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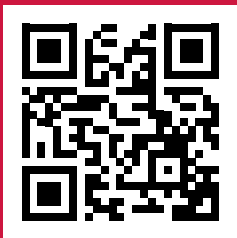
USAID Economic Resilience Activity

USAID ECONOMIC RESILIENCE ACTIVITY (ERA) BACKGROUND

Ukraine's efforts to win the future – emerging from Russia's full-scale war ready to accelerate its development as a sovereign, independent, democratic, and prosperous state – require a dynamic, inclusive economic recovery. Through partnerships with the government and robust private sector engagement, ERA has supported economic growth and resilience in Ukraine since 2018.

Following Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and subsequent occupation of the part of Ukraine, ERA shifted from its focus on Eastern Ukraine to cover development priorities across the country that address Ukraine's urgent needs in export logistics and infrastructural improvements.

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AGRI-Ukraine Grain Export Logistics

Sea and River Port Transshipment: (1) procure grain loading equipment, (2) procure power generation related equipment, and (3) procure pilot boats to strengthen export capacity at Ukrainian ports.

Road Transshipment and Logistics: (1) procure specialized grain trailers, (2) procure loading and unloading transshipment equipment to make future road shipments a more efficient alternative if Black Sea ports remain closed due to Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine.

Rail Transshipment and Logistics: procure loading transshipment equipment to strengthen rail transport routes for Ukrainian producers through modernized equipment and handling practices, while enhancing western border crossing points.

Export Capacity Enhancement: support the rollout of trade-related knowledge, improve operations, help exporters meet buyer standards, and enhance sales, marketing, and business development competencies.

BCPs Renovation and Upgrade

Infrastructure Improvements: deliver equipment, architecture and engineering design and construction services at 9 priority (6 road and 3 rail) and up to 12 additional BCPs that improve traffic management systems, cargo processing, and terminal infrastructure and equipment for cargo and passenger processing, to increase exports and manage traffic more efficiently along the borders of Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

Standardization and Efficiency with Rapid Upgrades: target total of 42 BCPs with immediate upgrades such as prefabricated office structures and restrooms, pavement repairs, signage, barricades, and equipment for weighing and scanning that address urgent needs and improve user experience and perceptions of Ukraine.

Equipment and Traffic Management Systems: procure mobile truck scanners, fixed and dynamic scales, luggage and hand-held scanners, and rail cargo equipment to increase export capacity and meet international standards for cargo processing; and develop and implement modern traffic management systems at select, high volume BCPs.

Emergency and Energy Response

Russia's attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure have caused widespread disruptions in energy operations throughout the country that have hurt businesses and industries, exacerbated challenges faced by vulnerable and displaced populations, and complicated the government's ability to provide critical services. In response, ERA will provide energy solutions to communities, businesses, and government partners to ensure continued operations, mitigate negative economic impacts and support Ukraine's export flows.

Strengthen Ukraine's Energy Resilience: (1) provide backup energy resources and autonomous power stations through procurement of power equipment, including but not limited to diesel and gas generators, battery energy storage systems, and co-generation units; (2) support decentralized and alternative energy solutions in communities most impacted by Russia's attacks, protect critical food security and grain exports, and ensure continued export-oriented border crossing procedures.

Passive Protection Materials for Civilian Infrastructure: provide passive protection materials, such as gabions and floating barriers, to protect civilian infrastructure, including energy facilities at ports and logistics hubs.