

## 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 502,267 people so far**, providing access to basic humanitarian aid, protection activities and other life-saving services in Ukraine and Hungary
- Taking winter and cold into account, **in Kharkiv**, HIA - through his local implementing *partner "Life Goes On"* - helped people in need with 300 tons of **briquettes** and also with **building materials** for a residential apartment building
- Since the beginning of the conflict, **HIA purchased and transported 2,301,239 kg** of food, non-food and hygiene items to Ukraine
- As it's winter, the number of recently arrived **families from Ukraine** continues to **rise in Hungary**, according to the experiences of the past month's assistance requests.

## 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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In general, Russian offensive operations in the East have not advanced much since Ukrainian defenses have held firm. Frontlines were very dynamic but generally unchanged.

Russian forces attempted to retake land that Ukraine had already won in Zaporizka and succeeded in securing a minor but symbolic victory in Donetsk Oblast. The Russian attempts to dislodge the Ukrainian bridgehead in Krynyky were unsuccessful, and the Ukrainian forces are still on the defensive. While the Russian focus on Ukrainian forces on the left bank led to a slight decrease in conflict on Dnipro's left bank in Khersonska, attacks on Kherson City itself are still occurring at nearly record levels.

Although overall conflict levels have not increased from this summer's highs, this does not mean that NGOs near the frontlines are at a lower risk. On December 29, Russia launched the most powerful aerial attack on Ukraine since the full-scale invasion. A record amount of loitering munitions was launched into Ukraine at the end of December.

The total number of refugees from Ukraine recorded globally is **6,338,600 of which 5,935,000 are recorded in Europe**. The total border crossing from Ukraine since the beginning of the war is **27,979,240** while the border crossing to Ukraine is **20,422,215**. **In Hungary**, there are over 40,600 refugees from Ukraine who applied for Asylum, temporary protection or similar national protection schemes.<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
- 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.*

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The key actions carried out by HIA and its local implementing partners between **week 48 – week 52, 2023**:

### Activities in Ukraine

The **Lviv office** continued to support people by MPCA, reaching out 1,388 people, in Kyiv and Lviv Oblasts. The office also signed 2 micro grants for SCLR in Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, the planned activities are to purchase of shower cabins, repair work to disassemble and install shower cabins in the IDP shelter and to purchase of machinery and seeds for land cultivation.

During the period Lviv Office signed 2 FSG agreements in Donetsk and Lviv oblasts with the plan to cover approximately 270 people. The planned activities are to provide lighters, and small heaters for residents in the two villages in Avdiivka district and to install an air ventilation system in an IDP shelter.

**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 7 locations during the reporting period, the remaining one is under construction. Also 15,000 mini-stove has been distributed to Kherson Regional Communal Emergency Rescue Service.

**HIA Berehove Office** distributed food and hygiene items, reaching 839 people. The aid kits were handed out in 9 shelters in the region, in the city of Uzhhorod, in the Mother and Child Home of Begehove, and also to 30 veteran journalists in Zakarpattia Oblast. The office also handed out shelter equipments, and a generator to the Main Directorate of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in Zakarpattia Oblast, reaching 522 people in need. Together with the NGO „Smart Point”, the office organized three shifts of summer camp in Vyshka for 100 children, that live in difficult life circumstances, from low-income families located in the shelters across Zakarpattia.

**The League**, HIA's local implementing partner in **Cherkasy and Poltava oblasts** reached out 283 individuals by providing psychosocial help through phone consultations and classes. The classes centered around art therapy, and the phone consultations were primarily about dealing with war-related mental health difficulties. Also, 279 food and hygiene kits were distributed, reaching out 604 people (including 20 PwDs). These two activities were under Act Appeal fund, while under Ukrainian Humanitarian fund The League provided legal and psychosocial assistance, reaching out 612 people. In addition, there were same type of activities under World Vision fund, assisting 194 people.

In **Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast**, HIA together with its local implementing partner, **Etalon** assisted 2,102 people (including 12 PwD's) by 600 food kits for IDP's and 158 sweets kits for children on Christmas Eve. Also, 182 people were helped by psychosocial activities during the reporting period.

