



# Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal

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Dear supporter,

People in Ukraine are facing almost unimaginable choices every single day.

Do I venture outside for drinking water and risk being killed or do I try to make it without for one

more day? Do I try to flee on roads with mines and checkpoints or stay closer to the fighting? Do I leave my family behind and get out of the country while I can?

No one should ever have to make these decisions. But in Ukraine, millions have no other choice.

I have just returned from Ukraine, as well as Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania, where I was meeting Red Cross teams on the ground and seeing our operations first hand. The stories I have heard impacted me deeply.

The hope, strength and resilience of the people affected by the conflict remain—even in the face of utter destruction.

I have also seen our work at its very best. Ukrainian Red Cross volunteers—many of whom are displaced themselves—helping women, children, and the elderly make it to the border where they are provided with food, water, and shelter by Red Cross National Societies on the other side.

Experts from the International Committee of the Red Cross are risking their lives by going into Ukraine to provide healthcare, unexploded ordnance disposal, and safe passage for civilians.

Our own Canadian Red Cross humanitarian specialists, who are managing large and complex operations, are helping thousands upon thousands of people every day.

This is humanity at its best during the most difficult times.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the outpouring of generosity we have witnessed from those in Canada. Coming from every corner of our nation, the show of solidarity with Ukraine and the millions impacted by the armed conflict has been truly remarkable.

Thank you for your solidarity, your generosity, and your trust. I would like to thank each and every person who gave whatever they could to this appeal. The needs are immense, but thanks to you, people are being provided with lifesaving aid.

Sincerely,

**Conrad Sauvé**  
President and CEO  
Canadian Red Cross

# Delivering aid against all odds



April 2, 2022. Irpin, Ukraine. A Red Cross medical team provides first aid and medical evacuation in Irpin after weeks of intense fighting.

## YOUR IMPACT



**1.25M people** assisted in Ukraine and surrounding countries



**1,800 metric tons of aid** delivered to Ukraine and surrounding countries, including food, water, blankets, tents, and hygiene items.



**46,000 people** received first aid training



**32,000 emergency relief items** sent from Canada such as blankets, tarps, and kitchen sets.



**8,000 Ukrainian Red Cross** volunteers providing help



**23 Canadian Red Cross** humanitarian specialists deployed

## THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION:



**12M people**  
in need of humanitarian assistance



**5.3M people**  
forced to flee Ukraine



**6.5M people**  
internally displaced



**150+ health facilities**  
damaged or destroyed

## HUMANITARIAN DIPLOMACY

As the guardians of the Geneva Conventions, which make up the basis for international humanitarian law, the International Committee of the Red Cross is mandated to speak with all sides during any armed conflict. The Red Cross' neutrality and the space to discuss humanitarian issues directly with parties can allow us to:

- **Move aid** across front lines
- **Facilitate safe passages** of civilians
- **Visit prisoners** of war
- **Ensure the protection** of civilian infrastructure
- **Identify and return the deceased** to their families
- **Help reestablish communication** between loved ones

# You are part of a region-wide humanitarian response

Here are just some of the ways your support is reaching those in need.

## POLAND

- Hundreds of thousands of people have been provided with humanitarian assistance from the Red Cross.
- **450 medics** are working around the clock to provide healthcare and psychosocial assistance.



## LVIV

- **People with disabilities** and their families are being evacuated. As the conflict draws on, they are among the most vulnerable.



## HUNGARY

- **100,000+** have been reached, with a team of 3,000 volunteers working to provide help.
- **First aid and health services** are being provided at three border crossings.



## ROMANIA

- **Tens of thousands** arriving from Ukraine have been reached by Red Cross assistance like food, medical supplies, and other essential items.
- Volunteers provide SIM cards to help families stay in touch. The Red Cross also helps reunite families who have lost contact with their loved ones.

## KYIV

- The Ukrainian Red Cross has provided basic necessities such as food and hygiene items, as well as first aid lessons to tens of thousands of people.
- Medical supplies provided to **three main hospitals**, including medical kits that can treat trauma, burns, and gunshot wounds.



## SUMY

- **Thousands of people** were escorted out of Sumy in over 80 buses, as part of the Red Cross' efforts to facilitate the safe passage of civilians.



## DONETSK

- Water, medical equipment, and medications distributed to health care facilities.
- **Since 2014**, the Red Cross has been providing emergency relief for people who face regular disruptions to water, food, and electricity due to conflict.

## MARIUPOL

- As the guardians of the **Geneva Conventions**, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), advocates for respect for international humanitarian law, which protects civilians and ensures humanitarian aid can reach those in need.
- An ICRC team is currently participating in an operation to facilitate the safe passage of civilians out of the Azovstal plant and Mariupol towards Zaporizhzhia.



# How you are helping children like Timur in Ukraine



March 24. Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Red Cross volunteer, Sasha, plays with 3-year-old Timur as his mother collects clothing and other goods. Support from our donors is helping children like Timur and his family during this difficult time.

Karina is a young mother who had to make the decision to flee Kharkiv for Uzhhorod with her 3-year-old son, Timur, as well as her mother who suffered a broken leg. Her husband stayed behind.

Timur plays with Sasha, a volunteer from the Ukrainian Red Cross—seemingly unaware of the hardship his family is being put through, if only for a moment, and giving his mother much needed respite.

Karina is grateful for the support: “I want to say thank you to all these people because we can get clothes, toys for my son, and friendship. Thank you so much.”

In many cities and towns in Ukraine, people are trapped in unimaginable conditions and are cut off from humanitarian aid, and from safe passage out. Thanks to supporters like you, the Red Cross has helped evacuate civilians when ceasefire agreements are reached—upwards of 58,000 people so far.

**Your generosity has helped Karina and Timur and over a million others just like them.**

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— **Karina**, a mother displaced by the conflict in Ukraine.

# Thank you for your solidarity



March 15, 2022. Sumy, Ukraine. Red Cross personnel facilitate the voluntary evacuation of over 80 busloads of people from Sumy on March 15 and 18. Your support helps get people to safety.

**Thanks to our generous donors, community organizations, businesses, and government partners, as of April 25, the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal has raised \$158 million, including \$30 million in the matching funds from the Government of Canada. Of this, \$82.5 million has already been contributed to the international Red Cross response.**

Funds raised support Red Cross humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and neighbouring countries such as Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia.

The cost of fundraising—such as processing donations, issuing receipts, or reporting back to donors—will not exceed five per cent.

This humanitarian crisis will take years, if not decades, to respond to and recover from. The Canadian Red Cross and our international Red Cross Movement partners, including the Ukrainian Red Cross, will

continue to bring vital humanitarian assistance to those impacted by the armed conflict in Ukraine—now and well into the future.



The Canadian Red Cross has contributed \$82.5 million to the international Red Cross response, with approximately two-thirds of that amount to support people in Ukraine and one-third to help people displaced in surrounding countries.

**Your donation will make a lifesaving difference for people impacted by this unimaginable crisis. Thank you.**



# Thank you

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Thank you for your generosity and solidarity with those impacted by the armed conflict in Ukraine.

**Your support has enabled the Red Cross to help over 1.25M people so far.**