

Ukraine Conflict | ACT Appeal UKR211

Name of ACT member: Hungarian Interchurch Aid

This report is issued every Monday, consolidated by ACT Secretariat in collaboration with ACT members.

Date: 10 May 2022

Highlights

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

- **In the past two months**, HIA has been able to continuously expand its assistance to new geographical regions. HIA's humanitarian operations now stretch from the west of the country to the Dnieper bend in the east, encompassing **10 regions of Ukraine**. HIA response **has reached 81,729 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic food and non-food items, health & hygiene products, protection and link to transportation services**.
- With the imminent refugee crisis in mind, HIA decided to deliver a two-pronged approach to assist those suffering from the effects of war. In the war-torn country HIA response was helped by its long-standing **regional office in Beregovo**. Today, the Beregovo Office supports over **200 community shelters** in Zakarpattia with in-kind support and restoration materials.
- The Lviv Emergency Response Office was set up a few days after the start of the war, and **coordinates HIA's humanitarian operations** in Ukraine. Its **warehouse and logistics base** play an instrumental role in the effort to provide relief to local partners even further east. Thanks to HIA's **long-lasting partnerships** with NGOs in Dnipro or Zaporizhzhia in close proximity to the frontlines, HIA is able to deliver humanitarian aid to war-torn regions of the southeast. Through Lviv Office HIA employs two types of cash assistance: to empower large masses of people at once, **multi-purpose cash assistance** will allow for a more people-centred relief, granting beneficiaries freedom of choice and returning a degree of dignity into their lives. Believing in the power of community, HIA also to provide **flexible cash grants** to groups and congregations coping with the destructions caused by the war.
- **In Hungary**, HIA's efforts are focused on offering both **short- and long-term accommodation** to the refugees arriving. Institutions in Debrecen, Miskolc and Budapest host refugee families in need and support them with **food, shelter and psychosocial support**.
- HIA purchased and transported **662 metric tons** food, essential non-food items and medical equipment so far to **support the victims of the conflict** in Ukraine.

Situation Overview

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

In the 10 weeks since the Russian invasion, a third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes. This is the largest human displacement crisis in the world today. As of today, more than 5.9 million refugees have fled Ukraine. A further 7.7 million people have been displaced internally within Ukraine. Some 13 million people are estimated to be stranded in affected areas or unable to leave due to heightened security risks. Some 2.2 million individuals have been registered for temporary protection or similar national schemes across 31 countries in Europe, including 1 million in countries beyond those neighbouring Ukraine. Movements back into Ukraine are being observed (1.5 million). They reflect cross-border movements, which can be pendular, and not necessarily indicate sustainable returns as the situation across Ukraine remains highly volatile and unpredictable. (UNHCR/UNDESA) As of 9 May, the number of refugees crossing the Hungarian border is 572,760.

According to HIA's partner organization, there is a sharp increase in the number of IDPs over the past week in Cherkasy and Poltava regions. This is due to the intensification of hostilities in the Donetsk and Tavriya areas, in addition also due to the increase in missile and bomb strikes in the eastern part of the country. In Cherkasy region the number of IDPs is 117,000, in Poltava region 162,000.

Appeal Financing

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

Funds Received

Outside the Appeal

- EUR 5,1 million 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)
- Christian Aid: 2,65 million GBP

Inside the Appeal

- Kerk In Actie: 1,5 million EUR
- Act Church of Sweden: 5,552 million SEK

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 on Week 18:

Lviv Emergency Response Office provided food/WASH assistance in Lviv (1,189 IDPs) and in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblasts (1,590 IDPs). In addition one truck of humanitarian aid was sent to Dnipro, for further distribution among shelters of Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia. 10 pilot CSOs were selected in Flexible Small Grant project component and contracting is in progress. Finalizing all preparations and testing WU process for launching MPCA project is under process, as well as interviews with data collectors; communication with CWG in Ukraine is continuous to coordinate the work.

Beregovo Office supported 1,641 IDPs in 26 shelters in Zakarpattia with more than 15 metric tons of humanitarian aid and restoration equipment. The Office is also actively involved into the coordination work with local authorities and other international NGOs operating in the oblast.

Zlatograd Foundation managed to distribute food kits over the last week to 736 IDPs.

Through its mobile groups *Etalon* supported IDPs in community shelters with PSS and legal assistance. Psychological group sessions were held for children and adult groups, session topics were selected by specialist according to the psychological needs of the groups. Individual consultations were provided upon personal requests after group sessions. An online webinar, titled "Emotional Health" was held with 26 participants and online individual legal counselling was provided for IDPs living in remote areas. Altogether 84 IDPs received counselling services over the last week. In the community shelters

of the pilot project activity locations needs assessments are in progress on future restoration support to be provided by Etalon.

The League provided psychosocial support and legal assistance in Cherkasy Oblast for 110 IDPs advising them about the changes in the conditions of payments for IDPs, how to apply for unemployment status, etc. Furthermore continued to support vulnerable families with baby food and hygiene items.

In Hungary, HIA accommodated 665 refugees in community shelters and continued the provision of humanitarian aid and information services in BOK arena, in Budapest. In cooperation with the Piarist High School, HIA is going to support the education of a class of refugee children. Working with the Lutheran Church on provision of microgrants to 12 community shelters, HIA gives helping hand to these shelters in various ways to strengthen their response capacity in Hungary. Through the grants HIA supports accommodation, catering of IDPS, the kindergarten education of Roma children from Zakarpattia, catering, accommodation of African students fleeing Kharkiv, restoration capacity of the shelters, provision of transportation.

Thus far these efforts have reached **81,729** 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.

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	5155	50853	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	4317	45924	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	600	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	8/870	137/2809	outside
HIA	Ukraine		C/FP	33	208	outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	119	9167	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	665/0	5169/1380	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	0	5833	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		C/FP	142	3037	outside
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	847	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	272	272	50%-50%

*4317 people received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine

FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

C/FP – Child/Family Protection

H&N – Health & Nutrition

Sitrep completed by (name & job title):

Eszter Sebok, project coordinator