

## 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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- During the past 20 months HIA **purchased and transported 2,197,874 kg** of food, non-food and hygiene items to Ukraine
- **HIA has reached 480,551 people so far** (see \*part, below the summary table on page 5), providing access to basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services in Ukraine and Hungary.
- With the Flexible Small Grants programme HIA reached more than **90,000 people**, through **82 FSG** organizations
- Based on the experiences of the previous month's assistance requests, it is evident that as the winter season approaches, the number of **newly arrived Ukrainian families is increasing** in 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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According to the INSO Ukraine Report no. 36 in September, Russia launched over 500 long-range loitering munitions, with over 100 of them hitting their objectives. An NGO warehouse in Lviv was demolished by a hit, while an NGO guesthouse in Dnipro was damaged by loitering munitions debris.

Russian forces used guided bombs, air-to-surface missiles, and ballistic missiles on targets in the immediate rear of Ukrainian forces, including important cities such as Dnipro, Zaporizhzhia, Mykolaiv, and Kharkiv. Two NGO employees were murdered in an airstrike in Kharkiv Oblast. Other two were killed and other two were injured after their vehicle was struck by an antitank guided missile in Donetsk Oblast. During demining operations in Kherson Oblast, one INGO deminer was killed and two others were injured. In a late-reported near-miss incident, an NGO team escapes the area under shelling, also in Kherson Oblast.

The city of Odesa and Odesa Oblast remain among the primary targets for long-range strikes, both as symbolic targets to react after successful UF strikes in Crimea and to exert economic and political pressure by destroying grain stockpiles and ports.

The total number of refugees from Ukraine recorded globally is **6,203,600 of which 5,834,400 are recorded in Europe**. The total border crossing from Ukraine since the beginning of the war is **25,143,110** while the border crossing to Ukraine is **18,076,525**.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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.*

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### Funds Received

#### Outside the Appeal

- EUR 6,3 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: 3 998 140 USD
- Dan Church Aid: 90,000 USD + 53,000 USD+ 6,163,086 DKK
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund: 857,659 USD
- Ukraine Humanitarian Fund 2: 1,000,004 USD
- FCA: 500,000 EUR
- FEBA: 200 million HUF
- UNHCR: 55 million HUF

#### Inside the Appeal

- Act Church of Sweden: 5,552 million SEK + 5,010 million SEK
- Dan Church Aid: 6,695 million DKK
- Kerk In Actie: 1,5 million EUR + 450,000 EUR
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief / HC: 200 000 USD
- Act for Peace: 865,093 AUD + 271,489 AUD
- FCA: 956,425 EUR

## 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 implementing partners between **week 36 – week 40, 2023**:

### Activities in Ukraine

**The Lviv office** was preparing for the next stage of C4P and MPCA distribution by creating a new office in Dnipro and hiring new teams in eastern Ukraine. They have started new SCLR projects in Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts and have just received applications; they will shortly form a selection committee and begin signing them. PSS and FSG were paused, but they issued new requests for applications, which they were also analysing, and they will start new projects soon.

**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 7 location during the reporting period. The construction of the last one begins in October.

**HIA Berehove Office** distributed food, hygiene items to 11 shelters in Zakarpattia region, reaching 319 people. The weight of cargo delivered is 2,278 kg. They also supported low-income elderly people by providing 206 food and hygiene kits through the NGO "Transcarpathian Association of Hungary Pension Organizations". Furthermore, the office donated 57 school kits for displaced children and children from low-income families from the Mother and Child Center and local schools in Berehovo.

**The League**, HIA's local implementing partner in **Cherkasy and Poltava oblasts** provided psychosocial support related classes and telephone consultations reaching out 438 people (including 14 PwDs). The phone consultations were mostly on how to deal with mental difficulties caused by the war, while the classes were primarily art-therapeutic in nature. Also, 131 food kits, 131 hygiene kits, 20 kits for children and 9 hygiene products kits for elderly people were distributed among IDPs, reaching out 291 people.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Etalon** assisted 226 people by psychosocial activities, including 173 children and 53 adults (including 8 PwDs). Also, the final lesson of the course "STEM EDUCATION. Fundamentals of Robotics" was held during the reporting period for educators from the Kalush and Verkhovyna communities who work in the four educational institutions, where the majority of IDP children study. During the classes, 16 sets of equipment were purchased and distributed to the participants. Beside the 8 teachers, 7 colleges student took part in the event.

