

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

- **HIA has reached 489,453 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
- Since the beginning of the conflict, **HIA purchased and transported 2,249,877 kg** of food, non-food and hygiene items to Ukraine
- **HIA** has opened its **new office in Dnipro**, which is expected to bring a significant improvement in the coordination of activities in eastern Ukraine
- Based on the experiences of the past month's assistance requests, there is still a **rising trend** in the number of recently **arriving families from Ukraine**, as the winter approaches.

Situation Overview

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

The way the long-range attacks are arranged indicates that the Russian Federation has focused on the air defenses of Ukraine in an effort to increase the effect rate of a planned winter air attack campaign. This reinforces the ongoing focus on airfields.

There have been significant changes in the danger profiles of Odesa and Kharkiv, two key cities in the immediate rear of Ukraine. Attacks on Odesa occurred outside of the usual time window, while attacks on Kharkiv increased in intensity, despite the fact that their absolute numbers are still relatively low.

Lately intensified Ukrainian and Russian operations in the hotspots in Donetsk and Kherson Oblasts drew significant Russian resources, leading to a notable but likely short-term decrease in the number of attacks.

The most intense LM bombardment since the beginning of the full-scale invasion was launched on Kyiv on November 25, as Russia continues increasing the intensity of its LM attacks and upgrades its drones.

The strikes carried out by the RF have affected humanitarian sites, activities, and workers in the Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia Oblasts as well as in Kherson, including places where there was previously a long-lasting lull in hostilities.

Heavy snow and low temperatures are unlikely to significantly impact conflict intensity and its pattern, with both Russian forces and Ukrainian forces operations expected to continue at pace during the winter

The total number of refugees from Ukraine recorded globally is **6,319,700 of which 5,927,600 are recorded in Europe**. The total border crossing from Ukraine since the beginning of the war is **27,150,985** while the border crossing to Ukraine is **19,764,685**. In Hungary, there are over 39,000 refugees from Ukraine who applied for Asylum, temporary protection or similar national protection schemes.¹

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

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

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 44 – week 48, 2023**:

Activities in Ukraine

The Lviv office was actively involved in setting up the **new HIA office in Dnipro** and they were trying to resolve a problem with an alternative financial services provider related to the payment issues for beneficiaries from the oblasts of Donetsk and Luhansk. They have continued the registration process in Lvivska and Ivano-Frankivska oblast. The office signed 33 micro grants for SCLR. The main goal of these projects is the improvement of the living conditions in shelters.

During the period Lviv Office signed 14 FSG agreements in seven oblasts with the plan to cover approximately 20,000 people. The planned activities are purchase solar panels and generators, renovate medical center after de-occupation, arrange professional lessons for first aid for social workers in the close to frontline areas, provide washing machines, candles, power banks, heating system for a medical center, warm blankets, hygiene kits, equipment, educational materials for children with disability and provide household appliances for IDPs in the dormitories. They also signed 7 new agreements for psychosocial activities, the planned assisted people will be around 1,500 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 finished work at 4 locations during the reporting period, the other 4 is under constuction.

HIA Berehove Office distributed food, hygiene items to 9 shelters in Zakarpattia Oblast, reaching 230 individuals. The office, together with the NGO "Berehove District Society of Disabled People with Vaso-Motor System" and with the "Transcarpathian Association of Pensioners" also supported vulnerable people of retirement age in Berehove by providing 268 food and hygiene kits. Furthermore, Berehove office handed 1,245 kg of food and hygiene items to Municipal non-profit enterprise "Regional Children's Hospital" in Mukachevo, where 200 children (including large numbers of IDPs) are treated daily. Tey also collaborated with the NGO "I hear with Kohler", and distributed 162 mats for IDP's in Zaporizhzhia. The weight of aid delivered is 10,899 kg.

The League, HIA's local implementing partner in **Cherkasy and Poltava oblasts** reached out 308 individuals by providing psychosocial help through phone consultations and classes. The classes were basically art-therapy in nature, and the phone consultations focused mostly on how to handle mental health issues brought on by the war. Also, 43 food and hygiene kits were distributed, reaching out 111 people, mostly children.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Etalon** assisted 240 people by psychosocial activities (including 13 PwDs). In addition, they collected information of needs regarding relief item distribution and shelter services.

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

Activities in Hungary

In-kind assistance continues to be provided for refugees in **Hungary**. In the last month, HIA has provided 48 food packages and 363 hygiene kits to a total of 871 people and 200 packages of vitamins or medicines for 483 people. In Budapest, the distribution of different types of NFI packages has also started in November. 22 textile packages filled with pillow, blanket, towel, bed linen and 23 kitchen packages with useful kitchenware items like cutlery, pot, pan, electric kettle, etc. were distributed for refugee families. Also, 139 packages for children were handed out, which included for example backpack, water bottle, windbreaker, night light, coloring book, colored pencils, plasticine etc...

1,607 nights were provided for 51 refugees, 1,406 nights in Budapest, 201 nights in other cities.

HIA assisted refugees over 824 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 25 kids between the ages of 1 and 6 used the childcare services 376 times.

In Kaposvár 7 unaccompanied children received their monthly bus passes.

HIA still offers 8 language courses in Budapest, 6 in Sopron and 1 in Miskolc, from beginner to intermediate levels. In the reporting period, 63 individuals attended these courses.

The organization has kept up its multipurpose voucher program for the last month. With the help of our colleagues, 442 refugees received vouchers in November, helping them in preparing for self-sufficiency.

In the reporting period, Dévai Fogadó - which is a refugee support institution operated by the Lutheran Church - continued to provide their education project, reaching out 134 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 available once a week for 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 participate in a mini-course called the "Ladder Project". The course helps people to 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 **489,453 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	809	151230	Both
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	809	170640	Both
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	-	750	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/162	9370/66269	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	548	28254	Both
HIA	Ukraine		MPCA	-	29566	Outside
HIA	Hungary		FSL	124	49619	Both
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	51/379	1857*/5217	Outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	747	12553	Both
HIA	Hungary		Protection	824	27574	Both
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	-	984	Outside
HIA	Hungary		Education	163	3575	Within
HIA	Hungary		H&N	483	4044	Both
HIA	Hungary		MPCA	442	2860	Both

-People received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine in the reporting period: 809

*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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