

## Ukraine Conflict | ACT Appeal UKR221

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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- **HIA has reached 123,772 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services** both in Ukraine and in Hungary.
- HIA purchased and transported **753 metric tons** food, essential non-food items and medical equipment to **support the victims of the conflict** in Ukraine.
- **In Hungary** HIA is implementing **Multisectoral Rapid Needs Assessment** focusing on current and planned programmes which are supporting Ukrainian refugees and on the fine-tuning and further planning of these programmes with special regard to the integration efforts of the refugees. The focus of this RNA is the programming of the Multipurpose Cash Assistance (MPCA). At this stage, this is a quick survey on which a pilot programme can be built with the support of a few hundred beneficiaries.

## 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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As of 19 July, there are nearly 6 million refugees present across Europe, and over 3.7 million refugees from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe. More than 9.5 million refugee movements have been recorded out of Ukraine, while at the same time, authorities have reported 3.8 million movements back into the country since the beginning of the war. Number of refugees crossing the border from Ukraine to Hungary is 995,637.

Five months since the escalation of the war in Ukraine, shelling and missile attacks continue, causing destruction, civilian injuries and deaths. Hostilities have destroyed critical infrastructure, leaving millions overall without access to basic lifelines such as health services, water, electricity and gas supplies. As of 17 July, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 11,554 civilian casualties in Ukraine, 45,110 killed – including 346 children – and 6,752 injured.

According to *INSO Biweekly Report (Issue No. 07)*, RA continued shelling in areas near the state border with Russia in Chernihivska and Sumska Oblasts from the Russian territory. In Kharkivska Oblast, RA carries on to engage the city of Kharkiv and other settlements with long range-artillery, resulting in more intense IDP movement, damage and multiple civilian casualties. RA also extends shelling in Dnipropetrovaska Oblast and its offensive in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts, where the situation is especially dire. UA established control over the Zmiinyi (Snake) Island in the Black Sea, reviving partial grain exports from Ukraine. In the South, RA continued to fortify its positions in Khersonska, Zaporizka and Mykolaivska Oblasts. In the western part of Ukraine a further decrease in the number of missile strikes was experienced.

As stated in the Winterization Plan recently published (15 July) by UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the onset of conflict in February has significantly altered the scope, scale and

type of winterization needs in Ukraine compared to previous years. Unprecedented displacement across the country, destruction of housing, property and productive assets, and loss of employment has undermined the ability of millions of people to provide for themselves. Thus early planning is essential to ensure warm, safe and dignified living conditions for affected people prior to the onset of winter. HIA's local implementing partner organizations also confirmed the huge need of providing housing for people by restoring current community shelters, the places where they are living, or resettling them to suitable locations. Following needs assessment, joint rehabilitation works have been started by HIA first in Zakarpattia.

## 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

- Act Church of Sweden: 5,552 million SEK
- Dan Church Aid: 988 K EUR
- Kerk In Actie: 1,5 million EUR
- Finn Church Aid: 1 million USD

### 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 Weeks 28-29:

HIA in **Zakarpattia** continued its **in-kind support assistance** to 32 shelters covering 22 hromadas in 3 rayons (Hust, Rakhiv and Tyachivo) reaching out 1,500 IDPs with 7.5 metric tons of humanitarian aid (food, hygiene and children items). In the reporting period Beregovo Office was also engaged in organizing **summer camps** for IDP and local children. In total, 67 summer camp activities were organized in six groups for 100 IDP and host community children between age of 4 and 15 in five locations. The third leg of HIA programming in Zakarpattia is **shelter restoration**, identifying shelter reconstruction needs. By the end of August, HIA opens 4 apartments for traumatized women and their children in Beregovo providing them with safe hub.

In **Lviv** Oblast, HIA successfully funded another **8 FSG projects** supporting various initiatives of local NGOs, churches. In Chernivtsi, NOG, called "We are from Ukraine", with the help of this programme opened training and development children's camp, and gave psychosocial support for IDP children and children from local families. In Cherkasy Oblast, the fund assisted a temporary shelter. Based on the cooperation with Greek Catholic Church in Lviv, women with children were supported in a shelter, and provided with accommodation, food, clothing, as well as medical, psychological support. In Rivne Oblast, the local partner's aim was to integrate IDP children and women living in local communities,

to provide PSS support to displaced people in both communities, and to create public spaces where they can spend time together. These are just 4 example of **the grassroots initiatives** helped by the programme.

