

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 more than **100 different services** and **implemented aid programmes in more than 40 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 07 April, 4,382,316 people are estimated to have fled Ukraine; a further 7.1 million people have been displaced internally within the country. The number of refugees crossing the Hungarian border is 408,652. Some 13 million people are estimated to be stranded in affected areas or unable to leave due to heightened security risks, destruction of bridges and roads, as well as lack of resources or information on where to find safety and accommodation.

Updates from the ground where HIA has operative presence:

IDPs are arriving to *Cherkasy oblast* from Kyiv and Kharkiv oblasts, also some heavily affected settlements in southern Ukraine. Usually these IDPs are evacuated by oblast military administrations, on their own vehicles or by foot. IDPs are usually taken to the Cherkasy city humanitarian center. There they are provided with primary pre-medical consulting assistance and some basic humanitarian assistance. Then IDPs are sent for resettlement - usually in dormitories. Some are accepted at houses of locals. In total, there are about 63,000 IDPs in Cherkasy oblast.

In Poltava oblast the evacuation algorithm is the same. Except that, the majority of IDPs come from Sumy, Chernihiv and Kharkiv oblasts. There are about 50,000-60,000 IDPs in Poltava oblast.

There are more than 0,5 million IDPs in *Ivano-Frankivsk oblast* (of them, only around 120,000 are officially registered). HIA with its local partner concentrate humanitarian activities on smaller settlements in the oblast that have also accepted a large number of IDPs (for a long-term stay), but do not have that much attention in terms of humanitarian aid. Among them are orphanages who suffered in basements for weeks under shelling and are in dire need of psychological support.

There are more than 65,466 IDPs in *Zaporizhzhia oblast* (17,698 of them are children). IDPs who manage to flee to Zaporizhzhia city are first brought to evacuation center. Emergency service specialists and psychologists are on duty there. Many IDPs flee empty-handed. After the reception center IDPs are sent to local hotels, hostels or private houses. The vast majority of IDPs try to leave the city as soon as possible, fleeing further, therefore, provision of full-fledged psychological assistance is difficult.

Appeal Financing

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

Funds Received

Outside the Appeal

- Granted: EUR 5.1 million. HIA already granted from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary Helps Agency and private donors, companies through HIA's fundraising campaign in Hungary
- In kind donation in the value of EUR 1.12 million (food, NFI and other aid items)

Pledges

- Pledges: EUR 3.5 million from international partner organizations

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 08th of April, 2022 include (focusing Weeks 13-14):

- Purchasing and transporting of 522 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 Hungary:
 - o In BOK sport hall (Budapest) over the last two weeks 3.131 refugees received humanitarian aid and information service;
 - o 1.016 refugees were accommodated, two thirds of them are women, in community shelters and private accommodations in the capital and in countryside;
 - o Shaping a grass-root EIE initiative, *Schools without borders*, with integration of refugee children into the Hungarian education system through multi-step integration process;
 - o Continuing collaboration with the Lutheran Church in restoration support and provision of immediate aid to 12 community shelters;
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- In Ukraine:
 - o In Zakarpattia oblast food and essential non-food items were distributed to 117 shelters in Berehove, Uzhhorod, Rakhiv, Mukachevo rayons, reaching out 12.675 people until 27 March with 28 metric tons food, 11,5 metric tons hygiene products, 1,7 metric tons children items;
 - Between 28 March and 8 April, 69 shelters received food and hygiene items;
 - HIA also provided material support (for e.g. refrigerators, gas/electric stove, boilers, washing machines, WiFi routers) for 18 community shelters so far as emergency restoration support and in order to strengthen their response capacity;
 - o Between 28 March– 8 April, 135 metric tons food and hygiene items were delivered to Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Zakarpattia oblasts following the expansion of HIA's partnership network and presence shifted eastwards in Ukraine;
 - o HIA is now considered as a main cash-partner by the Lviv Government, and have thus exclusive access to data collection; setting up MPCA system is in progress;
 - o Lviv Office developed its Basic Needs Response Plan with 3 response mechanisms: In-kind Support (food, WASH, NFI), Flexible Small Grants (FSG) and MPCA; so far reached out a total number of 2.677 IDPs with food and hygiene items distribution in 8 community shelters;
 - o In Zaporizhzhia, HIA's strategic partner, the Charity Foundation "Santis", already launched its humanitarian response by composing food and hygiene sets to 600 families with the help of 15 volunteers; 400 sets were already distributed in Polohy among locals under occupation and in Zaporizhzhia. In addition, Santis supported the Trade Union Committee of the Municipal Transport Vehicle Fleet with provision of humanitarian assistance to the families of those drivers who are involved in the evacuation of residents from Mariupol, Berdyansk and associated villages;
 - o Also in Zaporizhzhia, the Charity Foundation "Zlatograd", HIA's new implementing partner procured food and hygiene products for 500 households; on 7th of April, 200 IDP families in Nikopol (Dnipropetrovsk oblast) received food and hygiene parcels. A cooperation agreement was reached with the City's Center for Social Services for Family, Children and Youth. Negotiations with representatives of various public organizations, initiative groups on future cooperation were held, like with the social departments of municipalities of Nikopol, Sinelnikovo and Marganets hromadas to provide humanitarian assistance to 300 households who are refugees from Volnovakha, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Gornyyak;

- 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 having access to Poltava) with suitable warehouse capacity, and started its capacity building, needs assessment activity furthermore provision of psychological and legal support for IDPs. Coordination meetings with high-level representatives of oblast authorities were also held;
- 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 IDP database.

Thus far these efforts have reached **41,428** 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 <u>direct/indirect</u>) | Cumulative Achieved targets (#beneficiaries <u>direct/indirect</u>) | Within appeal /outside of appeal |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| HIA | Ukraine | | FSL | 2312 | 25425 | 12712/12713 |
| HIA | Ukraine | | WSH | 2256 | 15312 | 7656/7656 |
| HIA | Ukraine | | H&N | 0 | 600 | outside |
| HIA | Ukraine | | Shelter+NFI | 24/900 | 105/900 | outside |
| HIA | Ukraine | | C/FP | 53 | 78 | outside |
| HIA | Hungary | | FSL | 1380 | 7788 | 3894/3894 |
| HIA | Hungary | | Shelter+NFI | 1007/1380 | 2805/1380 | outside |
| HIA | Hungary | | WSH | 1380 | 5833 | 2916/2917 |
| HIA | Hungary | | C/FP | 250 | 2579 | outside |
| HIA | Hungary | | Logistics | 0 | 847 | outside |

*2256 people received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine

** 1380 people received food, NFI and hygienic support in Hungary

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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