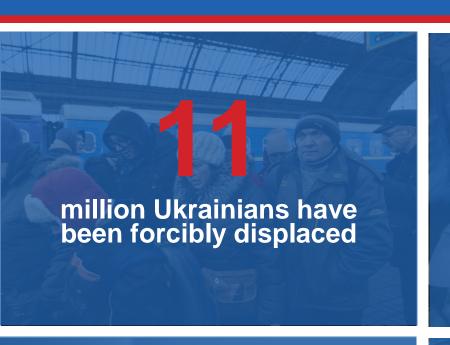
# of Ukrainians feel stress and nervousness



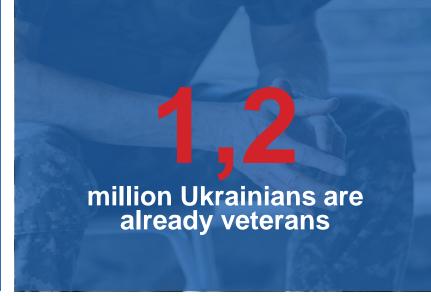
# Mental health beyond templates: a system that responds to people's real conditions



#### **EVERY STORY MUST BE HEARD AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT**



thousands of babies born since the start of the full-scale war



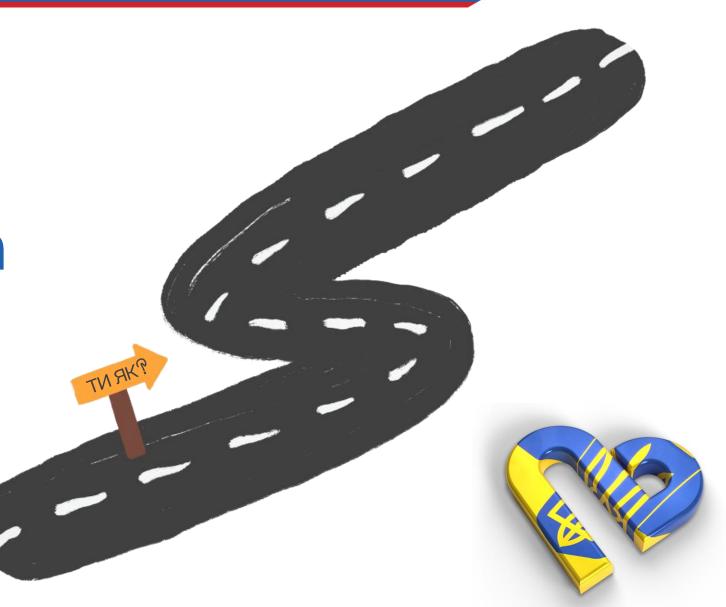
million Ukrainian children are learning entirely online thousands of people have acquired disabilities since the start of the full-scale war

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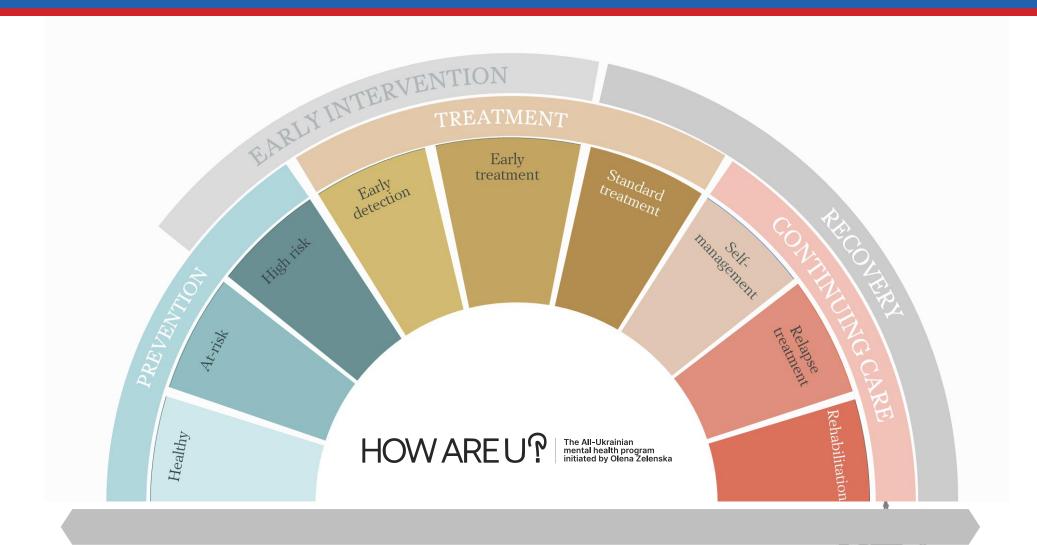
million older adults suffer from separation, loneliness, or isolation



