TEMPORARY SPECIAL COMMISSION on the protection of property and nonproperty rights of internally displaced persons and other persons affected by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

Analytical Report "Activities of Councils on Internally Displaced Persons"

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Introduction

Since the beginning of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the RF) against Ukraine in February 2014, more than 1.5 million Ukrainians have experienced internal displacement. Currently, due to the large-scale armed aggression, over 4.6 million people are considered internally displaced persons (hereinafter referred to as IDPs)¹. In support of the affected population, numerous non-governmental organizations were established by IDPs themselves: civil society organizations (hereinafter referred to as CSOs) "IDPs of Ukraine," "Donbas SOS," "CrimeaSOS," "Public Holding 'GROUP OF INFLUENCE'," and others. Supporting IDPs and other affected populations has also become a focus of other organizations at the national and local levels. Meanwhile, the involvement of IDPs remains necessary to ensure that more people are heard and feel part of the communities where they reside. The activities of Councils on IDPs (hereinafter referred to as IDP Councils), as advisory bodies, are one of the tools of local democracy through which IDPs can influence decision-making regarding their concerns.

One of the areas of activity for the Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Protection of Property and Non-Property Rights of Internally Displaced and Other Persons Affected by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), established in accordance with the Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dated December 21, 2023, No. 3535-IX², is the exercise of parliamentary oversight. In this regard, the Commission ensures consistent work at the regional and local levels, particularly by hearing reports from regional and Kyiv city military administrations. The activities of the IDP Councils and their interaction with the bodies under which they were established are of interest during public events held by the Commission.

To further support the activities of IDP Councils as a tool for giving IDPs a "voice" at the local level, this analytical report was prepared.

The tasks defined during the development of this analytical material include:

- To clarify the basis for the functioning of IDP Councils, their main tasks, trends, and challenges;
- To explore trends in the directions of work of IDP Councils;

¹ According to the data from the Information and Computing Center of the Ministry of Social Policy as of June 15, 2024. Analytics. URL: https://www.ioc.gov.ua/dashboardVpo/

² On the Establishment of the Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the Protection of Property and Non-Property Rights of Internally Displaced and Other Persons Affected by the Armed Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine: Resolution of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine dated December 21, 2023, No. 3535-IX. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/3535-IX#Text

• To assess the availability of current and complete information on the activities of regional IDP Councils on the official websites of government bodies.

In preparing this analytical report, information posted on the official websites of state and local government bodies, legal and regulatory acts on this topic, and consultations with representatives of IDP Councils and non-governmental organizations prioritizing the support of such councils were used.

The document contains four substantive sections (on the functioning, directions of work, needs, and opportunities of IDP Councils, and informing about their activities), as well as conclusions, recommendations, and an appendix. The document is up-to-date as of August 2024.

The presented results will be used by the Commission in its activities, particularly in shaping state policy in the field of protecting the property and non-property rights of IDPs and other persons affected by the RF's armed aggression against Ukraine. The results are intended for use by state and local government bodies, as well as directly by the IDP Councils.

Functioning of the Councils on IDPs

The Councils on IDPs are advisory bodies established under the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regional, Kyiv, and Sevastopol city, district state (military) administrations, as well as local self-government bodies, based on a directive. The primary objective of these Councils is to implement regional policy concerning IDPs and to assist local authorities in this area.

The first five IDP Councils (Luhansk Regional IDP Council, Kharkiv City IDP Council, Dnipro City IDP Council, Kramatorsk IDP Council under the executive committee, Zaporizhzhia IDP Council under the city mayor) were established in 2019 with the support of the charitable foundation "Stabilization Support Services" (hereinafter referred to as "SSS") within the framework of the project "Strengthening the Participation of Internally Displaced Persons in Democratic Processes of Local Self-Government." One of the motivations for establishing the IDP Councils at that time was the limited access of IDPs to local democracy tools and, consequently, their influence on the formation of local policies concerning this group. For instance, the Public Union "Civil Society Hubs Network" in its research³ found that IDPs might face restrictions on their right to participate in general meetings, self-organization bodies, and the use of tools such as electronic petitions, public hearings, local initiatives, and participatory budgets, as these were often available only to

³ Research conducted from January to April 2019 as part of the project "We Influence in the Regions," implemented by: Public Organization "Public Holding "GROUP OF INFLUENCE" (Kyiv region), Analytical Center "Institute for Analytics and Advocacy" (Poltava region), Vinnytsia Regional Human Rights Organization "Source of Hope" (Vinnytsia region), Charitable Organization "Charitable Foundation "Center for Civic Initiatives" (Zakarpattia region), Regional Youth Public Organization "Volyn Law Institute" (Volyn region), Public Organization "Access Point" (Donetsk region) and available at: https://www.vplyv.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/report_hubs.pdf

community members. In some communities, IDPs were included in advisory bodies that did not specifically focus on IDP-related issues, such as public councils.

As noted by "SSS," in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and changes in government priorities, the process of establishing IDP Councils slowed down but gained momentum again the following year. In 2021, IDP Councils were established in several communities in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions.

Following the full-scale invasion, one of the tasks of the State Policy Strategy on Internal Displacement until 2025, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on April 7, 2023, by Order No. 312-p⁴, was the creation and functioning of advisory bodies on IDP issues at the local level. To this end, the development of a standard regulation on an advisory body on IDP issues (to be completed by the third quarter of 2023) was planned, along with the direct establishment of such bodies with the involvement of IDPs (to be ongoing).

On August 4, 2023, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved Resolution No. 812 "On the Approval of the Model Regulation on the Council on Internally Displaced Persons" (hereinafter referred to as Resolution No. 812)⁵. The Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, regional, Kyiv, and Sevastopol city, district state (military) administrations were recommended to establish IDP Councils by September 1, 2023. A similar recommendation was given to local self-government bodies. Additionally, Resolution No. 812 includes a model regulation on the IDP Council, which defines the composition of the IDP Council, its main tasks and rights, the selection process for IDP Council members, their powers, etc.

Following the adoption of Resolution No. 812 in August 2023, the process of forming IDP Councils began actively.

The creation of IDP Councils has become widespread. IDP Councils have been established by the majority of regional state (military) administrations (hereinafter referred to as RS(M)As) and in Kyiv. Detailed information by region regarding their creation, areas of work, meetings, and information available on official websites is provided in Appendix No. 1. This information is also used to summarize data on the activities of the IDP Councils.

