1. OVERVIEW

War in Ukraine has resulted in at least 3,238 civilian deaths and an additional 3,397 civilian injuries, as of May 3, 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. Over 15.7 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian aid, according to updated estimates from the UN and humanitarian partners.

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. Additionally, unexploded ordnance poses major peril to civilians, as nearly half of Ukraine requires demining due to the ongoing military conflict, according to SESU.

As of May 4, 2022, nearly 5.7 million people have fled Ukraine since war activities commenced on February 24, 2022, according to UNHCR, resulting in the largest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. Most refugees are fleeing to Poland (3.1 million) and Romania (847k), with others traveling to neighboring Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Belarus, and Russia as well.

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An estimated 7.7 million Ukrainians (17.5 percent of the country’s population) are currently internally displaced according to recent estimates from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Nearly 40 percent of all IDPs are in Western Ukraine (2.9 million people). A recent World Health Organization (WHO) assessment revealed that Ukrainian residents with chronic diseases are experiencing critical challenges accessing health care, as one of three households with at least one person with a chronic condition is unable to obtain medication and care.

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 fled to Poland and Romania with cash assistance to help them get access to essential items, such as food, water, and safe transit to shelter.
- Providing emergency relief supplies, including hygiene kits, as well as other medication and other essential resources to meet basic needs.
- Supporting community-based refugee centers with supplies and institutional support to help them continue aiding refugees and improve living situations.
- Supporting mental health and protection services for refugees, targeting women and children.
- Assessing evolving needs of Ukrainian refugees and 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 18
Romania
- CORE delivers third shipment of supplies to Odessa, Ukraine
- CORE procures 1,000 kg of fresh fruits, delivery of basic needs supplies to Romexpo (largest shelter in Romania) and supplies for Concordia shelter in Bucharest

April 22
Romania
- CORE delivers supplies to Reni, Ukraine, and fresh fruit and basic needs supplies to local partners in Romania
- CORE distributes 224 gift cards directly to Ukrainian refugees in Galati shelter

April 25
Romania
- CORE delivers fifth shipment of basic needs supplies to Dnipro, Ukraine

April 27
Poland
- CORE delivers and installs freezers into a facility outside of Lviv housing IDPs with mental disabilities
- CORE prepares 5,000 hygiene for shipment at Rzeszow warehouse

April 28
Poland
- CORE ships 300 mattresses to Dnipro, Ukraine from Krakow warehouse

Romania
- CORE delivers 100 gift cards to FARA and 1,000 kg fresh fruits to Romexpo
April 29

**Poland**
- CORE's cash card assistance program with Mastercard and EML begins programming

**Romania**
- CORE delivers shipment of basic needs supplies to Nykolaev, Ukraine

April 30 - May 1

**Poland**
- CORE prepares and conducts Easter programs at three different areas (five shelters total, 200 people). Ukrainian refugee families celebrated the holiday with child-friendly traditional activities.
- CORE sponsors Soup for Ukraine event to help raise funds for local restaurants

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**Resource Coordination**

CORE is distributing the following resources to support refugees and those internally displaced within Ukraine:
- Food & water, kitchen appliances
- Medicine
- Basic needs – e.g., clothing, diapers, feminine hygiene products
- Shelter – e.g., cleaning supplies, mattresses, bedding, refrigerators, washing machines
- Cash assistance (*Poland & Romania)
- WASH – e.g., towels, soap, toothbrush/paste
- Transportation – i.e., fuel

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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