



Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal

1-YEAR UPDATE



Dear supporter,

On the morning of February 24, 2022, the world as we knew it changed. On what should have been an ordinary Thursday in Ukraine—where people prepared their children for school, caught the bus for work or made plans with a friend

to have coffee—missiles began to fly overhead and far-reaching attacks were ignited across the country.

This past year has been a waking nightmare for people living in Ukraine. As millions of women, children and seniors grabbed only what they could carry and fled for safety, others stayed behind. When the cold weather set in and attacks on infrastructure escalated, people were forced to go without proper access to electricity, heating, and water.

Thousands upon thousands of people have been killed but they are not merely a statistic, they are brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers, some even children. One was a Ukrainian Red Cross volunteer—a mother of two—who died of shrapnel wounds while on duty in Kherson. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Ukrainian Red Cross staff and volunteers, and her family at this devastating time. For the families of people who are missing, their turmoil endures.

I have now been to Ukraine twice since the onset of the conflict to meet with our Red Cross Red Crescent partners like the Ukrainian Red Cross, the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), and

the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Together, as the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, our international network is helping people on the frontlines in Ukraine and in surrounding countries every day.

We have reached millions of people with aid from relief items to healthcare and financial assistance to visiting prisoners of war.

Of course, this would not have been possible without your compassion towards those impacted by the conflict. I hope you read on so you can see just how many people in need your support has touched and how far it has reached.

Your generosity and the generosity of those from across Canada offer a beacon of hope to people in Ukraine and those who were forced to flee. Since December 31, 2022, our generous supporters have raised over \$201 million for the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal, showing we can make an enormous impact when we work together.

I am so grateful for your donation and for you being there for those impacted by this heartbreaking conflict.

Sincerely,

Conrad Sauvé
President and CEO
Canadian Red Cross

THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION



17.7M+ people
in need of humanitarian
assistance and protection



7.9M+ refugees
from Ukraine recorded
across Europe



300+ health facilities
damaged or destroyed



2,800+ education facilities
damaged or destroyed



Kyiv, Ukraine. A Ukrainian Red Cross emergency responder provides first aid to someone injured after an attack in the capital last October. Photo: Ukrainian Red Cross Society

YOUR IMPACT



14.5M+ people have received emergency relief items, including food, water, and blankets.



\$288M CAD in cash assistance distributed to people to support with basic needs, shelter, and health.



124,000 Red Cross volunteers and 59 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies from around the world actively responding.



10.6M+ people benefited from improved access to water with Red Cross support.



328,000+ people in Ukraine received mental health and psychosocial support.



1.8M+ people assisted with housing rehabilitation, shelter, and temporary accommodation.



38,900 emergency relief items sent from Canada such as blankets, tarps, and kitchen sets.



45 Canadian Red Cross humanitarian specialists deployed to Ukraine and surrounding countries.



4,000+ families have received information about their loved ones, including prisoners of war.



1.1M+ people have benefited from health services.



170 health facilities supported with medical equipment, medications, and tools.



252,000+ people assisted with transportation or voluntary evacuation.

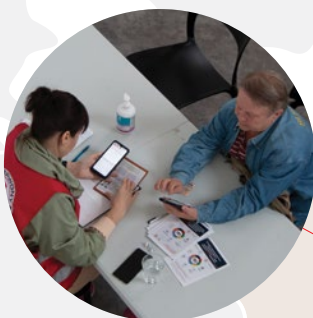
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Helping people across Ukraine and those forced to flee

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

POLAND

Since the onset of the conflict, millions of people from Ukraine have crossed into Poland. The Red Cross has **reached upwards of 800,000 people with aid and 45,000 with financial assistance** for necessities like rent, groceries, and utilities.



SLOVAKIA

In Slovakia, **285,000 people were assisted with basic needs**. The Canadian Red Cross also sent a Cash and Voucher Assistance specialist to train Slovakia Red Cross volunteers to provide cash assistance to Ukrainian refugees. Since the beginning of the conflict, the Red Cross has reached over 1.2 million people with cash assistance in Ukraine and surrounding countries.



LVIV

The need for mental health services in Ukraine is vast. In partnership with the Ukrainian Red Cross, the **Canadian Red Cross is funding the salaries of up to 10 psychotherapists** at the Lviv Regional Clinical Hospital due to the ever increasing mental health needs.