The process of establishing IDP Councils continues at the district administration and community levels. For example, out of 86 communities in the Dnipropetrovsk region, IDP Councils have been established in at least 33 territorial communities (13 urban, 8 settlement, and 12 rural); in the Ivano-Frankivsk region, at least 38 IDP Councils have been created; and in the Volyn region, at least 17 IDP Councils are

2023, No. 812. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/812-2023-π#Text

⁴ On the Approval of the State Policy Strategy on Internal Displacement for the Period Until 2025 and the Approval of the Operational Plan of Measures for its Implementation in 2023–2025: Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated April 7, 2023, No. 312-p. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/312-2023-p#Text
⁵ On the Approval of the Model Regulation on the Council on Internally Displaced Persons: Resolution of August 4,

functioning. It should be noted that their numbers may have changed. The total number of IDP Councils exceeds 1,000.

The "SSS" NGO supports the operation of the interactive map "IDP Councils"⁶, which provides data on IDP Councils: their names, locations, dates, grounds and initiators of creation, overall composition, etc. However, this map is based solely on the information held by the non-governmental organization. The "Advisory Bodies on IDP Issues" map ⁷ also operates in Poltava and includes information on Coordination Councils on IDP issues, advisory working groups for addressing IDP issues, and IDP Councils within the region.

According to "SSS," the process of mapping IDP Councils across Ukraine was initiated before the Ministry for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories (hereinafter referred to as MinReintegration). Currently, the process has not yet started.

IDP Councils have specific tasks defined by the Model Regulation on IDP Councils established by Resolution No. 812, which outlines a broad range of tasks. These include:

- promoting the realization of civil and political rights of IDPs, involving them in the process of developing normative acts, and monitoring their implementation;
- assisting in ensuring and protecting the rights and interests of IDPs in key areas, particularly social protection, housing, and employment;
- supporting the activities of territorial communities in developing effective mechanisms for the adaptation and integration of IDPs;
- supporting relocated businesses;
- facilitating the involvement of IDPs in addressing local issues, including their participation in working groups, commissions, and other advisory bodies to develop local programs for IDPs;
- promoting investment for the development of infrastructure and opportunities in territorial communities;
- providing proposals and recommendations for developing public-private partnerships;
- submitting proposals for the adoption of new or amendments to existing normative legal acts in the field of protection of IDP rights and interests, as well as studying the state of their implementation.

⁶ IDP Councils Map. URL: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=16U89yrKy-JK8Ngp6SJKkMM0RknpPG3E&femb=1&ll=0%2C0&z=5

⁷ Advisory Bodies on IDP Issues (Councils, Coordination Centers). URL: https://www.google.com/maps/d/embed?mid=1Xrk1TeihuocLoFwg1Dt8eRSDOfR_3IA&hl=uk&ehbc=2E312F&fbclid=IwAR2_wBo4_z6C09QnKn2RDrzvngPssGcP30vU1hgjlrtZQlZ8DCZnEZh4TNs&ll=49.69774001315043%2C33.40717101756022&z=8]

IDP Councils often serve as a platform for dialogue to establish the main positions of the parties. For example, in Volyn, it is noted that participants of the Regional IDP Council have the opportunity to speak directly with regional government representatives, learn about new developments, and convey their concerns. For instance, at a meeting held on March 27, 2014, discussions included the new procedure for IDP payments and evacuation trains that Volyn would receive in May.

It is important to maintain focus on the defined tasks. Activities of a cultural, sports, or beautification nature should be considered as supplementary activities of IDP Councils and their members. However, it should be noted that expectations from IDP Councils are often exaggerated due to a lack of understanding of their tasks and interaction tools. Thus, according to their tasks, IDP Councils may:

- address issues related to the protection of IDP rights and interests;
- develop and propose local support programs for relocated businesses;
- prepare and submit their activity plans, proposals, and recommendations (at least once a year) in the field of ensuring and protecting IDP rights, which are published on the official website of the body under which they are created and/or in another acceptable manner;
- analyze the effectiveness of local policy implementation in the field of protection of IDP rights and interests;
- promote legal awareness and conduct information campaigns aimed at IDPs;
- prepare and submit proposals and recommendations in the field of ensuring and protecting IDP rights and interests;
- collaborate with various entities and promote fundraising to support and develop territorial communities;
- provide organizational, methodological, and advisory support in developing local and regional programs in the budgetary sphere and regarding housing for IDPs;
- support and organize events aimed at fulfilling the Council's tasks (seminars, conferences, meetings, etc.).

The functioning of some IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Councils is limited. IDP Councils have been established at the regional level across all regions (except for Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration, for which there is no information) and in Kyiv city, and they continue to be actively created at the community level. However, an analysis of their activities reveals varying trends in their operations: some councils engage in systematic work, others operate periodically or episodically, while some have only been formed and had their members elected. For instance, in the first half of 2024, the Kyiv City IDP Council held 5 meetings, while the IDP Council at the Rivne Regional Military

Administration held 7 meetings. Meanwhile, only the inaugural meeting of the IDP Council at the Kharkiv Regional Military Administration is known. In some cases, this may indicate that IDP Councils are created to enhance the reputation of the bodies they are based on without achieving practical results or understanding the purpose of their creation, or they are established under compulsion rather than as a recommendation, driven by the needs of the target group (IDPs). For example, the deputy head of the Rivne Regional Military Administration stated at a public event⁸ that some of the established councils are effectively non-functional. Communities that have not yet created such councils were instructed to do so, and to activate the work of existing ones.

It is also important to consider the activities of IDP Councils in areas where military actions are ongoing or possible. Such work may not be seen as a priority due to the focus on issues like evacuating the population, addressing humanitarian consequences, etc.

Some IDP Councils have been forced to relocate due to the negative consequences of armed aggression. For instance, IDP Councils at the Sartan Settlement Military-Civil Administration in the Mariupol district of Donetsk Oblast, the IDP Council at the Bakhmut City Military Administration, and the IDP Council at the Mariinka City Military Administration in Donetsk Oblast continue to function. The operation of IDP Councils in communities that have experienced occupation depends not only on the activity of their members but also on the actions of relocated local government bodies.

The necessity of establishing IDP Councils at the district state (military) administration level remains a matter of debate. This is due to the limited resources and powers of the administrations where such IDP Councils might be created.

Additionally, there is a risk of the politicization of IDP Council activities or their use in the interests of certain groups, which could be especially pronounced in smaller communities, potentially discrediting the IDP Councils in the eyes of authorities and the community.

Local IDP Councils can have the most practical impact. Representatives of IDP Councils confirm that a significant portion of issues are resolved through the work of IDP Councils at the community level. This is partly due to the processes of decentralization, including financial powers and budgets. Regional IDP Councils are seen more as bodies that can provide methodological or resource support, summarize and coordinate efforts at the regional level through the adoption of relevant programs. The "bottom-up" format is considered to be the most effective. At the same time, some IDP Councils may face challenges such as a lack of support for

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⁸ https://www.rv.gov.ua/news/u-37-hromadakh-rivnenshchyny-stvoreni-rady-vpo

their initiatives from the authorities or weak engagement, and the absence of financial support for the approved documents.

