Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis

Situation Report No. 5
April 6, 2022
1. OVERVIEW

War in Ukraine has resulted in at least 1,563 civilian deaths and an additional 2,213 civilian injuries, as of April 5, 2022 (midnight, local time), according to the UNHCR. Actual figures are believed to be considerably higher. The civilian death toll of the ongoing conflict has already exceeded the total number of civilian deaths from armed conflict in eastern Ukraine over the last seven years (2015-2021).

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. According to UN OCHA, the humanitarian situation in the hardest-hit areas in Eastern, Northern, and Southern Ukraine is becoming increasingly dire, as unmet needs for basic necessities continue to accumulate due to critically restricted access.

As of April 5, 2022, over 4.2 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 (2.5 million) and Romania (650k), with others traveling to neighboring Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Belarus, and Russia as well.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

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*Source: UNHCR (April 5, 2022) Actual figures believed to be much higher.

CORE’S RESPONSE

- hygiene kit distribution
- cash assistance
- institutional support
- shelters

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According to estimates from the UN, 12 million people inside Ukraine will need relief and protection due to the war. In addition to the imminent threat of violence, the conflict has increased vulnerability to diseases, including COVID-19. Ukraine is home to one of the lowest vaccination rates in Europe, with 36 percent of its people having received one or more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (source: Our World in Data).

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 and address humanitarian needs within Ukraine. Its current activities include:

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

- 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 cold temperatures.

- Supporting community-based refugee centers with supplies and institutional support to help them continue aiding refugees as the influx of individuals fleeing the war continues to increase.

- Assessing evolving needs of Ukrainian refugees, identifying CORE’s further engagement with relevant partners.

- Procuring materials to send to collective shelters in Ukraine or other areas in need.

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3. ACTIVITIES

Highlights:

March 30
Romania
- Delivery of fresh fruits to Romexpo from identified provider
- Delivery of 100 gift cards as third distribution within the implementation of CTP
- Procurement of basic needs supplies for Ukraine, transportation and delivery of first shipment of supplies to Ukraine
- Established supply needs for the event organized by JRS for refugee women
- Provided assistance for transportation and food for a group of 19 Ukrainian refugees with disabilities and special needs, in partnership with CORE’s local partner Funky Citizens

Poland
- CORE signs MOU with City of Rzeszow to support city with volunteer management activities at train station
- Distributed 15 cash payments at a shelter

April 4
Romania
- Procurement of basic needs supplies and organization of the transportation and delivery of second shipment to Ukraine
- Delivery of three refrigerators and a washing machine with incorporated dryer to local partner Carusel
- Purchased and delivered supplies for the social event organized by JRS for 70 refugee women
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
- 50 school kits
- 51 sets of undergarments/pajamas
- 50 pillowcases
- 50 quilts
- 50 mattress sheets
- 5 laptops
- 5 nebulizers

Supplies delivered to Ukraine:
- Blankets: 300
- Sleeping bags: 44
- Isoprene mattresses: 297
- Bandages: 2,275
- Metal mugs: 480
- Raincoats: 365

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 and Ukrainians unable or unwilling to leave the country
- Establish new NGO and CBO partnerships for service delivery in Poland, Romania, Ukraine, and other neighboring countries as needed
- Assess evolving needs of refugees and adapt support measures accordingly
- Continue to roll-out Cash Assistance program at other shelter locations
- Assess gaps for humanitarian relief within Ukraine and building partnerships with local community-based organizations to determine support measures
- Work with partners to develop volunteer program to add capacity to relief operations in Poland