

## 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 143,552 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services** both in Ukraine and in Hungary.
- In **Hungary**, HIA distributed **school supplies** for families.

## 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 2 September, there are more than 7 million refugees present across Europe, and almost 4 million refugees from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe. Almost 12 million refugee movements have been recorded out of Ukraine, while at the same time, authorities have reported more than 5.3 million movements back into the country since the beginning of the war. The Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) helped for almost 144,000 people affected by this humanitarian crisis.

Six 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 29 August, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 13718 civilian casualties in Ukraine, 5,663 killed – including 365 children – and 8,055 injured – including 623 children.

Six months have passed since Vladimir Putin ordered his tanks across the Ukrainian frontier. After the failure of “blitzkrieg”, Russia is bogged down in a war that has veered off course. The West has sent arms to Ukraine, NATO has been revived, sanctions have been applied. But much of the world has refused in the condemnation, and on the battlefield the war has entered a grinding stalemate (*The Economist*).

According to *BBC News* Ukraine is trying to push back Russian forces in the south whilst Russian troops continue to advance in the east. Ukraine’s military says it has broken through Russia’s first line of defence in the occupied Kherson region. Ukraine said it had destroyed warehouses, weapon accumulations and enemy control points with high precision strikes and damaged bridges across the Dnieper River making it possible to cut off the Russian army from the supply of weapons and personnel from Crimea.

Russian forces are continuing efforts to make advances in the Donetsk region. Russian officials have said their forces are fighting for the “complete liberation” of the Donbas, which broadly refers to Ukraine’s eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk, where Russian-backed separatists held significant

territory before the invasion. Russian forces now control all of the Luhansk region and they are continuing efforts to make advances in the Donetsk region.

A UN inspection team should reach the embattled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant later this week.

## 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
- Act of Peace: 602,000 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 34-35:

In **Zakarpattia** HIA continued its **in-kind support assistance** (distribution of food, non-food items, hygiene items to shelters) reaching about 1356 beneficiaries. The shelter reconstruction is still under progress. As the psychosocial support for kids, playing and developing corner were organised in Beregovo. Furthermore, activities and programs like dancing, sports, playing, handicraft, and nature protection were held for children.

In **Lviv Oblast**, during the reporting period 8 FSGs were funded. Within the MPCA program money were sent to 2135 people, and according to the cash for protection program \$378k have already been distributed.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast** at the request of Nadvirnya town territorial community HIA purchased food products and gave to 35 IDPs living in the Center for Compact Settlement. At the request of Bohorodchany territorial community sports balls (soccer and basketball) were purchased for activities and psychological relief of IDP children.

The local partner of HIA in **Cherkasy and Poltava Oblasts** totally 58 beneficiaries were reached by humanitarian kits. 367 IDPs received psychosocial support, and for 410 IDPs legal assistance were given. In the reporting period packaging humanitarian aid was carried out, totally 18 tons of humanitarian cargo was packaged.

In **Zaporizhzhia Oblasts** distribution of relief items were carried out during the last two weeks, by in-kind support totally 851 beneficiaries were reached.

In **Hungary**, HIA continued the provision of humanitarian aid for refugees in Budapest and countryside as well. Accommodation was given for 1497 refugees, 927 people from them received warm meal. In **BOK Arena** 507 people were assisted.

In the **Refugee Support and Integration Centre** in Budapest (UMTK) HIA reached totally 450 refugees in the last two weeks. Relief items were distributed, 175 food, 155 hygiene, and 17 baby + hygiene packages were given. HIA helped for 147 people by PSS, and for 237 people by cash for protection service. In the social programs (like firework) 36 people took place, and 395 benefited from information service.

In **countryside**, and **large towns** in Hungary (Kaposvár, Szendrő, Debrecen, Sopron, Eger + Gyula) HIA helped for 3353 refugees with psychosocial support, in-kind assistance (clothes, hygiene items, school supplies), social activities, information service, and cash for protection service. In the last two weeks summer camp was organised in Debrecen.

Thus far these efforts have reached **143,552** 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	3019	76895	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	712	63349	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	700	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	2/0	306/3222	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	923	8747	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		Livelihood	0	345	outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	1629	16066	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	1497/0	14891/1412	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	172	6293	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Protection	1266	8652	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	950	outside

\*People received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine: 712

FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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

H&N – Health & Nutrition

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