IDP Councils require further training and methodological support. This applies to all members of IDP Councils as well as representatives of the bodies where they were created. For IDPs who are members of the IDP Councils, this is often due to a lack of experience working in the government or non-governmental sectors, managing budgets, etc. At the same time, these individuals are a valuable resource, as their professional skills and experience allow them to view problems and solutions from different perspectives.

Strategic sessions, support in activity planning, and the development of interaction methods are necessary.

Practice shows the effectiveness of IDP Councils that focus on planning and substantiating their positions.

Support for IDP Councils is provided through project activities and experience exchange. For example, the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX in Ukraine), together with the charitable organization "SSS," is implementing the "Unity for Action" program⁹ supported by the U.S. Department of State. The program directly supports 25 communities in 15 regions of Ukraine through seminars and training, advocacy support for the rights and interests of IDPs (including through small grants), experience exchange, and the creation of information resources, among other activities. It can be stated that the online activities provided by the project, such as webinars, allow for the involvement of a much broader audience. However, overall support is limited.

The activities of IDP Councils may be the subject of other projects implemented by international and national non-governmental organizations.

There are also events aimed at experience exchange. The All-Ukrainian Forum of IDP Councils¹⁰ took place at the beginning of November 2023. It brought together nearly 500 people and served as a platform for exchanging ideas, strategizing, and planning for joint effective work. The next All-Ukrainian Forum of IDP Councils is scheduled for August 27-28, 2024. Further events between IDP Councils have also taken place in other regions as a tool to strengthen their activities and interactions.

⁹ Unity for Action Project. URL: <a href="https://yednanniazaradydii.org.ua/about-project/#:~:text=«Єднання%20заради%20дії»%20—%20це,та%20стабілізації%20ситуації%20в%20Україні 10 The first All-Ukrainian Forum of IDP Councils began its work in Kyiv. URL: https://sss-ua.org/news/pershyy-vseukrainskyy-forum-rad-vpo-rozpochav-robotu-u-kyievi/

For example, IDP Council Forums as a platform for finding solutions have been held in Poltava¹¹, Dnipro¹², and Lviv¹³.

The composition of IDP Councils can vary, potentially impacting their success. According to the model regulation, the IDP Council's composition is formed with no more than 30 members, with the number of representatives from the body that established the Council not exceeding one-third, and IDPs constituting no less than 50% of the Council's members. However, there are other examples. For instance, the IDP Council at the Chernivtsi Regional Military Administration includes 48 members. The IDP Councils at the Poltava and Lviv Regional Military Administrations include (with consent) representatives of IDP Councils from district administrations and city councils of the region.

There are also different practices for selecting the head of the IDP Council: from among the representatives of the body that established the Council, from IDPs, or from civic associations or charitable organizations. There are examples where the leadership of the Council by a government representative facilitated the implementation of IDP Council initiatives. The openness of the selection process and the willingness of the head to advance the IDP Council's activities and address the issues they work on, as well as their ability to build cooperation, should remain important. The activity of Council members, not just the head or their deputy, is seen as a prerequisite for overall success.

However, the effectiveness of IDP Councils can be influenced by the lack of funding to ensure sustainability, such as for the work of a secretary, communications expert, etc. It should be noted that the voluntary nature of most IDP Council members' work may lead to non-performance, delays, etc.

It is worth noting that the composition of IDP Councils is inclusive. There are examples of including people with disabilities, representatives of various ethnic groups (e.g., Roma, Azerbaijanis, Crimean Tatars), etc.

At the same time, some IDP Councils face the issue of changing (updating) their composition, particularly due to delays in the process of excluding members. Most often, changes in the composition are caused by changes in the residence of IDPs, the inability to combine Council activities with their main job, or personnel changes.

The collaboration between IDP Councils and other advisory bodies must be ensured. This includes coordination centers for civil population support (hereafter

¹¹ "Strengthening Ukraine!" – the first Eastern Ukrainian IDP Council Forum. URL: https://sss-ua.org/news/zmicznyuyemo-ukrayinu-pershyj-shidnoukrayinskyj-forum-rad-vpo/

^{12 &}quot;Strengthening Ukraine!" – the second Eastern Ukrainian IDP Council Forum. URL: https://sss-ua.org/news/zmicznyuyemo-ukrayinu-drugyj-shidnoukrayinskyj-forum-rad-vpo/

¹³ We held the third interregional IDP Council Forum "Strengthening Ukraine". This time the event took place in Lviv. URL: https://sss-ua.org/news/my-provely-tretiy-mizhrehionalnyy-forum-rad-vpo-zmi-ts-iuiemo-ukrainu-tsoho-razu-zakhid-proyshov-u-lvovi/

referred to as coordination centers) established according to the provisions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution No. 470, dated May 9, 2023, "On Coordination Centers for Civil Population Support" Government recommended their creation by July 1, 2023, to regional, district, Kyiv, and Sevastopol city state (military) administrations, as well as local governments. Coordination centers are advisory bodies established to support and coordinate assistance to the population affected by armed conflict, particularly internally displaced persons (IDPs). It is common for coordination centers to create working groups. For example, one of the three working groups within the Poltava Coordination Center focuses related to IDPs and securing their housing rights, such as monitoring the formation of a housing fund intended for temporary accommodation of IDPs and arranging housing conditions in temporary accommodation places.

Aligning the areas of work is necessary to avoid duplication and strengthen efforts. However, information on such cooperation is limited. One example is the decision of the Kyiv Regional IDP Council to involve IDP Council members in the working groups within the coordination center, with assigned responsibilities.

IDP Councils have the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes related to ensuring the rights and freedoms of IDPs at the national level. The Coordination Headquarters on Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons was established under the chairmanship of the Deputy Prime Minister – Minister for Reintegration of the Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, Iryna Vereshchuk¹⁶. The heads (or their deputies) of IDP councils at regional, Kyiv, and Sevastopol city state (military) administrations were included in the headquarters. This inclusion allows IDP Council activities to be represented at the national level. However, overall coordination of the IDP Councils at the national level is not ensured.

