



EASTERN EUROPE TERRITORIAL SITUATION REPORT UKRAINE REFUGEE CRISIS

25 March 2022

on the photo: Salvation Army in Moldova approaches refugees from Ukraine at the Palanca border crossing in Moldova ready to be transferred to safety places

EET STATISTICS FEBRUARY, 24 2022 - MARCH, 20 2022

Numbers of

6480	cooked meals distributed
2750	food parcels given
1343	water bottles distributed
1285	hygiene products
2218	diapers given
415	baby formula given
1550	adults accommodated in TSA buildings
726	children accommodated in TSA buildings
570	people accommodated in non-TSA buildings assisted
278	people assisted with health and medication
824	volunteers
-	officers
-	trip transporting people
-	trip transporting goods
-	clothing/blankets distributed

* - currently not recodered

10988

meals/hydration items
were distributed
including baby's
formula

temporary
accommodation
was provided for

2846

people

Heart to God, Hand to Man

Update of last week 18 -25 March 2022

Currently, all Ukrainian Officers and soldiers are alive and are in places of safety. However, Kharkiv and Donetsk Corps no work is taking place due to the dangerous situation around them. Two corps operate Sunday meetings and weekly activities such as Bible studies and prayer meetings in bomb-shelters, when they are able and it is safe to do so.

In EET the emergency response has been organised very quickly. The Territory is quite young and most officers and corps members have never experienced a situation like this before. The biggest issue is lack of human resources as we are not a large Territory numerically. Many officers and corps members are exhausted physically and emotionally. Under these challenging circumstances we are doing our best and God provides us strength and courage.

At the moment the strategic priority is to continue providing assistance with focus on Ukraine Division as the number of IDPs is increasing within the country. The main aspects are: childcare provisions at the corps, canteens and hot meals that can be delivered to those in need. Providing places of safety for IDPs with free Wi-Fi, non-perishable food and hygiene parcels and medicines. It is important that The Salvation Army provides holistic support to IDP's, not just responding to their physical needs. SA officers are providing a 'listening ear' and pastoral care to those we meet at our Corps and in the communities.

Future Strategic Plans

To provide a safe place and practical assistance to people who are internally and externally displaced.

Holistic approach at SA corps and social centres that includes providing physical, emotional and spiritual support for Displaced People.

Activities for children and their parents including recreation, child care and kindergarten

Training for Disaster response for SA officers.

Development of Salvation Army visual identity in EET countries

Ukraine

All officers within the Division are doing well. Some of the officers are conducting online meetings on zoom.

There was a break in at the corps in Kiev, nothing was stolen, but the corps building has been made safe.

IHQ Emergency services have arranged two sprinter vans of supplies from Germany, to go to the border of Poland/Ukraine this will go to the corps in Lviv. All paperwork and arrangements have been made so we are praying for a smooth transfer of the items from Poland to Ukraine.

Working with another church Lviv who have received goods and want to share with TSA.

People are moving from the southern part of the country to Kropyvnytskyi as Dnipro has extensive bombing and fighting in the surrounding areas.

In Kropyvnytsky, due to the war kindergartens and schools have been closed. The corps has started a children's program in the corps apartment with 4 – 5 children which includes the officer's children and children from the community. They have a number of volunteers and have a good team to assist the children with activities and lessons.

Romania

There is Social Services Hub that is being operated by the local government. They have clothing from local donations. The Salvation Army assisted with volunteers to help sorting and assisting refugees.

There is a team of four officers who have come from Georgia they have spent time at the border, which has been most helpful as they speak Russian,

A team of three people from IHQ Emergency Services has arrived in Bucharest. They are currently working at the Social Services Hub

The Division has purchased vouchers for food and clothing, pharmacy, these have been given to the families along with food and hygiene packs. That are being given out at the Social Services Hub. This means that the families have enough supplies for 10 days and can purchase what they require.

Moldova

At the beginning of the week purchasing food supplies have been difficult as the grocery stores have put limits on how much you can purchase. Although there is no food shortage, it is difficult to purchase items in bulk due to the restrictions.

The Division has given money to each corps so that they can purchase enough non-perishable food and supplies for three months.

