1. OVERVIEW

War in Ukraine has resulted in at least 691 civilian deaths and an additional 1,143 civilian injuries, as of March 14, 2022 (midnight, local time), according to UNHCR. Actual figures are believed to be considerably higher.

Damage and destruction to residential areas and civilian infrastructure serves as a major obstacle to people accessing essential resources, such as water and food, as well as healthcare and other critical services. Military activity continues to expand throughout Ukraine and has moved into western Ukraine.

As of March 15, 2022, over 3 million people have fled Ukraine since war activities commenced on February 24, 2022, according to UNHCR, resulting in the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. Most refugees are fleeing to Poland, which is home to the region's largest Ukrainian community, and is the easiest EU country to reach from Ukraine's capital, Kyiv.

According to estimates from UN OCHA, 12 million people inside Ukraine will need relief and protection due to the war.

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**CORE'S RESPONSE**

- hygiene kit distribution
- cash assistance
- institutional support

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In addition to the imminent threat of violence, the conflict has increased vulnerability to diseases, including COVID-19. Ukraine is home to the second-lowest vaccination rate in Europe, with 37 percent of its people having received one or more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

2. CORE’S RESPONSE

CORE is working with international and local partners to support the immediate needs of people fleeing war in Ukraine to Poland and Romania.

- CORE is working in the border towns to provide Ukrainian refugees who have crossed the border into Poland with cash assistance to help families get access to essential items, such as food, water, and safe transit to shelter.

- CORE is also providing emergency relief supplies, including hygiene kits with soap, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, and other essential hygiene items, as well as thermal blankets to keep refugees warm amid freezing temperatures.

- CORE is supporting community-based refugee centers in Poland with supplies and institutional support to help them continue supporting refugees as the influx of individuals fleeing the war continues to increase.

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3. ACTIVITIES

**Highlights:**

**March 10**
**Poland**
• Delivery of OTC medications to Ukrainian Ministry of Health
• Attendance of the NGO daily meeting
• Field visit to meet with a new grassroots organization that is providing housing to Ukrainian refugees, specifically women and children
• Action planning with local field staff to advance the Service Delivery Plan

**March 11**
**Romania**
• Met with local CBOs and international NGOs in Romania to coordinate partnerships and logistics of supporting refugees entering Romania

**March 13**
**Romania**
• Emergency procurement of basic needs for refugees at FARA’s (Romanian NGO) two local refugee collection centers and distributed directly
  • Resources included pajamas, slippers, food stock, toys, luggage, and small kitchen appliances

**March 14**
**Poland**
• Coordinate and collaborate with City of Rzeszów to identify potential partners
• Outreach to local NGOs to offer sub-granting opportunities

**Romania**
• Emergency procurement of food stock and basic needs for refugees at local refugee collection center in Bucharest and distributed directly.
**Resource Coordination:**
The below resources have been procured and delivered to support Ukrainian refugees:

- 750 Emergency Blankets
- 150 Hygiene Kits
- 8,000 OTC/non-prescription medicine

**4. PARTNERS**

- CORE and World Central Kitchen (WCK) are coordinating to establish hot meal delivery to the consortium of private refugee hosting sites.
- CORE is working with five private hosting sites to provide funding, operational support, and capacity building to meet the increasing need for temporary and transitional shelter.
- CORE is working with Mayor’s office in Kraków, Poland, to identify potential support to provide desperately needed humanitarian assistance.

**5. NEXT STEPS**

CORE’s immediate priorities for the response are:
- Continue to identify and provide technical support to grassroots community organizations and other local CBOs working to assist Ukrainian refugees
- Establish new NGO and CBO partnerships for service delivery in Poland, Romania, and other neighboring countries as needed
- Assess evolving needs of refugees and adapt support measures accordingly
- Work with donors on potential grant opportunities to support operations
- Strategize on procurement for next round of CBO support

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