

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The USAID RADA: Next Generation Program is a five-year initiative (2021-2026) implemented by Internews-Ukraine and financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Program's main goal is to help the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (VRU) to be a modern, efficient, and open institution for the benefit of Ukraine's democratic development.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Improve constituent participation in legislative processes and engagement between MPs and their constituents
2. Strengthen the VRU's legislative and analytical capacity
3. Introduce technological and innovative solutions into the Parliament's work ("digital transformation") and communication

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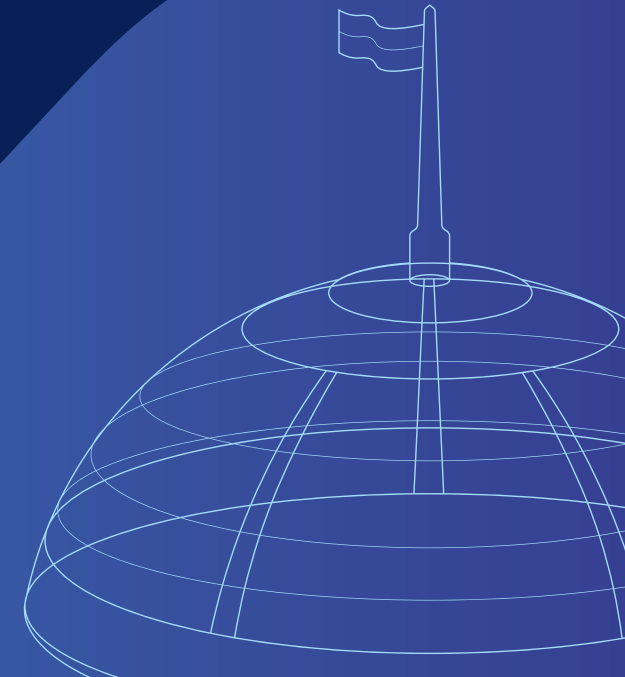
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USAID RADA: NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT IN UKRAINE'S CONSTITUENCIES

cooperation of Ukrainian MPs with their counterparts from world parliaments



PROJECT GOAL

In 2022, the USAID RADA: Next Generation Program initiated its **Peer-to-Peer Support in Constituencies Project to build strong partnerships between Ukrainian MPs and members of other parliaments** in order to address challenges brought by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

WARTIME CHALLENGES

Ukrainian MPs had to rapidly design and implement new models of interactions with their constituents to help people cope with their problems and explain legal changes caused by the introduction of martial law.

Constituencies and MPs have faced different problems and challenges depending on their wartime conditions and where they are in the country:

- **Occupied territories:** green corridors, repression of the local population, violence, marauding, access to information, access to resources, damaged and destroyed property and infrastructure, business operations, business relocation
- **Territories with active fighting:** green corridors, high risk to life and limb for local residents, damaged and destroyed property and infrastructure, access to resources and humanitarian aid, access to information
- **De-occupied territories:** demining, high risk to life and limb for local residents, damaged and destroyed property and infrastructure, access to resources and humanitarian aid, work of business
- **Relatively quiet and safe territories:** IDPs, access to resources and humanitarian aid, infrastructure, administrative services and procedures, legal aid, business relocation

PROJECT MODEL

Two members of parliaments (Ukrainian and foreign) establish a partnership in which foreign colleagues assist Ukrainian MPs in working to help solve constituent issues during and after the war.

This bridge approach ensures Ukrainian MPs' collaboration with their international counterparts to communicate with and take care of their constituents who were forced to temporarily leave Ukraine due to the war.

THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 1 to establish and strengthen ties between Ukrainian MPs and their voters by getting strategic advice from international counterparts;
- 2 to ensure immediate inter-parliament assistance to constituencies during wartime that can contribute to solving the humanitarian crisis, bringing investment opportunities, and establishing business cooperation in constituencies;
- 3 to develop wartime and post-war economic and social policies at the national and international levels;
- 4 to learn and implement best international practices of the work in constituencies during and after the war.



PORTFOLIO OF UKRAINIAN MPs

All Ukrainian MPs were invited to participate in the Project. **More than 20 Ukrainian MPs from 10 different regions of Ukraine** have already expressed high interest in the initiative and international cooperation*.

WE CALL ON FOREIGN MPS TO JOIN THE INITIATIVE AND SUPPORT THEIR UKRAINIAN COLLEAGUES AND THEIR CONSTITUENTS IN THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT OF UKRAINE'S HISTORY.



You can learn more about these Ukrainian MPs, their constituencies, and areas and ideas for cooperation in our visit cards.

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