At the end of August, the contracts of **Zlatograd** and **Santis** have expired, so there were no activities in September in Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhzhia. A decision on future collaborative work is under discussion

### **Activities in Hungary**

The provision of in-kind support to refugees in **Hungary** is ongoing. In the last month, HIA has provided 139 food packages and 104 hygiene kits to a total of 787 people.

In September, school kits were distributed to refugee students. 24 backpacks and equipment packs were delivered to refugee children of all educational levels, from elementary to secondary, aged 6 to 17 years, to facilitate their enrolment in school. Also, 5 baby strollers and rolling shopping bags were handed out in Budapest to assist elderly people and mothers with young children.

1,519 nights were provided for the refugees, 1,309 nights in Budapest, 210 nights in other cities.

HIA assisted refugees in 956 cases with different kind of protection activities. The Refugee Support Centre provides asylum seekers and refugees with access to the information and support they needs, such as clinical psychological counselling and assistance with education, health, legal, and general needs. This service is available online, by phone, or in person.

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 centre handles employment difficulties such as childcare, interpreting, and language classes. During the reporting period, a total of 25 kids between the ages of 1 and 6 used the childcare services 351 times. In addition, the Childcare centre was enriched with various development tools (fitball, hoop, yoga mat, stress-relieving toys, gymnastic sticks, sensory mat) and musical instruments, in purpose of speech and movement development, and music sessions.

HIA offers six language courses for 40 participants in Budapest, from beginner to intermediate levels. The classes that began at the beginning of the summer have ended, but many individuals want to continue their studies, therefore the new classes were rapidly filled. Miskolc has one adult language class with 10 students that participated in the course eight times in September. In Sopron, refugees learn Hungarian in six independent groups: two classes for children in small groups (5-5 children) once a week, and four courses for adults, each with ten participants, twice a week.

In September, a traditional harvest program was held in Sopron for Ukrainian refugees and their families staying in and near Sopron. There were 38 persons in attendance. The goal of this program was to support their mental health, community togetherness and socialization while giving them an insight into the traditions of the local vintage, gastronomic culture with a little historical insight, and vintage games.

In the past month, the organization's multi-purpose voucher program has continued. In August 442 refugees received regular humanitarian card support, which helps them get ready for self-sufficiency with the assistance of our team members.

In the previous month, Dévai Fogadó - which is a refugee support institution operated by the Lutheran Church - continued to provide their education project reaching out 143 people both adult and children as well. Community art therapy and drawing therapy sessions were held twice a week for 1.5 hours. For refugee women, the Social Beauty Salon is open once a week. The salon helps them achieve a beautiful appearance by providing free comprehensive beauty treatment, cosmetics, and manicure, which helps them reinforce their healthy self-image and self-confidence, and with this, they will be able to find employment easier after a long period of unemployment. The „Ladder Project” is a mini-course for job seekers. The course helps participants understand how the labour market works, contributes to their knowledge of problems that develop during the job search, and prepares them to be aware of their rights and obligations as prospective workers. They also lead the development sessions, emphasizing the acquisition of the Hungarian language spoken in the motherland as opposed to the Hungarian language spoken in Ukraine.

Thus far these efforts have reached **480,551 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	800	149576	Both
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	816	168986	Both
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	750	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/57	9370/66067	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	226	27015	Both
HIA	Ukraine		MPCA	0	29566	Outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	417	49170	Both
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	55/35	1755*/4804	Outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	370	11405	Both
HIA	Hungary		Protection	956	25734	Both
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	12	984	Outside
HIA	Hungary		Education	175	3238	Within
HIA	Hungary		H&N	193	3270	Both
HIA	Hungary		MPCA	442	2241	Both

-People received food and hygienic support in Ukraine in the reporting period: 800

\*Retroactively recalculated according to UNHCR's calculation method, counting the number of refugees instead of the number of nights. This decreases the total reached number, compared to the previous SitRep.

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

MPCA – Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance

SitRep completed by (name & job title):

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