

# SSTS & UNOPS in Ukraine

State Special Transport Service  
United Nations Office for Project Services





# A first step to recovery and reconstruction

Potentially contaminated:

**139,060 km<sup>2</sup>**

**25% of Ukrainian land**

# UNOPS Global expertise



Active programmes  
Closed programmes



# SSTS Team Structure

Currently the **primary branch of MoD** operational in Humanitarian Mine Action activities

Structure of the State Special Transport Service in Mine Action:

- **One Demining Brigade and Four Demining Battalions**
- **Training Center**
- **Demining Center** in Dnipro, certified for humanitarian demining
- **Mine Action Center**, *planning, organizing and coordinating* performance of certified mine action operators nationwide



## SSTS Overview

The largest formation  
in demining Ukraine, conducted  
54% of all demining in 2024

- **1 brigade** formed
- **4 demining battalions** formed
- **1 underwater demining company**
- **3000 sappers** trained
- **Over 250** in training

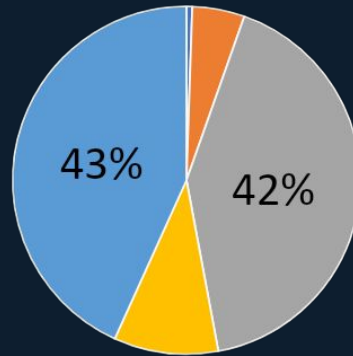
In 2025-2026, SSTS will establish  
**1 more underwater demining  
company**, total demining personnel  
will **exceed 5000**

# SSTS Efficiency

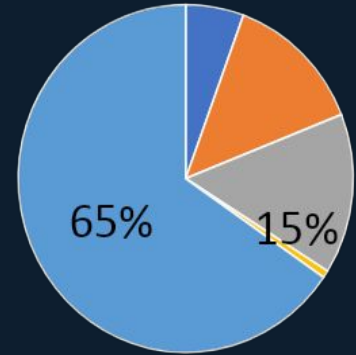
SSTS is responsible for

- **43% of all** Explosive Ordnance Disposal conducted
- **65% of all area** surveyed

**Explosive  
Ordnance Disposal**



**Non-Technical and  
Technical Survey**



# Shared Direction

The Ukrainian State is an **equal partner** in this collaboration, both practically and financially, covering:

- Running costs
- Salaries of trainees
- Fuel
- Housing costs



# Capacity Building

The most sustainable solution to contamination of this scale is **building the capacity of the Ukrainian government** through:



**Trainin  
g**



**Infrastructur  
e**



**Equipment**



**Mentoring**



## Project Overview

**National Partner:** State Special Transport Service of Ukraine (SSTS)

**Donor:** Government of the Netherlands

**Core project activities:** Train and equip

**Timeframe:** 22 months

**Budget:** \$15 million

# UNOPS Team Organization

## **Explosive Threat Management Team (ETM) New York HQ**

- Pools of experts in ETM (mine action and weapons ammunition management)

## **Explosive Threat Management Team Ukraine**

- Ukrainian and international EOD and medical instructors currently delivering training and mentoring in Ukrainian language

## **Infrastructure and Procurement Ukraine**

- Engineers delivering reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in Ukraine
- Procurement team handling large-scale procurements

# Oversight and Methodology

- Project Board oversight
- Project Board made up of SSTs, the Dutch donor, UNOPS
- Procurement, competitive tendering
- MV10 DOK-ING procurement
- Multi-year training/mentoring



# Training/Mentoring

- **Holistic training** to ensure unified understanding through chain of command
- Focus on '**train the trainer**' ensures sustainability of investment
- Delivery to international and national **mine action standards**
- **UNOPS in-house expertise:** 36 Mine Action Content Areas/Course
- SSTS requires expertise in **advanced training** (EOD 2, 3, 3+)
- **Flexibility and scalability:** contracts are multi-year, scalable, include surge options and are open to amendment or cancellation
- Strong existing network of **pre-approved training suppliers**





**Thank you**