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Anastasiia Perepelitsia is a Ukrainian humanitarian expert, dialogue facilitator, and specialist on internal displacement with more than 10 years of experience working with war-affected and displaced communities across Ukraine. Originally from Donbas and internally displaced since 2014, she combines professional and lived experience in the areas of forced displacement, social cohesion, and community resilience.

Anastasiia currently serves as the Head of the IDP Council under the Zaporizhzhia Regional Military Administration — one of Ukraine's frontline regions, which continues to live under constant security threats, shelling, evacuations, and large-scale internal

displacement. She was also among the initiators of establishing the IDP Council in the city of Zaporizhzhia in 2020.

Her work focuses on strengthening the meaningful participation of internally displaced persons (IDPs), women, and local communities in humanitarian response, local governance, recovery, peacebuilding, and democratic governance processes. Anastasia has extensive experience facilitating dialogue between communities, authorities, and civil society actors, with a particular focus on women's leadership, trauma-informed facilitation, and community engagement in frontline regions.

In her work, she pays special attention to strengthening women's participation in local decision-making and supporting women-led initiatives in war-affected communities. She works at the intersection of humanitarian response, local governance, and the development of participation mechanisms for communities affected by war.

Through her work with women's initiatives, IDP councils, and local governance mechanisms, Anastasia promotes an approach in which displaced women are viewed not only as recipients of humanitarian assistance, but also as active contributors to resilience, recovery, and institutional change in Ukraine.