

Ukraine Conflict | ACT Appeal UKR211

Name of ACT member: Hungarian Interchurch Aid

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Highlights

Please list 5 key points that you want to communicate to ACT Alliance network

- Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) has had a permanent presence in Ukraine for more than 20 years. **It is officially registered in Kiev and operates as a Ukraine-wide organisation.** In addition to Zakarpattia, HIA has carried out significant humanitarian and development work in 10 counties of Ukraine directly assisting over 578,000 people.
- **HIA started** implementing an emergency program for IDPs in Ukraine within the **ACT Alliance Appeal (Emergency Assistance to Refugees from Eastern Ukraine in Russia & Ukraine – UKR151)** on January 01, 2015. The **assistance has continued under the UKR152 appeal** (Emergency Assistance to Refugees from Eastern Ukraine in Russia & Ukraine – UKR152), in 2016-2017, under the **UKR161 Appeal** and finally in the **2017-18 UKR171 Appeal**. In the aftermath of the armed conflict that started in 2014, the HIA launched emergency assistance programmes, with direct assistance to more than 65,000 people in 543 municipalities. In February 2022 HIA started to support the war affected population in Ukraine and providing aid in different sectors to IDPs in Western Ukraine and refugees in Hungary through its offices in Lviv, Beregovo and thorough partner organizations in 10 regions of Ukraine.
- HIA has a long-standing experience in Ukraine, build up a **nationwide network with local partners**, furthermore is well accepted in the Ukrainian civil society and among government authorities.
- The Hungarian Interchurch Aid has become one of the largest charitable organisations in Hungary. It operates **50 social and protection institutions** with **314 employees in 24 municipalities**, providing **33 different services** and **implemented aid programmes in more than 50 countries all over the world**. In order to support people in need, the organisation operates **5 logistical bases** in different parts of the country.
- HIA's humanitarian response **complements responses already being provided by private citizen groups and local authorities in Western Ukraine**, who continue to play an important role in service delivery. Conflict and displacement dynamics remain highly fluid and assistance provided is adapted to move as conflict lines and displacement trends change.

Situation Overview

Please give a short overview of the overall situation (security, number of IDPs/Refugees, economic) in the countries where you are responding

As of 31 March, 4,102,876 people are estimated to have fled Ukraine and 6,5 million IDPs are in need of humanitarian response. The vast majority of the displaced are women, girls and boys. Some will be staying in neighbouring countries; many more are likely to continue their journey onwards to Western Europe and elsewhere. The number of refugees crossing the Hungarian border is 374,535 (as of 31 March). Authorities to provide assistance to those arriving to Hungary and inform on measures to apply for asylum and temporary protection have established collection and help points. Shelters and reception centres have been launched across parts of the country where refugees arriving from

Ukraine are referred to short-term accommodation in government-run facilities or with volunteer networks. Humanitarian actors and public authorities present at border crossing points and urban areas are closely coordinating to provide assistance and services, including advice on temporary housing, transportation, and legal counselling.

In Lviv, while multiple air raid alarms have sounded daily, there have been no reported strikes this week (28 March – 1 April). This could change as more military and other supplies enter the country and begin to ramp up with new systems. It has been noted that previous strikes on Lviv facilities happened over the weekends. A reorganisation of Russian forces is underway after they stated they were complete with phase one and would reduce around Kyiv and the northern areas. The expectation is that they will reassign these forces and efforts to the Donbas region.

Appeal Financing

Please fill out information on Funds Received. ACT Secretariat will fill out the information on Pledges.

Funds Received

- **Update to be confirmed**

Pledges

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Total ACT Response

Please provide topline information of your current response such as number of people already reached indicating the areas, planned interventions, type of assistance. For example: HIA provided hygiene kits in Lviv, Beregovo, and Budapest for 500 persons

Please provide details on all activities (ACT Appeal and non-appeal funded) for ACT members information about our Total ACT response.