There is a practice of IDP Councils addressing state authorities. For instance, the Kyiv Regional IDP Council addressed the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Deputy Prime Minister – Minister for Reintegration of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, and members of parliament, requesting a legislative initiative to regulate the creation of social housing funds by territorial

¹⁴ URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/470-2023-п#Техt

¹⁵ Working groups to ensure the housing rights of IDPs have been set up at the regional coordination centers. URL: https://poda.gov.ua/news/172093

¹⁶ On the establishment of the Coordination Headquarters for Ensuring the Realization of the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons: Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of April 18, 2023, No. 330. URL: https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/330-2023-π#Text



¹⁷ Protocol of the regular meeting of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons at the Kyiv Regional Military Administration (Kyiv Regional Military Administration). URL: https://koda.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/protokol-rady-vpo-29.02.2024.pdf

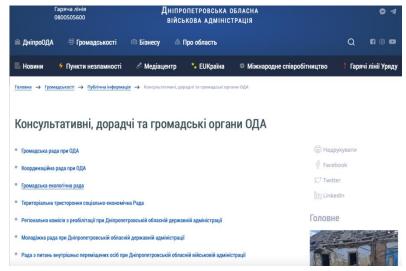
Information on the Activities of Regional IDP Councils

According to Resolution No. 812, IDP Councils are required to inform the body under which they were established and the public about their work. This should be done by posting on the official website or publishing in another acceptable manner the regulations, work plans, agendas, and information about the date, time, and place of meetings, meeting minutes on approved proposals and recommendations, information on their implementation, annual activity reports, and information about the leadership, working groups, and commissions, including contact details (phone number, mailing address, email) for communication on matters within the council's competence. Ensuring information dissemination should be considered one of the guiding principles of the IDP Council's activities.

An analysis of the activities of regional IDP Councils shows the following:

- The majority of decisions to create regional IDP Councils are available on the website of the body under which they were established. However, the decisions are absent or inaccessible on the websites of the Volyn Regional Military Administration, Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration, Lviv Regional Military Administration, Mykolaiv Regional Military Administration, and Kharkiv Regional Military Administration.
- More than half of the regional IDP Councils have a dedicated section on the website of the body under which they were established. However, the approach to the section where such information is placed varies.

For example, on the website of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration, information about the IDP Council is placed in the section "Consultative, Advisory, and Public Bodies of the Regional State Administration" ¹⁸:



¹⁸ Section "Consultative, Advisory, and Public Bodies of the Regional Military Administration". URL: https://adm.dp.gov.ua/gromadyanam/pamyatki-ta-poradi/konsultativni-doradchi-ta-gromadski-organi-oda

On the website of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration, the section "Council on IDP Issues" is available in the block "Information for Internally Displaced Persons"¹⁹:

Інформація для внутрішньо переміщених осіб						
Coціальний проєкт «ПрихистОК»	€Допомога	Структурні підрозділи з питань соціального захисту населення				
Офіційна сторінка департаменту соціальної політики облдержадміністрації	Мінреінтеграції	Мінсоцполітики				
^р ада з питань ВПО	Пам'ятка для УСЗНів / ЦНАПів з надання інформації під час взаємодії з внутрішньо переміщеними особами					

On the website of the Rivne Regional Military Administration, information about the activities of the IDP Council (specifically regarding its composition) is available in the "Relevant" section²⁰, which in turn contains "Information for IDPs":

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• The regulations and work plans of regional IDP Councils are published by only some of the regional IDP Councils. When published, they are usually part of the meeting protocol where they were approved.

¹⁹ Section "Council on IDP Issues" on the official website of the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration. URL: https://www.if.gov.ua/informatsiia-dlia-vnutrishno-peremishchenykh-osib/rada-z-pytan-vpo

²⁰ Section "Relevant" on the official website of the Rivne Regional Military Administration. URL: https://www.rv.gov.ua/aktualno

- The agenda, date, time, and place of meetings are not published by most. There are examples of such announcements being posted in the "News" section. For example, on the website of the Volyn Regional Military Administration, news about meetings²¹ is placed in the "Department of Social and Veteran Policy" section.
- Most regional IDP Councils do not publish meeting minutes on the website of the body under which they were established. Often, only news reports with a brief description of the meeting or decisions made are published.

Positive examples include the IDP Councils of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration, Kyiv City Military Administration, Khmelnytskyi Regional Military Administration, Chernivtsi, and Chernihiv Regional Military Administrations (below is information from the website²² of this Regional Military Administration).



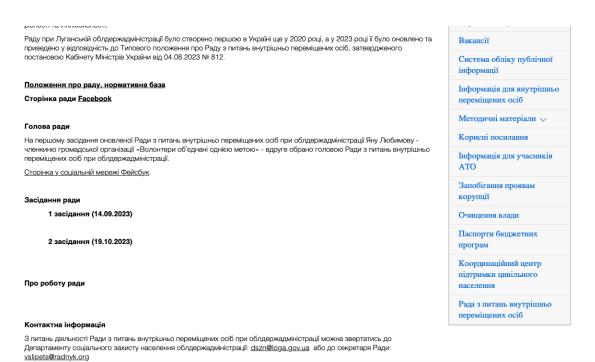
• On most websites of the bodies where IDP Councils were established, there is no information about their composition. The composition is usually accessible through the decision that approved it.

There are, however, positive examples. For instance, on the website of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration²³, information about the head of the IDP Council is published:

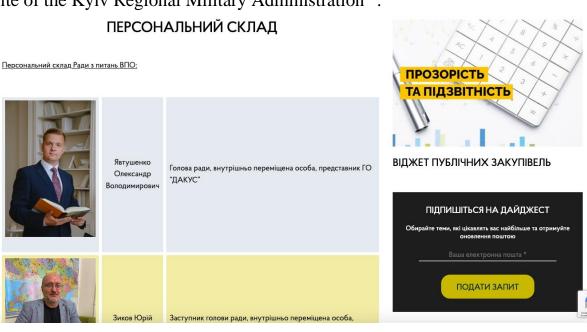
²¹ Section "News" on the website of the Volyn Regional Military Administration. URL: https://voladm.gov.ua/article/zasidannya-radi-z-pitan-vnutrishno-peremischenih-osib-pri-oblasniy-derzhavniy-viyskoviy-administraciyi-vid-19-grudnya-2023-roku/

²² Section "Council on IDP Issues" on the website of the Chernihiv Regional Military Administration. URL: https://upsz.cg.gov.ua/index.php?id=39297&tp=1&pg=

²³ Website of the Luhansk Regional Military Administration. URL: https://loga.gov.ua/oda/about/depart/praci/rada z pitan vnutrishno peremishchenih osib



Complete information about the council's composition is published on the website of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration²⁴:



- No regional IDP Council has published an annual report. The reason may be the short duration of their activities, as the majority of IDP Councils were established starting in September 2023.
- Most regional IDP Councils have not published contact details.
- Much of the published information is not easily accessible, which may pose difficulties for people with different types of disabilities. For example, scanned documents are not accessible by specialized screen readers used by people with visual impairments.

