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The EU is committed to supporting all Ukrainians affected by the war and is alarmed by the
deteriorating humanitarian situation. The primary focus of the EU is to assist the over
11.6 million people that were forced to flee their homes and to support the Ukraine
government to provide basic services.

On 22 April 2020¹, the EU committed a EUR 190 million package to support Ukraine in the
fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact, of which more than half have been paid
prior to the start of the Russian invasion. Funding for projects, which could not be continued,
has been repurposed to respond to the immediate needs, including health.

As part of the EU response to the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, two programmes of
bilateral assistance were adopted: A State and Resilience Building Contract (EUR 120
million, adopted on 16 March 2022)² and an Emergency Support Programme (EUR 330
million, adopted on 12 April 2022)³.

These measures combine bilateral funding allocated to Ukraine in line with the
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument-Global Europe
(NDICI-GE) Regulation (2021/947). The Regulation contains provisions to review the
programming documents as appropriate. As the war continues to ravage Ukraine, it is
premature to assess the need to review these documents.

The EU has also provided much needed support to refugees and host communities in Member
States and Moldova, also in the field of public health with a combination of NDICI-GE and
funding available to EU Member States to support refugees on their territory.

² https://ec.europa.eu/neighbourhood-enlargement/news/eu-disburses-eu120-million-grant-ukraine-support-
societal-and-state-resilience-2022-04-08_en
³ https://ec.europa.eu/info stratégie/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-
assistance-ukraine_en#humanitarian-aid