

## 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*

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- By purchasing and transporting **676 metric tons** food, essential non-food items and medical equipment, HIA response **has reached 93,256 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic humanitarian aid, protection activity and link to transportation services** encompassing **10 regions of Ukraine**.
- 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 **coordinates HIA's humanitarian operations** in Ukraine and 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** - since the beginning of the crisis for more than 3,200 refugees. Institutions in Debrecen, Miskolc and Budapest host refugee families in need and support them with **food, shelter and psychosocial support**.
- Besides its current operations, **HIA is opening up its activities in the Kiev region**, as well, where intends to operate in areas which formerly were under Russian occupation. To this end, has sent an assessment team to the area and is carrying out surveys on renovation of educational institutions. The aim of these surveys is to support project proposals for the second phase of Hungary's government support. HIA together with FCA open an office in Kiev to manage project activities in central and northern regions of the country.

## Situation Overview

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

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The ongoing fighting is preventing rescue efforts and evacuation of civilians from hard-hit settlements, leaving hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped with little food, water and often without access to essential services and medication. The delivery of humanitarian aid remains exceptionally challenging, with only small levels of assistance being provided in the areas currently affected by active hostilities.

Hostilities in Ukraine continue to restrict people's access to food and livelihood activities, contributing to rising food insecurity since the start of the invasion. A WFP assessment finds that one-third of households in Ukraine are food-insecure due to diminished access to cash and livelihood activities.

More than 210 attacks on health facilities from February 24 to May 11 have restricted access to health care and contributed to at least 3,000 deaths among individuals with chronic illnesses unable to seek treatment, WHO reports.

Since the beginning of the war, there have been 3,573 civilian deaths resulting from the conflict, 6.1 million refugees have fled Ukraine to neighbouring countries, 8 million people have been internally displaced and 8.7 million people identified to receive humanitarian assistance in the country according to reports. As of 16 May, the number of refugees crossing the Hungarian border is 610,076.

## Appeal Financing

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

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### 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.*

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The key actions carried out by HIA and its local partners on Week 19:

Lviv Office provided Food/WASH assistance in Lviv (218 IDPs), Volyn (353 IDPs) and Kharkiv Oblasts (5500 IDPs). For the FSG (Flexible Small Grant) component, while the disbursement of grants to the 10 selected CSOs are in progress supporting their humanitarian response to the crisis, there are other 40 candidate CSOs to contact with to start their application for micro grants. MPCA project is about to start, with closing final technical questions with the SP, getting approvals and getting prepared to provide trainings for enumerators and start data collection.

HIA in Zakarpattia reached out 24 shelters with food, hygiene and baby items in Mukachevo rayon. Alongside in-kind support distributions, Beregovo Office is scaling up with shelter assistance to hard-to-reach areas.

In Zaporizhzhia, HIA local implementing partners with close cooperation with Lviv Office managed to distribute more than 800 food parcels, a truckload of food aid, to almost 3,000 IDPs in Zaporizhzhia and Dnipro rayons.

HIA through its local partner, *Etalon*, in Ivano-Frankivsk continued its awareness raising interventions through in-person leaflet distribution and information sessions on PSS and legal assistance. During

Week 19, 40 children took part in children group sessions and 28 adult in PSS group sessions with possibility of individual consultation. The topic of this week's online webinar was "Emotional states of a healthy person. How to avoid stress and panic attacks", it took place with 28 participants and online individual legal support was also provided for IDPs with special regard to the changes of the legislation on IDPs rights.

*The League* pursued to expand its support for conflict affected persons in Cherkasy with the help of its mobile groups. 65 beneficiaries from 26 households received psychosocial support and took part in art-therapy session in order to relieve stress, improve well-being, stabilize their mental health and support the adaptation process to new living conditions. Furthermore, 78 IDPs received legal counselling including assistance on social welfare benefits, obtaining IDP certificate, payment of housing allowance.

In Hungary, HIA accommodated 707 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, kindergarten education of Roma children from Zakarpattia, catering, accommodation of third country nationals fleeing Kharkiv, restoration capacity of the shelters, provision of transportation.

Thus far these efforts have reached **93,256** 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	9535	60388	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	6821	52745	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	600	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	12/70	149/2879	outside
HIA	Ukraine		C/FP	38	246	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	239	511	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		FSL	0	9167	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	707/0	5876/1380	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	0	5833	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		C/FP	760	3797	outside
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	847	outside

\*6655 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

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