²⁴ https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenym-osobam/radaz-pytan-vnutrishno-peremishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenym-osobam/radaz-pytan-vnutrishno-peremishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-derzhavnij-administracziyi/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-administracziy/personalnyj-sklad/">https://koda.gov.ua/gromadskosti/gumanitarna-polityka/dopomoga-vnutrishno-permishhenyh-osib-pry-kyyivskij-oblasnij-adminishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permishno-permis

Although the analysis focused on regional IDP Councils, these trends are relevant for IDP Councils at all levels. The process of providing information often depends on the initiative of the IDP Council's head or secretary and on the capacity of the body under which it was established (particularly the presence of a communication expert).

Directions of Work for Councils on IDPs

Councils on IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) often develop strategic documents outlining the primary directions of their work. However, these councils need to prioritize their tasks to ensure a systematic approach. It is common practice to establish working groups to delegate tasks. For instance, the IDP Council under the Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Military Administration has created five working groups focused on health-related issues, education and cultural integration, housing and infrastructure, social protection, professional realization and employment, communication with charitable and civil society organizations, and media coverage.

Summarizing the activities of IDP Councils at the regional level, the most common directions with examples include:

• Promoting Employment and Entrepreneurship among IDPs.

The IDP Council under the Kyiv City Military Administration has set a goal for 2024²⁵ to develop and approve a city program to support relocated businesses, aiming to help at least 20% of enterprises obtain grants for further development. Additionally, they plan to implement an effective website dedicated to the employment of medical professionals from among the IDPs in Kyiv.

At one of the meetings²⁶ of the IDP Council under the Chernihiv Regional Military Administration, proposals were discussed on promoting IDP employment, including the presentation of opportunities for starting their own business. The information on creating a "one-stop-shop" by the regional employment center was considered.

The IDP Council under the Cherkasy Regional Military Administration aims to support²⁷ relocated businesses and IDPs who have started their own businesses, providing them with organizational, methodological, and consulting support. The

²⁵ Strategic Plan of the Council, Appendix to Protocol No. 3 of the Council's meeting of January 19, 2024.

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²⁶ Protocol No. 2 of the meeting of the IDP Council at the Chernihiv RMA dated May 15, 2024, on the first to third agenda item. URL:

https://upsz.cg.gov.ua/web_docs/1771/2023/09/docs/Протокол%20№%202%20Ради%20ВПО.PDF

²⁷ According to Operational Plan of implementation of the Strategy of the IDP Council for 2024 approved by Appendix No. 2 to Protocol No. 4 of the Council's meeting of January 17, 2024. URL: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tI1iVZsZZGWySU0nBAVUSpEdbbWDh8p6/view

council plans to develop a support program through surveys, meetings with target groups, studying issues, and providing recommendations, to be implemented by the third quarter of 2024. Additionally, an information campaign is planned to promote the self-realization of IDPs in their new places of residence.

These examples illustrate the work of IDP Councils in this area.

• Facilitating Permanent and Temporary Housing for IDPs.

Facilitating increased funding for housing programs, expanding existing ones, and approving new tools to solve IDP housing issues are priorities in the Kyiv region. Plans include finding donors for construction and renovation projects, developing legislative proposals for the "eOselya" program, and using this information for parliamentary oversight and legislative activities.

The IDP Council under the Kyiv City Military Administration prepared a report on housing programs, including social housing for IDPs in Kyiv²⁸, with recommendations at both the national and local levels. In Ternopil, a study on the housing needs and opportunities for IDPs was conducted²⁹, surveying 1,500 households.

In Poltava, an audit of premises suitable for living and monitoring of partners who could assist with housing renovations were initiated. Attention is focused on the process of transferring housing objects into municipal ownership from deceased estates and converting them into social housing. The issue of using deceased estates for housing IDPs was also considered³⁰ by the IDP Council under the Chernihiv Regional Military Administration.

The IDP Council under the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration addressed the heads of territorial communities and district military administrations to gather information on existing social housing programs and their use for settling IDPs.

A member of the Council for IDPs under the Khmelnytskyi Regional Military Administration drew attention³¹ to the allocation of land plots to rural councils in the region to create a cooperative for housing construction for IDPs.

The focus of the IDP Councils remains on the functioning of temporary housing facilities (hereinafter referred to as THFs). Members of the IDP Council

²⁸ Report on the results of the study of housing programs, including social housing programs for internally displaced persons in Kyiv. URL: https://kyivcity.gov.ua/img/item/general/11047.pdf

²⁹ An extraordinary meeting of the Council for Internally Displaced Persons at the Ternopil Regional Military Administration was held. URL: https://oda.te.gov.ua/news/vidbulos-pozacherhove-zasidannia-rady-z-pytan-vnutrishno-peremishchenykh-osib-pry-ternopilskii-oblasnii-viiskovii-administratsii

³⁰ According to the information specified in the Protocol No. 3 of the meeting of the Council dated September 22, 2023, on the third item on the agenda. URL:

https://upsz.cg.gov.ua/web_docs/1771/2023/09/docs/Протокол%203%20Рада%20ВПО.PDF

³¹ according to the information specified in Protocol No. 4 of the Council meeting dated April 29, 2024, regarding the "miscellaneous" agenda item. URL: https://www.adm-km.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Протокол № 4.pdf

under the Kyiv Regional Military Administration at one of their meetings³² emphasized the current state of THFs: "The living conditions in the THFs of the Bucha district are gradually improving; moreover, new THFs are being opened, indicating attention to the problematic issues of IDPs in the corresponding district." Current issues of THF functioning, including the heating season³³, and the installation of fire alarms³⁴ were discussed by the IDP Council under the Chernihiv Regional Military Administration. Members of the IDP Council involved in humanitarian aid reported the possibility of taking needs into account when forming a request. No other separate decisions were made.

These issues should be seen as examples of problems and approaches to solutions being considered by the IDP Councils. At the same time, some members of the IDP Councils state that housing issues require support at the central level and are ready to provide their expert opinions, while others consider this issue during meetings solely as a reminder to the authorities of the need for quick solutions.

• Facilitating the Integration and Adaptation of IDPs in Host Communities.

This area of work includes providing psychological assistance and access to education, as well as meeting basic needs as a response to challenges, particularly after evacuation.

The IDP Council under the Kyiv City Military Administration drew attention to the fact that attempts by the authorities to equate the needs and living conditions of Kyiv residents and IDPs do not reflect reality and do not solve the issue of integrating IDPs into the community. To this end, they presented the results of a study on "Features of Adaptation and Integration of IDPs in the Kyiv Territorial Community" ³⁵.