KYIV

Ukrainian Red Cross emergency response teams were at the scene of rocket and drone attacks in the capital to provide first aid, evacuations, and psychosocial support.



CHERKASY

Partnering directly with the Ukrainian Red Cross, the **Canadian Red Cross is supporting a variety of services in Cherkasy Oblast**, including Mobile Health Units, hospital repairs, and winterization supports such as heating stoves, relief items, and support to collective centres.



DONETSK

Ukrainian Red Cross emergency response teams regularly **provide medical evacuations** for people close the frontlines in eastern Ukraine, including senior citizens, pregnant women, and people with disabilities.



KHERSON

Following the withdrawal of Russian troops, the **Red Cross reached Kherson on November 15, 2022 with supplies for hospitals, food parcels, hygiene kits, and 40 tons of drinking water**. The Red Cross continues to bring essential services to this area.



UKRAINE

Delivering healthcare in hard-to-reach communities



Dr. Natalia Aphanasyna provides healthcare to a resident of Gusakova, Cherkasy Oblast. Thanks to our donors, the Canadian Red Cross is supporting the Ukrainian Red Cross in funding the operation of Mobile Health Units in Cherkasy and Poltava Oblasts.

In addition to contributing to the International Red Cross' efforts to help people impacted by the conflict throughout Ukraine and in neighbouring countries, the Canadian Red Cross has partnered with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society to support the operation of Mobile Health Units in Cherkasy Oblast and expand them to Poltava Oblast in 2023.

The units—consisting of one doctor and two nurses—reach people in remote areas where infrastructure has been damaged and access to healthcare has been impacted. They provide health assessments, medication, treatment for minor injuries, and referrals for additional care to both local residents and internally displaced persons. Since August 5, 2022, the Mobile Health Units have provided over 6,700 primary healthcare consultations.

Ala, her husband, and her grandchildren recently fled Pokrovsky, near Bakhmut, Donetsk Oblast. They are staying in a temporary shelter in Gusakova, Cherkasy Oblast, where they receive healthcare from Mobile Health Units supported by the Canadian Red Cross.

“Me and my husband were given medicine. Good service. We had a cardiogram—all the tests,” says Ala.

“Our main goal is to reach people that cannot come to our first aid centre,” explains Dr. Natalia Aphanasyna. “Some of them are too far and there are also elderly people, many of whom cannot be transported.”

With your support, the Mobile Health Units are providing vital healthcare to rural and hard-to-reach communities in Ukraine.



4 Mobile Health Units supported.



6,700+ healthcare consultations provided.



350 urban or rural locations visited.

August 2, 2022-December 31, 2022

Giving the gift of warmth during a cold, hard winter



Bucha, Ukraine. A member of the Italian Red Cross comforts a woman in Bucha while conducting a needs assessment for shelter. Photo: Italian Red Cross

While much of Europe faced a milder winter than expected, constant attacks on vital infrastructure and below-freezing temperatures left many across Ukraine in the cold and in the dark. This winter, an estimated 4 million people in Ukraine required humanitarian assistance to survive. Thankfully, your generosity has provided relief from the cold.

By working with utility companies and procuring items from generators to blankets, the Red Cross is helping individuals survive the winter as well as supporting critical infrastructure like hospitals and railways to remain in operation.

Knowing the challenges winter would bring, the Red Cross prepared long before the first snowfall.