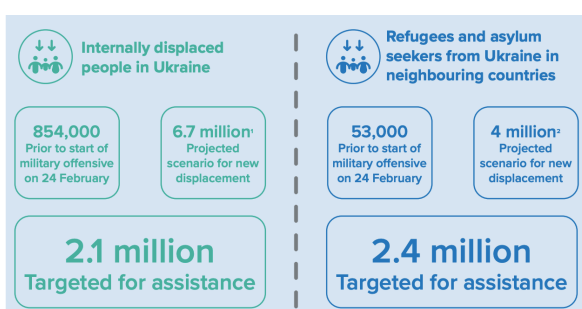
In Transnistria all schools, high schools and universities have had bomb threats so they are all operating on line.

Corps are still providing accommodation, food and other supplies where needed.

Situation Overview in general

Ukrainian authorities had registered 1.46 million internally displaced people (IDPs), of whom 854,000 resided in Government-controlled areas, in addition to 1.7 million conflict-affected people. Most had been displaced since the initial outbreak of hostilities in south-east Ukraine in 2014. There were also 35,000 stateless persons and 5,000 refugees and asylum seekers.

There are two main groups assistance: IDPs inside Ukraine, and refugees from Ukraine who have sought safety abroad, the majority of whom are women and children. The war could displace up to 6.7 million people within Ukraine, 4.3 million of whom will need life-saving humanitarian assistance. <https://unh.cr/6228caf180>



SA in EET future strategic:

- stay and deliver protection and life-essential assistance to human needs to internally and externally displaced people in Ukraine.
- wholistic approach at SA corps and social centres. Recreational programs.
- educational Disaster response events for SA officers.
- SA Visual identity development in EET countries

Stories:

Kharkiv was heavily bombarded. People spent 3-5 days in bomb shelters. Without water, without food and without light. When there was even an insignificant opportunity to leave, the family of a TSA officer from the village of Novyi, Lieutenant Tatyana Popova, did just that. On this day, thousands of people crowded at the railway station (there are photos on the Internet).

Overcoming incredible efforts, father, mother, sister and nephew were able to board the direct train Kharkiv-Lviv (via Kyiv). They took a minimum of things and food with them. It was estimated that this trip would take more than 29 hours. But the family arrived in Lviv after 21 hours - exhausted, tired, frightened. At the station they were met by TSA officers Captains Sergey and Galina Nika and 1st year cadets Andrey and Vera Pryadko. The whole family was fed, it was organized a lodging for the night, and they were supplied with food and things. The next day, rested and recovered, they went to Poland. Now the family is safe in one of the Polish cities. To help everyone, especially your own by faith. The Lord provides opportunities, means and desires to serve in this way. Lieutenant Tatyana Popova is infinitely grateful to her spiritual brothers and sisters for such timely help for her family

All project coordinators participate in the ministries of their corps as much as possible. According to the coordinator from the Kharkiv corps of TSA, Tamara Mirgorodskaya, she is now in Kharkiv, she didn't leave anywhere. At the moment, there is no electricity, no water, no communication, no food in the city. A bomb hit the house where her son lived and they are now forced to live together. She charges her phone's battery once a day in another part of the city and she saves battery as much as possible, so she doesn't answer all calls.

Yury Pomytkin got in touch. He is the Corps officer of the city of Kharkiv. They are safe. They help people by going to the regional center, taking humanitarian aid - various kinds and bringing it to the village to people. It is not possible to buy anything by card, it is also a problem to withdraw money from a card. Everything is paid only in cash.



the rescued family at the Lviv Corps



trip transporting Ukrainian Family from
Moldovan_Ukrainian Border to Romania



Useful links:

EET photos:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/salvationarmyeet/>

Romania photos:

[flickr.com/armatasalvariromania](https://www.flickr.com/photos/armatasalvariromania/)

EET map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1EjlpCSE0nRbgftnAGIGStBnW2FXp8sd4>

NEW! Salvation Army Shield in Ukrainian:

PNG file

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e3CoFrq2zClvfKnykotw5me15x7AYIGj/view?usp=sharing>

High resolution file (Ai/ PDF)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y-QD4FtiYmaLrZnZ7RwOovu6y0BhkUa7/view?usp=sharing>

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