1. OVERVIEW

War in Ukraine has resulted in at least 1,982 civilian deaths and an additional 2,651 civilian injuries, as of April 14, 2022 (midnight, local time), according to the UNHCR. Actual figures are believed to be considerably higher, particularly as reports of information from areas of heavy conflict still pend confirmation. 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. Additionally, unexploded ordnance poses major peril to civilians, as nearly half of Ukraine requires demining due to the ongoing military conflict, according to SESU.

Two humanitarian workers and five of their relatives were recently reported to have been killed in Mariupol a month ago on March 15, according to the NGO Caritas.

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*Source: UNHCR (April 14, 2022)
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CORE'S RESPONSE

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

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As of April 14, 2022, over 4.8 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 (2.7 million) and Romania (726k), with others traveling to neighboring Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Belarus, and Russia as well.

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 and other areas in need.

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3. ACTIVITIES

Highlights:

April 8

Poland

- VOICE has conducted 14 focus groups and assessments at CORE partner shelters, to date
- CORE executes grants with Ukrainian partners to provide food baskets, shelter supplies, and multipurpose cash assistance to those in need and IDPs within Ukraine
- 1,000 hygiene kits shipped from CORE’s warehouse to the border to be received by World Central Kitchen. WCK will distribute to hardest hit areas in Ukraine surrounding Kyiv.

April 11

Romania

- Purchase and delivery of 1,000 kg. of fresh fruit to Romexpo
- Delivery of second shipment to Ukraine consisting of 25 pallets of essential resources (dry and canned food, bandages, medical supplies, wash, diapers, baby food, tea)

April 12

Poland

- CORE launches partnership with Mastercard and EML to provide cash cards to Ukrainian refugees to help them to safely resettle on their own terms. (Press release)
- Procurement of 300 mattresses to send to shelters in Ukraine
- CORE is currently partnered with 15 shelters in Poland, as of April 12

Romania

- Procurement of 300 gift cards from Carrefour to be delivered to FARA and JRS.

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April 14

Poland

- CORE now coordinating all in-kind donations sent to Rzeszow municipality
- Preparation and procurement for child-friendly activities for the Easter holiday are ongoing.

4. 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 shelter locations
- Assess gaps for humanitarian relief within Ukraine and build partnerships with local community-based organizations to determine additional support measures
- Work with partners to operate volunteer program to continue to add capacity to relief operations in Poland and Romania