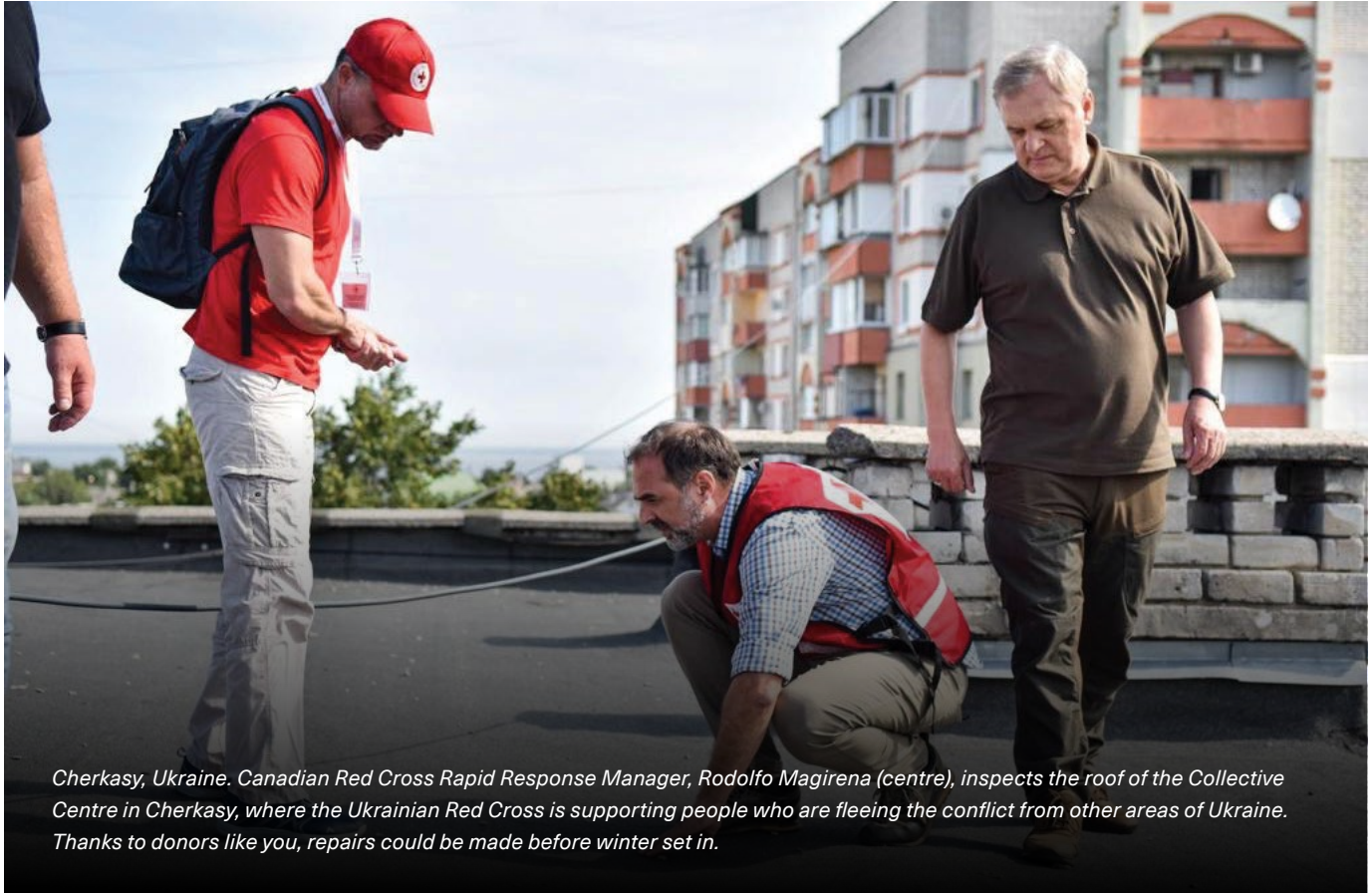
Canadian Red Cross
Communications Specialist,
Courtney Wilson, was in Irpin
in the summer of 2022 to see
the work being done firsthand:

“We’re here in Irpin, Ukraine, where, a few months ago, the city was entirely devastated by the conflict. There is a heating company that provides service to over 600 individual households, schools, and hospitals. During the shelling, a lot of its windows were blown out. The chimney was also hit by a rocket as well. The International Committee of the Red Cross is here and they’re helping to replace these ahead of the winter months to ensure that the community can have the heat and access to water that they need to get through.”



Sumy, Ukraine. The Ukrainian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross facilitated the voluntary safe passage of civilians from the Sumy region to Ukrainian-controlled territory in March, 2022. The Red Cross has facilitated the voluntary safe passage of over 10,500 people since the onset of the conflict. Photo: ICRC

How your gift sends Canada's best in humanitarian response



Cherkasy, Ukraine. Canadian Red Cross Rapid Response Manager, Rodolfo Magirena (centre), inspects the roof of the Collective Centre in Cherkasy, where the Ukrainian Red Cross is supporting people who are fleeing the conflict from other areas of Ukraine. Thanks to donors like you, repairs could be made before winter set in.