We shift the focus — from disorders to conditions

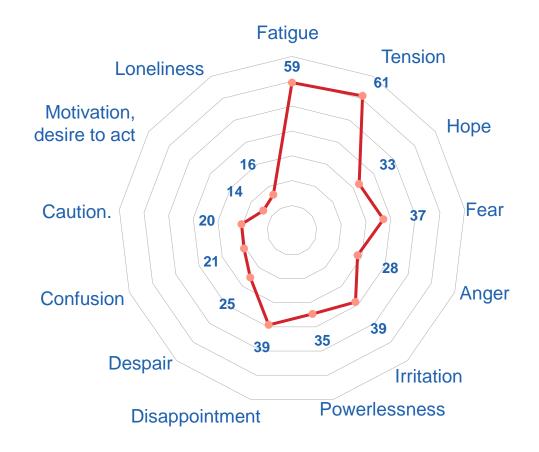


#### Between the extremes lies a whole spectrum of conditions



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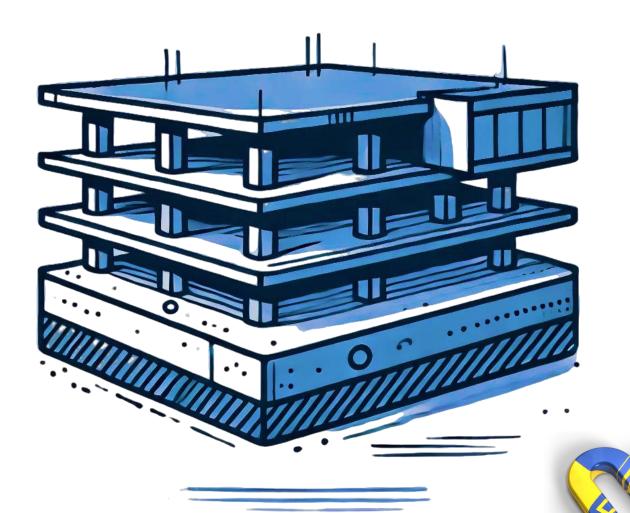
#### Dominant emotions: fatigue and tension





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# A holistic vision builds a solid foundation



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# Vision of the new system

Target model for Ukraine's mental health system





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# Scientific foundation

Report by *The Lancet Commission* on Mental Health in Ukraine

#### THE LANCET Psychiatry



#### Article

Conversion practice recall and mental health symptoms in sexual and gender i

See page 879

#### Articles

Economic inequalities in adolescents' internalising symptoms See page 890

#### Commission

The Lancet Psychiatry Commission on mental health in Ukraine See page 910



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# Legislative framework

**Draft Law on Ukraine's Mental Health System** 





#### Mental health as a Government priority HOWAREU? The All-Ukrainian mental health program initiated by Olena Zelenska









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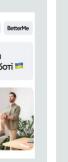




допомога на всіх рівнях











Пріоритетний проєкт:

«Молодіжні центри та активні парки частина екосистеми психічного здоров'я»







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освіти»

Пріоритетний проєкт:

«Система психологічного відновлення особового складу Збройних Сил України **«PSYCHOLOGICAL RECOVERY OF PERSONNEL»** 















Пріоритетний проєкт:

«Алгоритм надання психологічної допомоги та супроводу у кризових та екстрених ситуаціях» та «Mental tutor»



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Міністерство у справах ветеранів України

Пріоритетний проєкт:

«Перехід від військової служби до цивільного життя (в частині психологічної допомоги)»







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# The All-Ukrainian Program is a multi-layered transformation of the system through

International cooperation and establishing interaction with donors, partners, and NGOs

Formation of state policy: priority projects, step-bystep action plan, ICR for interagency cooperation Research and analytical processing of international experience, population needs, system resources, etc.

Training and education of the first line of contact, businesses, etc.

Creating a system of professional standards in coordination with experts and professional communities

Piloting and joint projects with international partners

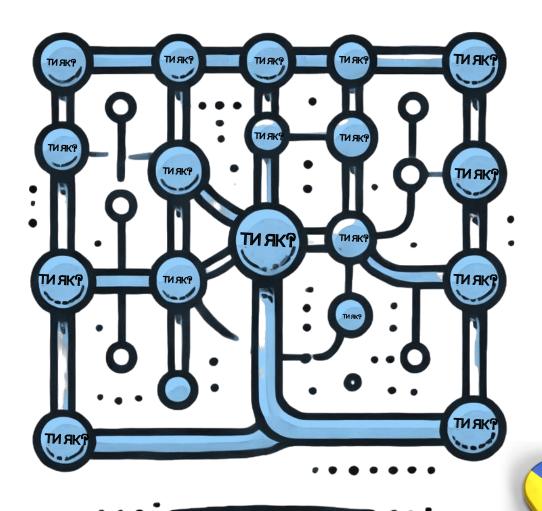
All-Ukrainian communication campaign campaign

