

## 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 149,820 people so far**, providing emergency access to **basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services** both in Ukraine and in Hungary.
- **HIA** has already transported **1067 tons** of aid since the beginning of the war, during the reporting period **3 tons of utensil** were carried to Ukraine from Hungary.

### 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 *16 September*, there are almost 7.3 million refugees present across Europe, and more than 4 million refugees from Ukraine have registered for temporary protection or similar national protection schemes in Europe. More than 12.6 million refugee movements have been recorded out of Ukraine, while at the same time, authorities have reported almost 5.8 million movements back into the country since the beginning of the war. The Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) helped for almost 150,000 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 *12 September*, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) recorded 14248 civilian casualties in Ukraine, 5,827 killed – including 365 children – and 8,421 injured – including 647 children.

In the Kharkiv regions, two towns (Izium and Kupiansk) were taken back by Ukraine forces. Both towns were major logistical hubs for Russian forces in Donbas. Definitely, Izium was one of the most fortified section of the Russian front line.

In South of the country a Ukrainian counterattack in Kherson still continued, targeting Russian transportation and logistics facilities. Also, in the south, the demilitarisation of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant was called by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Ukrainian forces still use heavily the Western shipments of weaponry.

According to situation report of *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*, humanitarians started to work and cooperate with authorities to help and support people who survived heavy fighting. Life-critical aid is delivered to areas close to the front line. Winterization support was discussed, it is required to continue hosting approximately 90,000 IDPs. Due to the beginning of Autumn, and interruption in heating and power supply, the requested aid must include generators, heaters, winter clothes, blankets, household appliances, as well as computers, laptops, and school supplies for kids.

For the resumption of Ukrainian export of grain, foodstuffs, ammonia and other fertilizers, a safe humanitarian corridor was opened from three Black Sea ports. It was reported, that 2.7 million tons of grain and other foodstuffs has already been shipped from the ports since 1 of August.

## 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 36-37**:

In **Zakarpattia** HIA continued its **in-kind support assistance** (distribution of food, non-food items, hygiene items), the aid was delivered to 9 shelters (2127 kg, 247 people) and 1 church (2166 kg, approximately 500 people). A recreation summer camp was held for 165 kids in the modern 'Praha Family Camp' complex in Irshava city.

In **Lviv Oblast**, MPCA and C4P activities are on hold, they are waiting for the final decision on criteria from cash working group. In addition, 3 new FSG contracts were signed, these were funded by Dan Church Aid (AllWeCan).

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast** information is being collected from IDP's regarding food needs and non-food goods. Also, preparations to repair boarding houses is ongoing. In the last two weeks 100 people were reached by **psychosocial group sessions** in 4 pilot locations.

In **Cherkasy and Poltava Oblasts**, the NGO "League of Socially Responsible Women", the local partner of HIA carried out partial distribution of packages for IDPs from the received 18 tons of humanitarian aid, totally 220 beneficiaries were reached. Group meetings were held by special psychologists, with which 220 refugees were supported. In addition, 220 direct beneficiaries received legal assistance.

The **Santis Foundation**, the local partner of HIA in **Zaporizhzhia Oblasts** continued the distribution of relief items, in the last two weeks by in-kind support totally 2014 beneficiaries were reached.

HIA has completed a needs assessment mission in liberated areas in **Kharkiv region** in the reporting period, and started to estimate the destruction caused by war, and the humanitarian needs, and elaborating plans for assistance.

Huge grain deliveries blocking the border crossing points on the Hungarian, Polish, and Slovakian borders mean, that on the borders 15-20KMs long queues of trucks are stuck waiting to cross the borders. HIA's main contracted transportation company no longer undertake the deliveries until the problem is solved at the borders. HIA has been working on finding a durable solution to this difficulty, and has been looking for alternative transportation companies, in order to fulfill its contractual obligations.

At the same time HIA is negotiating with relevant governmental stakeholders in both countries to find special treatment of humanitarian aid consignments, this issue can be handled by opening new border-crossing points for humanitarian shipments.

In **Hungary**, HIA continued the provision of humanitarian aid for refugees in Budapest and countryside as well. Accommodation was given for 1434 refugees, 622 people from them received warm meal. In **BOK Arena** 240 people were assisted.

In the **Refugee Support and Integration Centre** in Budapest (UMTK) HIA helped for 166 refugees with **in-kind assistance** (clothes, 150 packages of school supplies were distributed to the children, aged 8-16). In the last two weeks HIA reached 428 people with **protection activities**. 158 people were reached personally by **information service**, and 140 people by phone. In addition, 228 IDPs received **psychosocial support**. As the psychosocial support of kids, activities that boost the physical development of children were organised in **Debrecen**.

Thus far these efforts have reached **149,820** 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	2845	79740	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	84	63433	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	700	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/0	306/3222	outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	689	9436	50%-50%
HIA	Ukraine		Livelihood	0	345	outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	622	16688	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	1434/166	16325/1578	outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	0	6293	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Protection	428	9080	50%-50%
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	950	outside

\*People received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine: 84

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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