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Adopted Legislation

[Mandatory evacuation of children residing in territories of active fighting](#)

On 7 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #209](#) on the mandatory evacuation of children residing in areas of active fighting. The key points are as follows:

- Decisions on the mandatory evacuation of children from the areas of hostilities can be carried out by oblast military administrations and agreed upon with Military Command and Coordination Centres on Mandatory Evacuation; and
- To ensure the safety of the child, they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during the evacuation; these adults are not allowed to refuse the evacuation.

[Coordination Centre on Child Protection during martial law](#)

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #217](#), amending provisions on the Coordination Centre on Child Protection during martial law. The Resolution changes the staff composition of the Coordination Centre by appointing the Minister of Reintegration as the Head of the Coordination Centre and the Minister of Social Policy as the Deputy Head.

The Coordination Centre is now responsible for the following tasks:

- Coordinating the actions of local authorities on the integration of children who have been evacuated from territories of hostilities;
- Monitoring incidents of violence against IDP children;
- Coordinating actions aimed at the return of children who have been forcibly displaced to (i) the territories beyond the control of the Government of Ukraine, (ii) the Russian Federation, or (iii) other countries.

Defining territories of potential hostilities

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #214](#), providing a more precise definition of territories of potential hostilities.¹ According to the amendments adopted, territories can be classified as “territories of potential hostilities” if they share a border with:²

- the Russian Federation;
- territories that are currently beyond the control of the Government of Ukraine;
- territories of active fighting.

Limiting access to notary services for individuals and legal entities linked to the Russia Federation

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #213](#), restricting access to notary services for individuals and legal entities connected with the Russian Federation. The exceptions to this limitation are as follows:

- Certifying the authenticity of signatures on applications for renouncing Russian citizenship;
- Issuing certificates of inheritance rights;
- Attesting the wills of prisoners of war.

Within the scope of these restrictions, immobile property, corporate rights, and vehicles cannot be disposed of, except when transferred for the benefit of the state of Ukraine.

All Russian citizens who live in Ukraine without residence permit documentation fall under the scope of these provisions.

Plan of priority actions of the Government

On 14 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine issued [Regulation #221-p](#) outlining the list of its prioritized actions for 2023. Foreseen programs cover a wide range of areas, some of those aimed to contribute to mid and long-term solutions for conflict-affected population, including:

- Support of small and middle businesses;
- Foreseeing subventions to local budgets of regions negatively affected by the hostilities and regions, hosting many IDPs;
- Programs directed at the reintegration of internally displaced persons, including programs focusing on youth;
- Update of the Strategy on Internal Displacement.

The document also establishes goals on increasing the protection of people who fled Ukraine because of hostilities and now residing in Europe.

Extension of the pension application period

On 20 March 2023, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted [Law #2981-IX](#) on an extension of the pension application period for persons residing on territories beyond the control of the Government of Ukraine and on territories of active fighting. People eligible for a pension can submit their application during martial law and three months after its termination or cancellation and pensions will be granted from the day the individual becomes eligible, whether that be upon reaching the pension age or upon being recognized as a person with a disability (based

¹All territories that fall under this definition are contained in the [List](#), published and regularly updated by the MinReintegration. Inclusion of a community on the aforementioned list is a basis for receiving state housing assistance for IDPs.

²At least one of the criteria should be met

on the day of medical certificate issuance). If the pension is based on the loss of the primary earner, it will be granted from the day of death of the primary earner.

Pilot project on funding of social services

On 21 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #248](#) launching a pilot project focused on providing social assistance to people facing difficult life circumstances. The goal of the project is to shift the focus of social assistance from funding facilities to funding services actually provided.

- Services can be received in healthcare facilities managed by the Ministry of Social Policy³;
- Eligible beneficiaries of the project include elderly individuals and internally displaced persons (IDPs) with disabilities who are facing difficult life circumstances;
- Social services include (i) provision of shelter accommodation; (ii) assisted living; (iii) stationary care; (iv) social adaptation;
- The application can be submitted regardless of the applicant's place of permanent registration.

State-financed education for unemployed persons

In March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted several bylaws updating the system of state services, provided in the area of employment.

On 24 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #264](#) regulating a procedure for providing state-financed education and qualification studies for unemployed persons.⁴ The key points are as follows:

- Unemployed persons or employers seeking to hire unemployed persons for positions requiring specific qualifications can apply to an Employment Center for this program;
- Employment Centers provide a study certificate, cover costs for medical examinations, accommodation, and travel expenses to the participants of the program;
- The study certificate covers the cost of education up to 10 times the minimum wage established for the following year;
- The program only covers educational institutions and professions listed by the Employment Center;
- The Resolution includes provisions aiming to make programs accessible to persons with disabilities.

On 17 March 2023, the Government also adopted [Resolution #237](#) outlining the status and tasks of career advisors, special career advisors, consultants and specialists who facilitate the process of employment assisting unemployed persons in all career-related issues and providing consultations to unemployed persons and employers.

Other developments

Damage caused to agricultural property

On 3 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #187](#) amending the [Regulation on a Determination of Damage, Caused by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation](#)⁵ adding types of damage caused to agricultural and farm property (registered as individual entrepreneurs) and appointing Oblast (civil/military) administrations as authorities responsible for the assessment of the damage.

³ *Truskavets Sanatorium "Batkivshchyna" and Myrhorod Sanatorium "Slava"*

⁴ *Legal status in accordance with the [Law on Employment of Population](#)*

⁵ *The term "armed aggression" is used as a quote from a legal act*

Updated List of Territories of Potential Hostilities

On 9 March 2023, the Ministry of Reintegration adopted [Order #84](#) amending the [List of Territories of Potential Hostilities](#). The list is updated regularly, and the inclusion of a community on the aforementioned list is a basis for receiving state housing assistance for IDPs.

Social assistance to persons, who are taking care of persons with disabilities and elderly people

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #215](#) adding to the [List](#) of state-financed social services, until 31 December 2023, persons who provide care to (i) persons with disabilities (I group of disability) and (ii) persons over 80 years old who are eligible to receive state assistance.

Subvention from budget to territories affected by hostilities

On 10 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine issued its [Regulation #209-p](#) distributing funds among local budgets of territories affected by hostilities to support the functioning of local authorities. In total, UAH 10.2 billion is to be distributed.

Housing for IDPs who protected the independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine

On 24 March 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #263](#) which foresees minor amendments to a procedure of providing housing to IDPs who were protecting the independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine⁶. Amendments aim to adapt the procedure to a secondary displacement of beneficiaries. It also excludes persons convicted of crimes against the foundations of national security from the list of beneficiaries.

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⁶ The list of eligible persons is provided in Art.1 of [Resolution #263](#)