

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

- During the past 19 months HIA **purchased and transported 2,196,914 kg** of food, non-food and hygiene items to Ukraine
- **HIA has reached 520,336 people so far**, providing access to basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services in Ukraine and Hungary.
- In **Vynohradiv**, HIA completed the **renovation** of the dormitory of a former school. It is capable of **accommodating 150-200 refugees**, depending on the composition of families. From the beginning of September, first IDP families started to move in.

Situation Overview

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

While Russian Forces continue to exert pressure in the East, the Ukrainian attack in the South gradually progresses. As high-intensity combat continues, frontline adjustments are likely to remain fluid and unpredictable, but over the upcoming weeks, a fast advance from either side is improbable.

Russian military used missiles to attack hotels frequented by foreigners in Pokrovsk and Zaporizhzhia; long-range missile attacks and loitering munitions continued to affect targets around the nation.

A group of humanitarian workers was hurt on the front lines in Khersonska Oblast, and another NGO team narrowly escaped being shelled in Nikopol. A missile strike in Chernihiv resulted in the death of one NGO staff member and the injury of another. A local organization's head was imprisoned in Odesa on suspicion of corruption.

Current patterns and public pronouncements point to a rise in air attacks later this year. The humanitarian space is unlikely to grow in the near future as Ukrainian forces are anticipated to continue their limited advances in the South-East, South, and East.

The total number of refugees from Ukraine recorded globally is **6,203,300 of which 5,834,100 are recorded in Europe**. The total border crossing from Ukraine since the beginning of the war is **23,613,225** while the border crossing to Ukraine is **16,785,880**.¹

¹ According to the refreshed data on data.unhcr.org

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 + 150 K GBP + (Phase 2) + 50 K GBP SCLR Pilot
- World Vision International: 837 K USD + 600 K USD (Phase 2)
- Dan Church Aid: 336 K USD
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund: 857,659 USD
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund 2: 1,000,004 USD

Inside the Appeal

- Act Church of Sweden: 5,552 million SEK
- Dan Church Aid: 988 K EUR
- Kerk In Actie: 1,5 million EUR
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief / HC: 200 000 USD
- Act for Peace: 602 K 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.

The key actions carried out by HIA and its local implementing partners between **week 32 – week 36, 2023**:

HIA Lviv Office has been going on with **MPCA and C4P**, supporting 2,181 people in Cherkasy, Kyiv, Lviv, Kherson, Chernivtsi, Mykolaiv, Kirovograd, Kharkiv, Khmelnytskyi, Sumy, Poltava and Odessa oblasts. 236 of the assisted people were PwDs, and 79 were lactating women.

HIA Kyiv office kept going on with the Zalahtsi Lyceum's rehabilitation work and the Synyak administrative centre's construction, both is going on according to the time plan. From the previously agreed 8 location for the FCA project, Kyiv office started work at 5 location during the reporting period, and the last 3 will start in the upcoming weeks.

HIA Berehove Office distributed food, hygiene items to 13 shelters in Zakarpattia region, reaching 555 people. The weight of cargo delivered is 3,532 kg. They also supported low-income elderly people by providing 45 food and hygiene kits through the NGO "Transcarpathian Association of Hungary Pension Organizations". In the city of Vynohradiv, the office completed the renovation of the dormitory of a former school. It is capable of accommodating 150-200 people, depending on the composition of families. From September, first IDP families began to move in.

The League, HIA's local implementing partner in **Cherkasy and Poltava oblasts** provided psychosocial support related classes and telephone consultations reaching out 415 people (including 9 PwDs). The telephone consultations focused on how to deal with the mental issues brought on by the conflict, while classes were primarily art-therapeutic in nature.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Etalon** provided 98 schoolbags with school supplies for IDP first-grader children. These bags were handed over in two locations in the framework of "The First Schoolbag Festival", where entertaining programmes and contests were organized. During the reporting period, 265 people were assisted by psychosocial activities, including 215 children and 50 adults. Summer camp "Mriya" was organized in August again for 38 IDP children. Etalon distributed food and non-food parcels (for e.g.: pencils, board games, sport equipment) for the participants.

HIA together with its local implementing partner **Zlatograd Foundation**, handed out 300 food and 300 hygiene kits among 300 IDP households in Nikopol district, reaching out 652 persons (including 18 PwDs).

In **Zaporizhzhia oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Santis Foundation's** distributed 210 food and 210 hygiene kits to households in Zaporizhzhia. Altogether 651 people have been assisted by these activities (including 22 PwDs).

The provision of in-kind support to refugees in **Hungary** is ongoing. During this time, HIA provided food kits in 306 instances and hygiene kits in 277 cases to refugees. As the school season approached, backpacks and school supplies were distributed to over 370 refugee children, and 12 of them received bus passes in Kaposvár, to help their way to the school.

1,480 nights were provided for the refugees, 1,263 nights in Budapest, 217 nights in other cities.

HIA assisted refugees over 1,086 cases with different kind of protection activities. As in Budapest, so too in the countryside HIA supported child protection activities, provided psychological and legal support and assisted other social work or community programmes. The Refugee Support Centre handles employment difficulties such as childcare, interpreting, and language classes. During the reporting period, a total of 29 kids between the ages of 1 and 6 used the childcare services 311 times.

Six different language courses, from beginner to advanced levels, are available in Budapest through HIA. In Miskolc, there is one adult language class, while in Kaposvár, both adult and children's language instruction is provided. In Sopron, refugees are learning Hungarian in two separate groups. Altogether 199 people participated in these courses.

In the past month, the organization's multi-purpose voucher program has continued. In August 330 beneficiaries received regular humanitarian card support, which helps them get ready for self-sufficiency with the assistance of our team members.

In the previous month, HIA helped two NGOs set up summer camps for Ukrainian kids. Additionally, Dévai Fogadó kept up his educational project. The Bona Fide Charity Foundation organized a summer camp for internally displaced children in August, involving 23 children in various activities. By utilizing art and animal therapy, they offered a different strategy for starting the trauma recovery process.

They also underlined the importance of giving kids the chance to engage in recreational activities, creating a safe environment, and integrating activities like swimming, self-awareness experience programs, city tours, and excursions. The scout association continued to organize summer camps and picnics, involving a total of 224 children in August. Many at-risk adolescents were successfully enrolled in these programs. Recreational activities were offered at all of the camps, but much emphasis was also placed on the arts, creativity, and activities that could improve mental health. 277 refugees, both adults and children, were served by Dévai Fogadó's education project in August. Sessions for drawing therapy and community art therapy were held twice a week for 1.5 hours each session. They also held language courses, focused on the differences between the Hungarian language spoken in Hungary and spoken in Ukraine.

Thus far these efforts have reached **520,336 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 direct/ indirect)	Cumulative Achieved targets (#beneficiaries direct/ indirect)	Within appeal /outside of appeal
HIA	Ukraine		FSL	1896	148776	Both
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	1858	168170	Both
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	23	750	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/136	9370/66010	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	1609	26789	Both
HIA	Ukraine		MPCA	1388	29566	Outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	306	48753	Both
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	1480/650	45255/4769	Outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	277	11035	Both
HIA	Hungary		Protection	1086	24778	Both
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	12	972	Outside
HIA	Hungary		Education	199	3063	Within
HIA	Hungary		H&N	23	3077	Both
HIA	Hungary		MPCA	330	1799	Both

*People received food and hygienic support in Ukraine in the reporting period: 1858

FSL – Food Security & Livelihoods

WSH – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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

H&N – Health & Nutrition

Protection – incl. C4P – outside of the Appeal

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