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Memorandum of Cooperation signed to support economic and social recovery in Ukrainian communities

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As Ukraine looks towards inclusive recovery, the country faces new demands that require responsiveness and innovation. This includes bringing Ukrainians home and ensuring their communities have a working inclusive economy, public services, and social supports. The country's new Ministry of Recovery took the next step in addressing this challenge today.

Oleksandr Kubrakov, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration and Minister of Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine, signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with Tawnia Sanford Ammar, Alinea International's Field Director for the SURGe Program. SURGe is the Support to Ukraine's Reforms for Governance Program, funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by Alinea. Larisa Galadza, Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, was present to witness the signing ceremony, formalizing this important partnership.

The agreement signed today outlines collaboration to support the Government of Ukraine in extending its capacity to respond to the needs of its citizens as it embarks on its early recovery process.

“In too many of our communities, the Russian attacks forced citizens to flee their homes and livelihoods,” said Deputy Prime Minister Kubrakov. “We need to help our communities restore themselves, their economies and ensure social protection. These conditions are essential to support successful resettlement. Thanks to this project, we expect that war-affected communities will receive the tools and necessary expertise to attract financing, launch and support reconstruction projects.”

In February 2023, Deputy Prime Minister Kubrakov requested assistance from Alinea to help local governments design inclusive recovery projects based on citizen needs identified at the community level, starting with the most damaged communities in Ukraine, and at the same time, develop tools and methodologies to eventually help all communities assess their recovery needs.

“Recovery will be undertaken community by community,” said Sanford Ammar who has been living and working in Ukraine for nearly 15 years. “We are supporting communities in identifying the most pressing needs of their citizens, so they can determine their priorities in implementing recovery projects that directly respond to their needs.”

As the Ministry undertakes this process, the Alinea team will help the Ministry identify and represent the needs of all Ukrainians as the Government of Ukraine begins work with international partners on the economic and social recovery of communities damaged by the war.

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