The Canadian Red Cross is an international leader in emergency response. Simply put, our humanitarian specialists are amongst the best in their field, not just in Canada but around the world. In 2022, **45 humanitarian specialists** from the Canadian Red Cross were sent to Ukraine and surrounding countries with expertise in areas such as cash assistance, health coordination, shelter and winterization, and sanitation and hygiene. Rapid Response Manager, Rodolfo Magirena, was one of these experts. Specializing in shelter and reconstruction,

Rodolfo worked with our Ukrainian Red Cross partners in Cherkasy Oblast to repair the heating and water systems of the Regional Children's Hospital of Cherkasy.

"What we see here is severe rusting so unfortunately most of this has to be replaced," he says of the piping to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Thankfully, with the support of donors like you, the vital heating and water systems were repaired before winter set in.

This is just one success story from our direct partnership with the Ukrainian Red Cross in Cherkasy Oblast, which also includes the funding of Mobile Health Units, provision of relief supplies, and winterization support such as minor repairs, heating stoves, and winter clothing. Cherkasy has become a destination for roughly 160,000 internally displaced people who are fleeing the front lines, many of whom are women and children.

Providing flexible, dignified support to those forced to flee

“My daughter was just a baby when we fled Kharkiv in the spring. It’s been almost a year and she’s a big girl now,” said Alissa* pointing to her nearly two-year-old daughter, Luccia, playing by her side. Talking to fellow Ukrainian, Kateryna, from the Hungarian Red Cross, she tells of their life since fleeing the war.

“Our journey out of Ukraine last year was long and she got sick with a terrible fever. We had to spend three days in Lviv. It was very stressful. When I arrived in Hungary, I didn’t know where to go or what to do,” she said. After a harrowing week-long journey to Budapest, she found information from a Red Cross volunteer about ways the organization could help.

Today, she and her daughter live in a Red Cross shelter in Szeged, Hungary. “I feel good here at this Red Cross shelter. It’s hard to be away from my family while the war continues and we worry about them every day,” she said.

Sadly, Alissa’s story is not unique. It is estimated that 90% of those forced to flee Ukraine are women, children and elderly people.

The Canadian Red Cross is supporting the International Federation of the Red Cross in providing the largest emergency cash initiative in its history to support people who have fled Ukraine as well as those who are internally displaced.

In Hungary, the cash assistance program is helping mothers like Alissa. Officials say that this type of assistance empowers those in need and that there’s dignity and choice in this sort of assistance. “With the funds I received from the Red Cross, I bought winter jackets for us as the weather has gotten cold and we didn’t bring winter clothes with us from Ukraine,” she said.

This is how your donation makes it directly into the pocket of someone in need—and provides the exact type of assistance they need.



Zeged, Hungary. Alissa, Luccia and Kateryna at the Red Cross shelter. Your support has helped provide vital financial assistance to over 1.2 million people in Ukraine and surrounding countries.

“I think it is good that the Red Cross exists. Without the Red Cross, I wouldn’t have known what to do. There’s no other place like this — where I can have nice accommodation, where I can get medicine for my daughter and where I can get funds to buy the important things we need.”

