



FIRST STEEL UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

As part of Rinat Akhmetov's Steel Front initiative, Metinvest has engineered and delivered Ukraine's first underground medical stabilisation centre for the Ministry of Defence.

Conceived and built in close coordination with the medical forces group "East", the facility brings NATO Role 2 capabilities to the front line, where rapid intervention is critical to survival.

The hospital is formed from six enlarged steel bunkers – each 7.6 metres long and 2.5 metres in diameter – redesigned by Metinvest's engineers to perform as a cohesive, hardened medical unit. The project covered fabrication, installation and full fit-out.

Positioned below ground to minimise the risk of damage from shelling, the complex is protected by reinforced steel walls, electronic-warfare jamming and alternative power supplies. Inside, it matches civilian intensive-care standards, enabling surgeons to stabilise and treat the wounded before evacuation.

Essential utilities – ventilation, water, drainage and power – are integrated within the structure, ensuring continuous operation even under attack. During construction, strict camouflage and security protocols were used to safeguard both personnel and the project timeline.

By transforming its own "hideout" bunker technology into a purpose-built medical hub, Metinvest has demonstrated how industrial expertise can address urgent defence and humanitarian needs. The underground hospital is already saving lives daily and exemplifies the Group's commitment to protecting Ukraine's defenders while strengthening community resilience.



Inside the first steel underground hospital.