

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 21 months HIA **purchased and transported 2,209,734 kg** of food, non-food and hygiene items to Ukraine
- **HIA has reached 485,204 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
- **100 ventilators** have been delivered to Ukraine and will be distributed to hospitals by HIA
- As winter season is getting closer, the number of **newly arrived Ukrainian families continues to rise** 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

Both frontline dynamics and long-range strikes demonstrated unique new patterns, suggesting a further escalation of hostilities in the coming two months, in addition to an expected air attack campaign targeting Ukraine's essential infrastructure. Outside of the frontlines, military facilities and grain export infrastructure were the prime targets for drone and missile strikes. Russia has not employed air- and sea-launched cruise missiles since September 25, implying a stockpile of ammunition ahead of a possible winter offensive campaign.

NGO assets in Ocheretynska Community of Pokrovskiyi Raion in Donetska Oblast were damaged in two weeks as a result of RF-authorized MLRS strikes.

Long-range strikes caused damage on significant industrial, commercial, and military installations across the country, including one near a nuclear power facility in Khmelnytska.

Two NGO employees died and four others were injured in two separate missile strikes in Kharkivska Oblast; an NGO volunteer suffered injuries in Kherson during an artillery fire.

The total number of refugees from Ukraine recorded globally is **6,232,000 of which 5,839,900 are recorded in Europe**. The total border crossing from Ukraine since the beginning of the war is **26,072,405** while the border crossing to Ukraine is **18,926,820**. **In Hungary**, there are over 38,000 refugees from Ukraine who applied for Asylum, temporary protection or similar national protection schemes.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 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
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade: 6,1 M 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.

The key actions carried out by HIA and its local implementing partners between **week 40 – week 44, 2023**:

Activities in Ukraine

The Lviv office was getting ready for the next phase of MPCA in the East and South of Ukraine, as well as recruiting and training new employees. They have continued the registration process in Lvivska and Ivano-Frankivska oblast. The office received more than a hundred applications for SCLR, 30 groups had been chosen, the support will start in November. During the period Lviv Office signed 3 FSG agreements in Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv oblasts with the plan to cover approximately 935 people the planned activities are providing tablets, arrangement of the bomb shelters in the kindergarten, distribution of food kits. They also signed 9 new agreements for psychosocial activities, the planned assisted people will be around 3,200 people.

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 in Kyiv and Chernihiv Oblasts for the FCA project, Kyiv office started work at all locations during the reporting period. The procurement for IT equipment and furniture for the shelters is in progress.

HIA Berehove Office distributed food, hygiene items to 15 shelters in Zakarpattia region, reaching 479 people. The office also supported vulnerable people of retirement age in Berehove by providing 62 food and hygiene kits. The weight of cargo delivered is 4,794 kg. Furthermore, 150 children took part in a camp in Vishka, Zakarpattia, organized by HIA Berehove office. The program of the camp was rich and varied, including games, classes, workshops, etc.

The League, HIA's local implementing partner in **Cherkasy and Poltava oblasts** provided psychosocial support by classes and telephone consultations, reaching out 336 people. 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, 134 food and hygiene kits were distributed, reaching out 304 people.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Etalon** assisted 205 people by psychosocial activities (including 8 PwDs). Under the program "STEM education. Basics of robotics," teachers led training sessions using construction sets during the reporting period. In four educational institutions, 608 students received assistance during the reporting period. Also, Etalon distributed 40 sets of bed linen for IDP's in Verkhovyna.

At the end of August, the contracts of **Zlatograd** and **Santis** have expired, so there were no activities in October, except needs assessment in Zaporizhzhia Oblast by Santis. A decision on future collaborative work is under discussion.

HIA will soon open a new office in Dnipro, which will bring a major improvement in the coordination of activities in Eastern Ukraine

Activities in Hungary

The provision of in-kind support to refugees in **Hungary** is ongoing. In the last month, HIA has provided 121 food packages and 169 hygiene kits to a total of 726 people and 104 packages of vitamins and medicines for 291 people.

1,573 nights were provided for 51 refugees, 1,356 nights in Budapest, 217 nights in other cities.

HIA assisted refugees over 900 cases with different kind of protection activities. Asylum seekers and refugees can get the information and assistance they require at the Refugee Support Center, including clinical psychiatric counseling and support for general requirements including health, education, and legal issues. They can get this service in person, over the phone, or online. 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 30 kids between the ages of 1 and 6 used the childcare services 414 times. In October, a pumpkin carving program was organized in Kaposvár, for 9 refugee children.

In Kaposvár 7 unaccompanied children received their monthly bus passes.

HIA offers 6 language courses in Budapest, 1 in Miskolc and 12 in Sopron, from beginner to intermediate levels. During the reporting period, 53 people reached out by these courses.

The organization has kept up its multipurpose voucher program for the last month. With the help of our team members, 177 refugees got regular humanitarian card support in August, assisting them in preparing for self-sufficiency.

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 121 people both adult and children as well. Community art therapy and drawing therapy sessions were held twice a week for 1.5 hours. The Social Beauty Salon is accessible once a week to refugee women. 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. Job seekers can still take a mini-course called the "Ladder Project". 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 **485,204 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	845	150421	Both
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	845	169831	Both
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	0	750	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/40	9370/66107	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	691	27706	Both
HIA	Ukraine		MPCA	0	29566	Outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	325	49495	Both
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	51/34	1806* /4838	Outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	401	11806	Both
HIA	Hungary		Protection	1016	26750	Both
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	0	984	Outside
HIA	Hungary		Education	174	3412	Within
HIA	Hungary		H&N	291	3561	Both
HIA	Hungary		MPCA	177	2418	Both

-People received food and hygienic support in Ukraine in the reporting period: 845

*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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