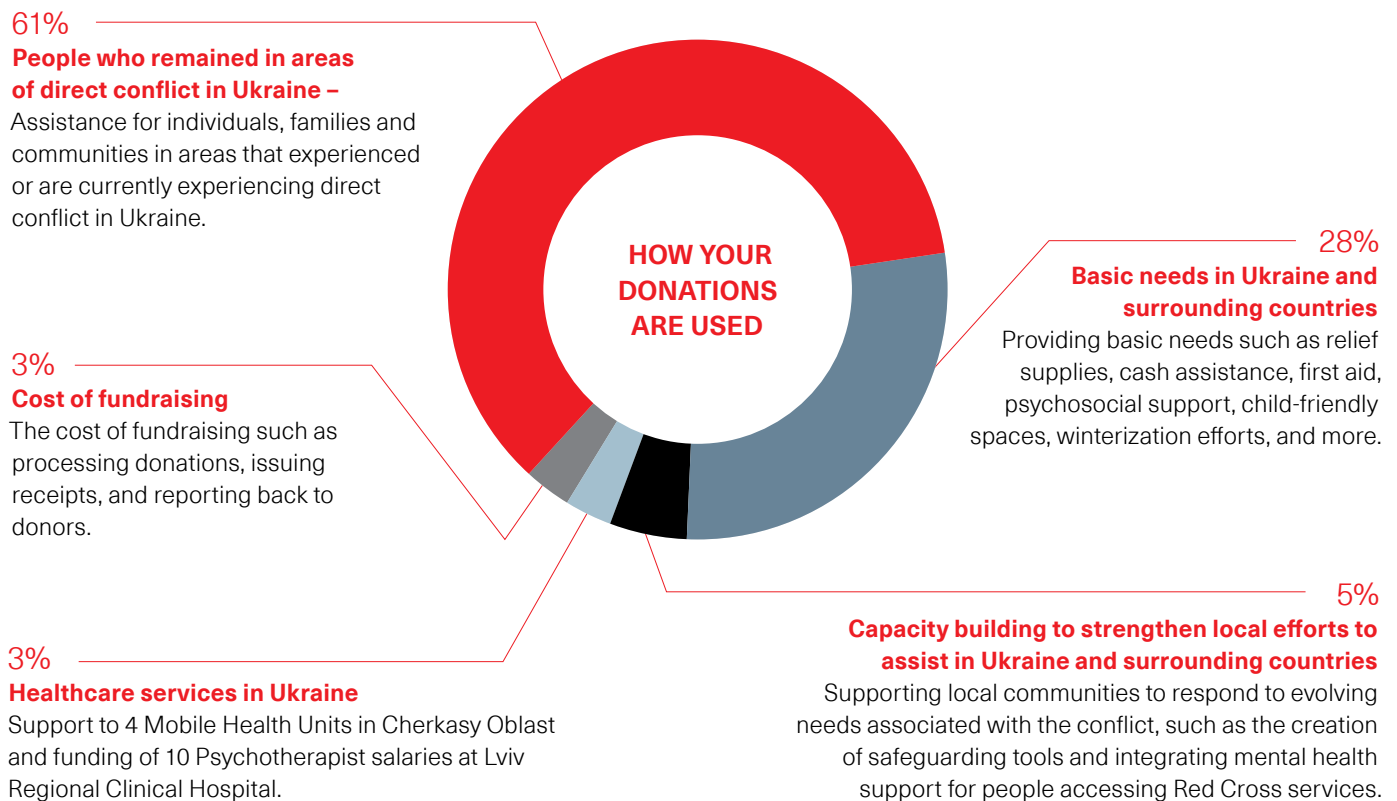
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Thank you for your compassion

Thanks to our generous donors, community organizations, businesses, and government partners, as of December 31, 2022, the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal has raised over \$201 million, including \$30 million in matching funds from the Government of Canada.

Of this, more than \$135 million (67 % of the total funds) has already been contributed to the International Red Cross response. A more detailed breakdown of funds is available at redcross.ca/Ukraine

Funds raised support Red Cross Red Crescent humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and neighbouring countries such as Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Moldova. The cost of fundraising—such as processing donations, issuing receipts, or reporting back to donors—will not exceed five per cent.



This conflict will take years to respond to and recover from. The Canadian Red Cross and our International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement partners, including the Ukrainian Red Cross, will work together to bring vital humanitarian assistance to those impacted by the armed conflict in Ukraine—now and well into the future. Unallocated funds will support people impacted by the international armed conflict in Ukraine and surrounding countries as needs emerge.

Through your compassion and generosity, you are making a lifesaving difference. Thank you.



Thank you

Thank you for standing with people impacted by the international armed conflict in Ukraine.

Your support has enabled the international Red Cross to reach over 14 million people in need so far.

“I would like to express my gratitude to the Canadian people and the Canadian Red Cross for providing us with Mobile Health Units that help us greatly improve the healthcare system in Cherkasy Oblast in this time of conflict. I am very grateful to you.”

Ihor Sychov, the Mobile Health Unit Coordinator with the Ukrainian Red Cross
