

# Donation Campaign puts Energy Resources in Local Hands

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**Eastern UKRAINE** | First, it was a railway substation, explains Mayor Mykola Shevchenko, then a privately run solar power plant. There is a long list of critical infrastructure that's been targeted and destroyed since the 2022 Russian invasion began. Shevchenko's home in eastern Ukraine is close to the frontline. The 57-year-old's name has been changed; local leaders in this part of the country walk a fine line between reassuring their communities that services will continue and becoming targets.

## LOCAL LEADERS KNOW LOCAL NEEDS

Before the invasion, Shevchenko and other local actors were developing long-term plans to ensure economic stability and energy security in this coal-producing region. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, had already been working closely with communities in Shevchenko's area as part of their Project "Supporting structural change in Ukrainian's coal regions". Using these local relationships, immediate needs in communities could be quickly addressed when the war started and the power went out. Ukraine's Ministry of Energy (MinEnergO) asked Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) for emergency aid for its energy sector.

***The Donation Campaign for the Ukrainian Energy Sector was created to get vital energy equipment from German companies to Ukraine. Nearly 8,000 goods have been donated and reached nearly half a million people. It is implemented by GIZ under the umbrella of the German-Ukrainian Energy Partnership (EP) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of Germany (BMWK).***

## COMMUNITY PRIORITIZES HEALTHCARE

While Shevchenko monitors the damage caused by attacks, he can also list how the Donation Campaign has helped his city. In 2023, the City Council safeguarded the power supply for the Central District Hospital. With 48 solar panels and a 6 kV transformer from the Donation Campaign, over 5,800 patients and hospital employees have uninterrupted power – essential for the continuous operation of medical equipment, emergency and surgical services, and overall patient care and safety.

<https://www.energypartnership-ukraine.org/tr/energy-institutions-in-ukraine-initiative/>

## Implementing community energy security projects with the German-Ukrainian Energy Partnership



## DONATION CAMPAIGN

2022–2024



7950

DONATED  
ENERGY GOODS



+300

TRANSFORMERS



500 K

PEOPLE IN  
COMMUNITIES HELPED