The key actions carried out by HIA and its local partners from the onset of the crisis by 1st of April, 2022 include (focusing Week 13):

- Purchasing and transporting of 463 metric tons food, essential non-food items and medical equipment so far to Zakarpattia, Lviv, Ternopil, Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts;
- HIA as ACT Alliance member is now on the strategic advisory group (SAG) for the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster;
- In Hungry:
 - In BOK arena (Budapest) over the last week caring for 2.470 refugees and ensuring a safe environment with humanitarian aid and information service;
 - Accommodating 501 refugees, two thirds of them are women, in community shelters and private accommodations in the capital and in countryside;
 - Continuing collaboration with the Lutheran Church in restoration support and provision of immediate aid to 12 community shelters;
- In Ukraine:
 - In Zakarpattia oblast food and essential non-food items were distributed to 117 shelters in Berehove, Uzhhorod, Rakhiv, Mukachevo rayons, including 24 hromadas reaching out

- 12.675 people in March with 28 metric tons food, 11,5 metric tons hygiene products, 1,7 metric tons children items;
- In Zakarpattia oblast HIA provided material support (for e.g. refrigerators, gas/electric stove, boilers, washing machines, WiFi routers) for 13 community shelters so far as emergency restoration support and to strengthen their response capacity;
 - Between 28 March – 1 April, 76 metric tons food and hygiene items were delivered to Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Beregovo following the expansion of HIA’s partnership network and presence shifted eastwards in Ukraine;
 - HIA is now considered as a main cash-partner by the Lviv Government, and have thus exclusive access to data collection; household surveys being developed for cash delivery.
 - Lviv office so far reached out a total number of 2.677 IDPs with food and hygiene items distribution in 8 community shelters;
 - In Zaporizhzhia, HIA’s strategic partner, the Charity Foundation “Santis”, already launched its humanitarian response by composing food packages to 300 families with the help of 15 volunteers. In addition, Santis supported the Trade Union Committee of the Municipal Transport Vehicle Fleet with provision of humanitarian assistance – with another 300 sets – to the families of those drivers who are involved in the evacuation of residents from Mariupol, Berdyansk and associated villages. Furthermore, 600 hygiene sets were composed. Aid distribution is planned for 60-80 households on 1 April, and on 4 April distribution of the second batch of goods (300 sets of food products) will follow for residents of cities like Pologi, Zaporozhye, Gulyai-Polya;
 - Also in Zaporizhzhia, the Charity Foundation “Zlatograd”, HIA’s new implementing partner procured food and hygiene products for 500 households, and already contacted by social departments of municipalities of Nikopol, Sinelnikovo and Marganets hromadas to provide humanitarian assistance to 300 households who are refugees from Volnovakha, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Gornyak;
 - HIA’s another strategic partner with whom has been working on issues like gender-based violence is the NGO "League of Socially Responsible Women". Kherson based League has relocated its HQ to Cherkasy with suitable warehouse capacity, and started its capacity building, needs assessment activity furthermore provision of psychological and legal support for IDPs in Cherkasy and Poltava regions;
 - In Ivano-Frankivsk, HIA’s key partner, the Non-Governmental Organisation "Social Center "Etalon", started needs assessments and developed materials for mobile groups in order to provide legal and psychological assistance for IDPs; furthermore continued to equip its warehouse and to develop IDPS database.

Thus far these efforts have reached **35,302** people since the beginning of the crisis, providing emergency access to basic food and non-food items, information, shelter, WASH and health support, protection and links to transportation services.

The programme is implemented by 84 HIA staff members in Hungary and 25 in Ukraine.

ACT Appeal Please provide a programme update under the relevant sectors below

Implementing partner	Country	In country site	Sector	Achieved targets In reporting period (#beneficiaries)	Cumulative Achieved targets (#beneficiaries <u>direct</u> /indirect)	Within appeal /outside of appeal

				direct/ indirect)		
HIA	Ukraine		FSL	5588	23113	11556/11557
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	2679	13056	6528/6528
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	600	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter	19	81	outside
HIA	Ukraine		C/FP	25	25	outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	2724	6408	3204/3204
HIA	Hungary		Shelter	501	1798	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	2724	4453	2226/2227
HIA	Hungary		C/FP	107	2329	outside
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	50	847	outside

*2677 people received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine

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FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

C/FP – Child/Family Protection

H&N – Health & Nutrition

Sitrep completed by (name & job title):

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