Formation of a regional coordination network coordination





# Coordination is a heart of the functional system



#### A human-centered ecosystem: Unity in diversity

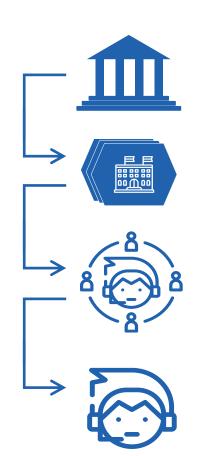


# A multi-level coordination system for the All-Ukrainian Mental Health Program "How are U?"

1st level

2nd level

3rd level



**Ministries** 

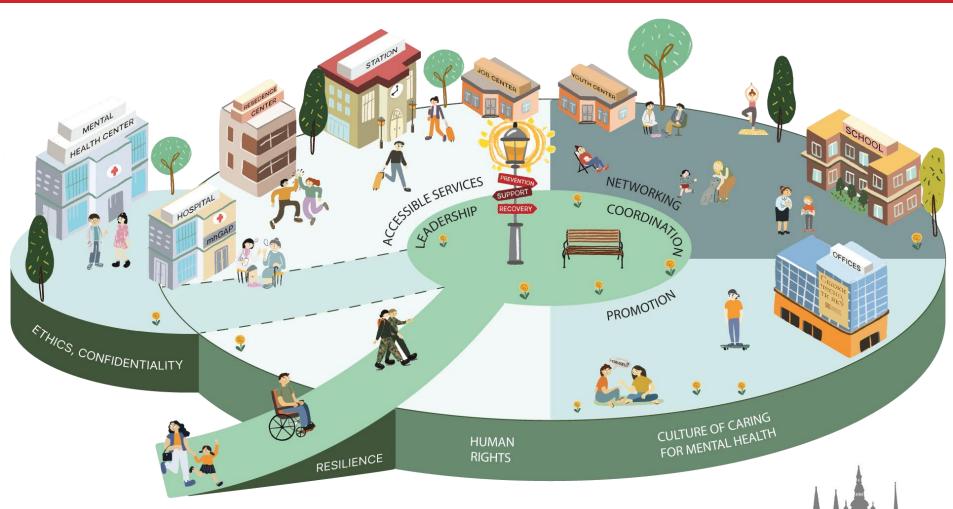
Regional military administrations

23 "How are U?" coordinators in the regions

**132** "How are U?" consultants in local communities



#### **Grounding Mental Health Services at the Community Level**





## Mental health services in the medical sector





# Mental health services in the social sector



**Social worker** 

"Peer-to-peer"

**Psychologist** 

**Mobile teams** 

Employment center

Administrative service center

Sports section

General practitioner

Non-governmental sector

# Mental health services in education





#### Mental health services in other sectors



**Easter egg painting, clay therapy** 



**Relaxation session at library** 



**Running marathon with Active parks** 



**Ampfootball** 



**Art-therapy session** 



**Veteran theatre** 



Concentrating knowledge and experience by creating Centres of Excellence











# Next step – scientific Consortium of Universities



O. O. Bohomolets National Medical University



Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv



Ukrainian Catholic University



V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University



National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy





# «How are you?» A guide through difficult times









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#### We never had time to recover



1917–1921 The war of the UPR



1932–1933 The Holodomor



1930s Stalin's repressions



1939-1945 World War II



1986, 1991
The collapse
of the Soviet Union
+ Chernobyl



2014 -Beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian war



2022 -Full-scale invasion of Russia



## Communication campaign



Скажи чесно, ТИ ЯК?



Якщо тривожно, скануй QR-код і дізнавайся, як із цим справлятися





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Щоб заспокоїтися, схрести руки на грудях у вигляді метелика і постукай себе по ключицях





Щоб підняти собі настрій, записуй щодня в блокнот три події і трьох людей, яким ти вдячний

<del>Ии не сонечки і не героі</del> Ми воїни, які виконують обов'язок"

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#### Communication as psychoeducation













# New services emerge through dialogue



















New skills for the new reality





# Developing the skills of the first-line workers



Specialized assistance Mental health services at the primary level Psychosocial support in the community Self-help

**TOTAL** COVERED

800 thousand people



- ✓ Professional development and training for specialists
- ✓ Code of ethics, certification, registry of providers
- ✓ Standardization of services and interventions in each sector
- ✓ Integrating a trauma-informed approach into all services
- ✓ Prioritize evidence-based, verified methods and approaches
- ✓ Focus on multidisciplinarity and integrated services
- ✓ Community-based routing and ordering

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# From individual resilience to system resilience





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# The resilience of one is the resilience of millions







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