In the Zhytomyr region, on the initiative of the IDP Council in cooperation with the NGO "Zhytomyr Volunteer Headquarters," an assessment of the needs of IDPs in the Zhytomyr region was conducted. Relevant questionnaires with QR codes were placed in social protection departments, shopping centers, and

³² according to the information specified in the Protocol of the Council meeting dated December 20, 2023, on the fifth agenda item. URL: https://koda.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/protokol-rady-vpo-20.12.2023.pdf according to the information specified in Protocol No. 2 of the Council meeting dated September 15, 2023, on the second agenda item. URL:

https://upsz.cg.gov.ua/web_docs/1771/2023/09/docs/Протокол%20Ради%20ВПО.PDF

³⁴ according to the information specified in Protocol No. 3 of the Council meeting dated September 22, 2023, on the second agenda item. URL:

https://upsz.cg.gov.ua/web_docs/1771/2023/09/docs/Протокол%203%20Рада%20ВПО.PDF

³⁵ Study "Features of Adaptation and Integration of IDPs in the Kyiv Territorial Community." URL: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1krKbE9hupbDmxiYTv2LQaTMl6UUTjXcmxR1YcfX_LS8/edit?not_in_iframe=true

educational institutions in the region. In the survey³⁶, 1209 displaced persons participated. Needs assessment through surveys for determining further support measures is a common tool used in cooperation with non-governmental organizations. However, some communities may face difficulties organizing the process and understanding the further steps for utilizing the results.

The above should be considered as examples of the IDP Councils' work in this area.

• Individual Work Directions of Communities.

Consideration is given to the appeals of IDPs that are addressed both to the IDP Council and to the authorities. For example, the IDP Council under the Dnipro Regional Military Administration, by its decision ³⁷, requested information about the analytical report on IDP appeals for 2022-2023. The issues raised in the appeals can be considered as topics for discussion at meetings and as a separate area of work. Thus, the IDP Council may take into account the issues that are of particular interest to the IDPs living there. For example, one of the work directions of the IDP Council in Uzhgorod is the issue of children's recreation for IDPs in various formats, including school camps.

• Support for Institutional Capacity.

The IDP Councils pay particular attention to the exchange of experience within regions and support at the regional level, as well as to dialogue formats. For example, the IDP Council under the Rivne Regional Military Administration organizes joint online meetings for the IDP Councils of the Rivne region within the framework of a Dialogue Platform, involving representatives of the authorities, international organizations, and NGOs. Additionally, it is reported that the head of the IDP Council consults with IDPs and community representatives on creating effective IDP Councils in the region.

There is also a practice of participating in meetings. For instance, representatives of the IDP Council under the Cherkasy Regional Military Administration participated ³⁸ in a meeting of the IDP Council under the Zvenyhorod District Administration to establish communication and partnership relations with IDP Councils in Cherkasy region and to adopt positive experience in organizing work. Planned visits to other communities were also made.

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³⁷ according to the information specified in Protocol No. 2 of the Council meeting dated November 17, 2023, on the third agenda item. URL: https://adm.dp.gov.ua/storage/app/media/Gromadskosti/RADA-VPO/radaVPO-protokol2-20231117.pdf

³⁸ according to the information specified in Protocol No. 5 of the Council meeting dated March 27, 2024, on the second agenda item. URL: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kd9zMwRENuUHdmscCS7QgJzgsToMm1e-/view

At the same time, some IDP Councils, particularly at the regional level, appoint persons responsible for monitoring districts and communities. For example, the IDP Council under the Kyiv Regional Military Administration actively monitors the work of the IDP Councils in the region, assessing the current state of issues in the communities. Thus, one of the agenda items³⁹ is to hear the results of monitoring the creation of IDP Councils in communities and the issues being considered by those that are functioning.

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³⁹ according to the information specified in the Protocol of the Council meeting dated December 20, 2023, on the fifth agenda item. URL: https://koda.gov.ua/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/protokol-rady-vpo-20.12.2023.pdf

Conclusions

- 1. **IDP Councils** as advisory bodies under regional, district, and city administrations, as well as local self-government bodies, began to be established en masse after the approval of Resolution No. 812 "On Approval of the Model Regulation on the Council on Internally Displaced Persons" in August 2023. This decision is one of the results of the work of non-governmental organizations aimed at addressing IDP access to local democracy tools, which is reflected in the State Policy Strategy on Internal Displacement until 2025. The creation of IDP Councils is ongoing; however, consolidated information is not fully available.
- 2. The effectiveness of IDP Councils varies and depends on the *nature of their creation* (some IDP Councils were created forcibly), the *systematization of their work* (some IDP Councils may have held only one meeting to elect their members), the *activity and skills of their members* (for most, this is unpaid work outside their primary employment, which is often unrelated to their role as a Council member), *available resources* (the ability to conduct strategic sessions, involve a communications expert in their work), and *interaction with the bodies under which they were established* (Councils may not be perceived as a necessary or priority tool for interaction). Financial, methodological, informational, and other types of support for IDP Councils continue to be provided by international and national non-governmental organizations. However, their resources are limited.
- 3. The activities of IDP Councils are effective at the community and regional levels, where most efforts are concentrated, considering the capacities of the bodies under which they are established. Representation at the national level is carried out through the participation of regional IDP Council representatives in the activities of the Coordination Headquarters on IDP issues. Inter-level interaction, aimed at directing efforts to address needs identified at the local level, needs improvement, taking into account existing experience and with a particular focus on small communities.
- 4. **Information about the activities of IDP Councils** on the official websites of the bodies under which they are established is not adequately provided. Decisions on establishment, information on the date, time, and place of meetings, the composition, protocols, and reports may be missing.
- 5. **There is a practice** of defining the areas of activity of IDP Councils through the development and approval of documents that regulate their activities (e.g., Activity Plans) for a certain period. Most efforts are directed towards areas such as promoting employment and

- entrepreneurship, including support for relocated businesses, facilitating housing provision, promoting integration and adaptation in communities, and supporting institutional capacity.
- 6. **Despite the defined list of tasks and tools**, IDP Councils demonstrate different approaches to solving similar problems. The practice of creating thematic working groups is common. It is important to consider the nature of IDP Council activities specifically as advisory bodies. This is necessary to avoid inflated expectations from their activities and the assignment of non-characteristic functions.