During the reporting period HIA's local implementing partner in **Kharkiv region**, the Non-Governmental Organization **“Life Goes On”** assisted 29 people by purchasing building material for a residential apartment building. Also, 328 people were assisted by 300 tonnes of fuel briquettes. Furthermore, the organization carried out psychosocial activities, funded by World Vision, reaching out 339 people (including 25 PwDs).

In December, collaboration with **Santis** and **Zlatograd** continued. In Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Santis distributed 530 food and 449 hygiene kits to 1,449 people (including 206 PwDs), while in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Zlatograd carried out the same activity, reaching out 625 people (including 18 PwDs).

### Activities in Hungary

In-kind assistance for refugees continues to be provided in **Hungary**. During the reporting period, HIA has provided 266 hygiene kits to a total of 933 people and 239 packages of vitamins or medicines for 790 people. In Budapest, the distribution of different types of NFI kits has been ongoing in December. 79 textile packages filled with pillow, blanket, towel, bed linen and 37 kitchen packages with useful kitchenware items like cutlery, pot, pan, electric kettle, etc. were provided for people in need. Also, 58 packages for children were handed out, which included for example backpack, water bottle, windbreaker, night light, coloring book, colored pencils, plasticine etc...

1,595 nights were provided for 53 refugees, 1,491 nights in the city of Budapest, 104 nights in the countryside.

HIA assisted refugees in 897 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 helped by 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 children between the ages of 1 and 7 used the childcare services 214 times.

In the city of Kaposvár 6 unaccompanied children received their monthly bus passes, and 10 children received Intersport gift voucher as Christmas present.

HIA has continued to provide 8 language courses in Budapest, 6 in Sopron and 1 in Miskolc, from beginner to intermediate levels. In December, 63 individuals attended these courses. Also, in Budapest, the course called „Kockatanoda” gives the opportunity to several students to learn the basics of programming, using the Scratch program.

In December several events were organized related to Christmas. Refugee children living in Kaposvár were able to participate in „Santa’s Evening”. Also, for 34 Ukrainian adults and children from Sopron, an Advent trip was organized to Budapest. First, they visited the Tropicarium and Oceanarium, and then our Ukrainian Refugee Support Center, where the local workers presented their activities and programmes. In the afternoon they walked around the city center, and visited the Christmas market next to the Basilica, where HIA’s tent was also located. The Ukrainian Refugee Support Center provided a Christmas dinner as well.

The organization has kept up its multipurpose voucher program in December. 295 refugees received assistance, helping them in preparing for self-sufficiency.

During the reporting period, Dévai Fogadó - which is a refugee support institution operated by the Lutheran Church - continued their education project, reaching out 110 people. Community art therapy and drawing therapy sessions were held twice a week for 1.5 hours. They also provide the development sessions, emphasizing the acquisition of the Hungarian language spoken in the motherland as opposed to the Hungarian language spoken in Ukraine. For children, the lessons are held 2 times a week, in a playful, creative way, and for adults with the focus on developing communication skills. They also held English language course, for 2 groups, on beginner and starting over levels, twice a week, and a choir, once a week. In the „Community Dance House” they presenting and teaching the dances of the Carpathian basin. They also started their „Order is the soul of everything” programme, which is about to learn how to make homemade, chemical-free, thrifty, eco-detergent cleaning products.

Thus far these efforts have reached **502,267 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	5255	156485	Both
HIA	Ukraine		WSH	2678	173318	Both
HIA	Ukraine		H&N	-	750	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Shelter+NFI	0/879	9370/67148	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Protection	565	28638*	Both
HIA	Ukraine		MPCA	1388	30954	Outside
HIA	Ukraine		Education	-	1326*	Both
HIA	Hungary		FSL	-	49619	Both
HIA	Hungary		Shelter+NFI	53/493	1910/5710	Outside
HIA	Hungary		WSH	933	13486	Both
HIA	Hungary		Protection	897	28471	Both
HIA	Hungary		Logistics	-	984	Outside
HIA	Hungary		Education	121	3696	Within
HIA	Hungary		H&N	790	4834	Both
HIA	Hungary		MPCA	295	3155	Both

-People received both food and hygienic support in Ukraine in the reporting period: 2678

\*Recalculated: 1326 people assisted in education activity were added to protection activity previously

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

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