In addition, Lviv Emergency Response Office continued to work on **MPCA and C4P programmes**. After terminating its cash assistance in Lviv Oblast, currently heading to Ivano-Frankivsk. For MPCA, 850 people were registered and 220 for cash for protection.

*In Kyiv*, HIA is continuing its **upscaling** both in programming and in recruitment of staff. Based on the MoU signed with the Kyiv Regional Administration, the Buchanska and Borodianska territorial communities, and as a first step of the **partnership**, a school building of the **educational complex** in the village of Zagaltsy will be rehabilitated, and followed by the reconstruction of a local kindergarten. The signed MoU also covers the construction of a modern service hub in Buchanska hromada with a medical facility, post office and other administrative building rehabilitation. The whole programme is financed by the Hungarian government.

In *Ivano-Frankivsk* during the reporting period 155 IDPs received **PSS support** in the identified 4 settlements. All locations in the region are preparing for the resettlement of IDPs, who are in educational institutions, to other safe facilities. This is related to the preparation for the new school year, which begins on September 1, 2022. HIA's local implementing partner in close collaboration with the authorities started **to identify shelters** suitable for accommodating IDPs for the winter and longer term.

The local partner of HIA in *Cherkasy* oblast provided 140 IDP HHs with **PSS support** and 198 IDP HHs with **legal counselling services**, thus the total number of reached beneficiaries during the past two weeks is 850. The vast majority of appeals now concerns the legal norms of obtaining free housing. Preparatory works for in-kind distributions both in Poltava and Cherkasy are under way.

In *Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia* Oblasts, HIA carries out **needs assessment** among IDPs and plans the next steps of the intervention in collaboration with its local partner organizations.

In *Hungary*, HIA accommodated 1,206 refugees in community shelters, hotels and continued the provision of **humanitarian aid** in BOK Arena to 245 refugees during the last 2 weeks with **low-threshold assistance services**: food, administrative assistance (interpretation, family reunion, onward travel assistance, onward travel assistance for pets, transit accommodation, and assistance in finding accommodation). In HIA's social institutions 104 refugees received in-kind support and information services.

By opening **Refugee Support and Integration Center in Budapest**, HIA is able to coordinate its national humanitarian response more effectively, in a centralized way. Gaining good reputation among refugees during the first days of the UA response in border areas, train stations, and later in BOK Arena, refugees are turning up in big numbers (during the reporting period more than 400 people) in the Center asking for in-kind support and various services. The Center provided counselling services to 120 refugees on information on health, social and child protection benefits, employment, education and housing opportunities, furthermore with administrative assistance. To find nurseries, kindergartens and schools for refugee children is a burning problem. There is a demand for language courses and training opportunities, as well.

In addition to these activities, HIA is conducting **summer camps and school projects** for refugee children in Budapest and in countryside. In total 202 children attended the children's camps in the past 2 weeks. These camps are largely based on programmes with the aim of reducing socio-cultural differences. Recreational, sports and adventure programmes are key elements of the activities, focusing on talent development, playfully teaching the Hungarian language, community building and

skills development. In Debrecen, a development programme for Roma and Ukrainian refugee children with multiple disadvantages is being implemented for 42 children.

Thus far these efforts have reached **123,772** 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/</u> <u>indirect</u> )	Cumulative Achieved targets (#beneficiaries <u>direct/</u> <u>indirect</u> )	Within appeal /outside of appeal
HIA	Ukraine		FSL	1597	72352	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	1525	61406	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	700	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	29/185	290/3064	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	1086	6725	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		Livelihood	0	345	outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	349	11816	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	1206/0	10134/1412	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	0	5921	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Protection	322	4815	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	103	950	outside

\*People received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine: 1525

FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

C/FP – Child/Family Protection – incl. into Protection

H&N – Health & Nutrition

SitRep completed by (name & job title):

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