Appendix No. 1. Functioning of Regional IDP Councils

Region	Decision on Establishment	Availability of Information on the Website	Composition	Areas of Work	Decisions
Vinnytsia	Established by Order No. 1158 dated August 29, 2023, "On the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Regional Military Administration"	In the "Council on Internally Displaced Persons" section on the official website, general information about the grounds for establishment, composition, tasks, and powers is available. Information on decisions and protocols is absent.	18 persons according to the Composition.	No information	No information
Volyn	Established. The text of the decision is absent from the official website.	Information in the section for the "Regional State Administration and the Public," where information about the Public Council, Youth Councils, and the Council on Veterans' Affairs is posted, is absent. Some news (about meetings, convocations) is posted in the "Department of Social and Veterans Policy" section. Information on the establishment of the IDP Council is available in one of the materials posted on the website.	No information on the official website.	No published decisions or strategic plans of the IDP Council based on which areas of work can be identified. The available informational materials indicate the systematization of problems faced by IDPs for the development of further work areas.	Meetings are held quarterly. Other information is absent.
Dnipropetrovsk	Established by the Order of the Head of the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration No. 333/0/527-23 dated 14.09.2023 "On the	Information about the Council is available in the section "Advisory, Consultative and Public Bodies of the Regional State Administration" via a Link . The page contains information on the establishment, protocols.	18 persons, the composition is determined by the order with changes.	Areas of work are defined by the Strategic Work Plan, namely: (1) facilitating the organization of comprehensive psychological assistance	2 meetings were held. The last meeting took place on November 17, 2023.

	establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Dnipropetrovsk Regional Military Administration and approval of its regulations"	The Council also has a Facebook page.		to IDPs; (2) facilitating the development of entrepreneurship among IDPs; (3) facilitating the provision of permanent and temporary housing for IDPs; (4) facilitating the employment of IDPs; (5) facilitating the realization of IDPs' right to education; (6) facilitating the integration and adaptation of IDPs in host communities; (7) strengthening the capacity of the IDP Council and enhancing its effectiveness.	
Donetsk	Order of the Head of the Donetsk Regional State Administration, Head of the Regional Military Administration dated 29.08.2023 No. 413/5-23 "On the establishment of the Council on IDPs under the Donetsk Regional State Administration, Regional Military Administration"	Information is posted in the "Advisory Bodies" section via a link. Published are regulations, composition, and documents. The Facebook page is effectively inactive.	IDPs and 3 representatives of NGOs. The Head of the	1	November 2023, in which the leadership

Zelemetic	Established by the Order of the Head of Zhytomyr Regional Military Administration Vitaliy Bunechko dated August 30, 2023, No. 392, creating the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Zhytomyr Regional Military Administration	A separate page, particularly in the "Advisory Bodies" section, is absent. Information is mostly posted in the news section. For example, material about a Council meeting.	11 IDPs, 7 NGO representatives involved in IDP issues, and 6 representatives of relevant structural units of the Regional Military Administration.	and protection of internally displaced persons. (2) Development of humanitarian aid programs to meet the basic needs of IDPs, such as housing, food, medical care. (3) Development of social and economic reintegration strategies to improve living conditions and stabilize the situation for IDPs. (4) Promoting dialogue and cooperation, involving stimulating dialogue between the authorities, civil society, and IDPs to resolve conflicts and improve living conditions; (5) Promoting partnerships with international and non-governmental organizations to obtain support and resources. (6) Education development and support for self-sufficiency.	3 meetings extraordinary were held.	and 4 sessions
Zakarpattia	Established by Order	A separate section is available	18 persons, including 6	No information. A	The protocol	of one

	No. 780 dated September 1, 2023, "On the Council on Internally Displaced Persons"	via a link. Contains information about the composition, activities (no data), materials, regulations, contacts, and announcements. The IDP Council also has a Facebook page available via a link.	Regional State Administration, 9 IDPs, and 3 NGO	proposal to hold a strategic session was approved.	meeting dated 06.09.2023 is available via a link.
Zaporizhzhia	Announcement about the formation of the Council is available via a link. Established by the Order of the Head of the Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration, Head of the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration dated 27.09.2023 No. 536	A separate section on the website is absent. Some announcements, such as a meeting notice, are available. The Facebook page is available via a link.	18 persons according to the Composition.	Among the issues considered: assessment of the integration of IDPs into host territorial communities, communication strategies, and cooperation of the Council with civil society organizations and other advisory bodies, research on local IDP support programs. Also, working groups have been created under the Council, namely: (1) implementation of IDPs' right to housing; (2) ensuring the functioning of temporary accommodation for IDPs; (3) facilitating effective humanitarian response; (4) implementation of IDPs' right to education; (5) facilitating psychosocial	Information about 2 meetings is available, but their protocols are absent.

				support projects for IDPs; (6) corporate communications.	
Ivano-Frankivsk	Established by Order No. 333 dated August 31, 2023, "On the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Ivano- Frankivsk Regional State (Military) Administration"	is available in the "Information for Internally Displaced	Council's chair is an	The main tasks of the Council include promoting the social protection of IDPs, their employment, housing provision, psychosocial, medical, and legal assistance, etc. Additionally, 5 working groups are functioning: (1) support for IDPs on issues related to health care - issues of education and cultural integration; (2) housing issues and infrastructure; (3) social protection; (4) realization of IDPs in professional activities, socialization and adaptation to employment; (5) communication with charitable and public organizations, information work, media coverage of activities.	Information on meetings is absent.
Kyiv Region	Established by the	The "Council on Internally	18 persons according to	The main areas of work	6 meetings were held,

	Order of the Kyiv Regional Military Administration dated August 31, 2023, No. 869 "On the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Kyiv Regional Military Administration"	Displaced Persons" page is available in the "Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" section of the website. The page contains information on the composition, legal framework, protocols.	the Composition.	are defined in the Strategic Plan. Among them: (1) facilitating increased funding for housing programs for IDPs, expanding existing and approving new tools to address IDP housing issues; (2) promoting the development of employment support programs for IDPs; (3) strengthening and enhancing the organizational capacity of the IDP Council; (4) Cultural integration of IDPs into host communities.	the protocols of which are published via a <u>link</u> .
Kyiv City	Order of the Kyiv City Military Administration dated August 30, 2023, No. 667 "On the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Kyiv City Military Administration"	The "Council on Internally Displaced Persons" page is available in the "Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" section of the website. The page contains information on the composition, legal framework, protocols.			5 meetings were held, and the protocols are published at the provided <u>link</u> .

				relocated businesses, and a housing policy program for IDPs in Kyiv. A Strategy, which is an Appendix to the meeting protocols, has been approved. A working group has been established for monitoring housing, education, and medical services for IDPs. A study on housing provision, adaptation, and integration has also been presented.	
Kirovohrad	Created by the Order of the Head of the Kirovohrad Regional State Administration dated August 14, 2023, "On the working group for the formation of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Kirovohrad Regional State Administration".	The "Regulations and Composition of the Council on IDP Affairs" are posted in the "Information for IDPs" section. Other information is not available.	22 people according to the Composition.	No information available.	No information available.
Luhansk	The Council under the Luhansk Regional State Administration was the first to be created in Ukraine	,	-	Key directions include mechanisms for appointing and paying housing assistance to IDPs, implementing	Fragmentary information on meetings is available. The site specifies dates of meetings in 2023. At

	back in 2020. In 2023, it was updated and brought in line with the Model Regulation on the Council on IDPs by Order dated September 4, 2023, No. 182 "On the creation of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Regional State Administration".	information, and legal regulations.		measures from the Council's Strategy, social adaptation, and creating favorable conditions for the full life of displaced persons in new communities.	least one meeting was publicly known to have been held in 2024.
Lviv	The Council has been created. The decision has not been published.	The "Council on IDPs" section is available in the "Transparent Governance" block on the main page. However, the section only contains a notice about its formation.	the composition	A two-year strategic work plan has been approved, and working groups have been formed to implement the strategic plan. Four strategic goals were identified: promoting the integration and adaptation of IDPs in the communities that have received them, promoting employment for IDPs, assisting in providing permanent and temporary housing for IDPs, and strengthening the capacity of regional IDP Councils and the effectiveness of their activities.	Decisions have not been published.

Mykolaiv	No information availab	le.			
Odesa	Created by Order dated September 22, 2023, No. 748/A-2023 "On the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Odesa Regional State (Military) Administration".	decision to establish the Council,	20 members according to the Composition.	The activity directions are defined in the 2023-2024 Work Plan, including assisting in organizing needs assessments for IDPs in communities (Q1-Q2 2024), helping to resolve housing rights issues through housing program analysis, consultations, and monitoring. The results have not been presented. A commission on housing issues and temporary accommodation for IDPs has also been established.	4 meetings were held according to the data on the official website of the RSA. A notice about the Council meeting on July 16, 2024, is available.
Poltava	Created by the Order of the Poltava Regional State (Military) Administration dated August 25, 2023, No. 565 "On the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Poltava Regional State (Military)	The "Council on IDPs under the Poltava RMA" section is available in the "Information Assistance for IDPs" thematic section on the Poltava RMA portal. The information is limited and concerns only the composition and general information about the Council.	The official composition includes representatives from RMA departments/offices/ser vices, NGOs (3), and, by agreement, representatives from IDP Councils at district administrations and city councils.		Information is only available in some news reports.

	Administration".			priorities. A revision of premises suitable for living and monitoring of charitable organizations that could assist in repairing this housing were initiated (data not publicly available).	
Rivne	Created by the Order of the Head of the Regional State Administration - Head of the Regional Military Administration dated September 1, 2023, "On the Council on IDPs under the Rivne Regional State Administration - Rivne Regional Military Administration".	The "Information for IDPs" block is available in the "Topical" section of the portal, containing information about the Council's Composition and Regulations. The Council's Facebook page is available via a provided link.	22 people according to the Composition.		website contains only individual news, such as

				the provided housing meeting all standards.	
Sumy	Order dated January 11, 2024, No. 11-OD "On the approval of the Regulations on the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Sumy Regional State Administration".	to IDPs" section - not available. A Facebook page is available,	Information is not availa	ble.	
Ternopil	Created by the Order of the Head of the Military Administration dated December 28, 2023, No. 768/01.02-01 "On the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Ternopil Regional Military Administration". Previously, the Council was created by a decision dated February 3, 2023.	Information in the "Information for IDPs" section - not available.	27 people according to the Composition determined by the order. Members of the Council include deputies/members of councils of cities/town councils on IDP issues, as well as coordinating councils on IDP issues.	extraordinary meeting on April 24, 2024, a study on the housing needs and opportunities of IDPs in the Ternopil region, involving 1,500	Information is only available about the extraordinary meeting on April 24, 2024.
Kharkiv	The creation of the Council has been reported. The corresponding decision is not available on the	The "Council on IDPs" section contains only information about the selection of members for the Council on IDPs.	Information is not available.	Information is not available.	An <u>informational</u> message about the first meeting of the Council on IDPs is available.

	official website.				
Kherson	Created by the Order of the Head of the Regional Military Administration dated October 16, 2023, No. 655 "On the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Kherson Regional State (Military) Administration".	Information in the "Advisory Bodies" section - not available. Information is also unavailable in other sections on the website.	18 members according to the Composition defined by the Order of the Head of the Regional Military Administration dated October 29, 2023, No. 680 "On the approval of the composition of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Kherson Regional State (Military) Administration".	Information is not available on official resources.	Information is not available on official resources.
Khmelnytskyi	Created by the Order of the Khmelnytskyi Regional Military Administration dated September 8, 2023, No. 754/2023-p "On the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Khmelnytskyi Regional State Administration (Regional Military Administration)"	Protocols of the Council on IDPs are available in the "Information for Internally Displaced Persons" section of the website. Other information is not available.	18 people according to the Composition.	Work directions are defined by the Strategic Plan of the Council on IDPs, which was approved by the decision on February 29, 2024. The text of the Plan is not published.	4 meetings, the protocols of which are published at the provided link.
Cherkasy	Created by the Order of the Cherkasy Regional Military Administration dated	The "Council on IDPs" section is available on the "Cherkasy Regional Contact Center" website and contains general	18 people according to the Composition.	The Strategic Plan defines 3 main work directions: (1) promoting the	5 meetings, the protocols of which are available at the provided link . Regular meetings

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	September 19, 2023,			realization of civil and	are held quarterly.
	No. 754/2023-p "On			political rights of IDPs,	
	the Council on	legal framework, and meeting		involvement in the	
	Internally Displaced	protocols.		development and	
	Persons under the			monitoring of regulatory	
	Cherkasy Regional			acts, (2) promoting the	
	State Administration"			protection of rights and	
				interests of IDPs in	
				terms of social	
				protection, housing,	
				employment,	
				psychosocial, medical,	
				and legal assistance, and	
				(3) promoting the	
				activities of territorial	
				communities in	
				developing effective	
				mechanisms for the	
				adaptation and	
				integration of IDPs.	
				Directions are defined	
				by the Strategic Plan of	
				the Council, as outlined	
				in the Decision of	
				January 10, 2024.	
				Additionally, a Working	
				Group with the	
				involvement of district	
				councils has been	
				established to facilitate	
				the creation of councils	
				at the community level.	
Chernivtsi	Created by the Order	The "Council on IDPs under the	48 people according to	One of the defined	2 meetings, the
	of the Chernivtsi	Regional State Administration"	the <u>Composition</u> .	work directions is the	protocols of which are

		composition of the Council, legal framework, meeting protocols, council plan, and		development of a Comprehensive Support and Integration Program for IDPs and others affected by the war for 2024. The Program was approved by the Order of the Chernivtsi Regional Military Administration on December 14, 2023, No. 1285-p. The involvement of the Council on IDPs is not known.	link. The last meeting took place on November
Chernihiv	August 25, 2023, No. 583 "On the establishment of the	Displaced Persons" section is available on the website of the Department of Social Protection of the Population via the provided <u>link</u> . The section contains legal acts on the establishment and protocols by	the <u>approved</u> Composition with a subsequent increase to 26 people. The regulation of the Council <u>was amended</u> to	been approved, defining 4 directions: housing assistance, employment, informing about rights and opportunities, and organizational	available at the provided link . The last meeting took place on May 15,