CARE Ukraine
Crisis Update

For more than 75 years, CARE has delivered emergency services to people in need in times of disaster and conflict and has worked with communities over the long term as they strive to overcome poverty. Our historic roots lie in the direct delivery of CARE Packages® of food and other lifesaving supplies, initially to survivors of the devastation of World War II. In February 2022, CARE immediately stepped up to support war-torn families from Ukraine.

The generosity and compassion of our donors is what makes this work possible. The items and services that CARE and its partners provide to people in crisis are a direct result of your support.

Taking Action as Crisis Takes Affect Worldwide

The crisis in Ukraine is being felt in other parts of the world. Countries that purchase grains grown largely in Russia and Ukraine are feeling the effects of shortages of wheat and other cereals that are the foundation of basic food items. The effects of this will continue to affect more and more people as supplies are scare or cause prices to skyrocket.

While CARE is responding in Ukraine with emergency cash support, shelter, food, and more, CARE Action is urging action from those who can make a difference on Capitol Hill.

You can support this effort by signing the petition urging U.S. leaders to stand with people caught in crisis worldwide, including in Ukraine, and reaffirm the U.S. as a leader in humanitarian response when it is most needed.
A school gym, Hala Sportowa, Lubycza Królewska, serves as temporary housing for refugees in the Polish border town, Hrebrenne.

When Ukrainian refugees cross the border into Poland near the town of Hrebrenne, they are greeted by CARE’s partner, PAH. PAH provides many services, but at the Hrebrenne border crossing, which is only for people arriving in buses or cars, they offer food, water, brief rest, and other services.

David Gazahvili, CARE Country Director for Poland, surveys the Hrebrenne border crossing and the work of CARE partners, PAH, on Monday, April 11, 2022. View the entire photo essay here.

Ukrainian refugee, Nadja Deerandriva and her cat, Benjamin, are temporarily residing at the Ukrainian House in the Polish border town, Przemysl, after fleeing their country. CARE is partnering with PAH in Poland to provide services including cash assistance to refugees.
Employing Teachers, Keeping Children in Classrooms

CARE, the Polish Center for Humanitarian Aid (PCPM) and the city of Lublin, Poland hosted a ceremony officially hiring 50 Ukrainian refugees as teachers to help new Ukrainian students integrate into Polish schools. CARE Poland has been working with partner organization PCPM to fund this project.

On March 29, at city hall in Lublin, Poland, 50 Ukrainian refugees and their families attended an event to formally sign paperwork to become teachers in Polish schools. This project not only provides jobs to these women teachers, but also gives much needed support to Ukrainian children as they try to adapt to new schools and surroundings. As one Ukrainian facilitator of the program stated, “We are happy that the Ukrainian children will be getting more support, but we are also going to enjoy teaching the Polish children about Ukraine.” Many members of the Polish press were in attendance as well as school and city officials. David Gavashvili of CARE, Wojtek Wilk, CEO of PCPM and Krzysztof Zuk, Mayor of Lublin, presided over the event.

This is a growing program we will report on in the coming weeks.

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BY THE NUMBERS

4,934,415
refugees fleeing Ukraine since Feb. 24
(Up 8.5% from last week)

7.1 million
internally displaced
(Up 9.23% from March 16 update)

Neighboring countries receiving refugee influx:

1. Poland: 2.78M
   (Up 6.11% from last week)
2. Romania: 744K
   (Up 7.36%)
3. Russian Federation: 522K
   (Up 29.21%)
4. Hungary: 462K
   (Up 8.96%)
5. Moldova: 424K
   (Up 3.16%)
6. Slovakia: 337K
   (Up 5.97%)
7. Belarus: 23K
   (Up 9.52%)

2,651
civilians injured
(Up 8.69% from last week)

136
healthcare facilities damaged or destroyed
(Up 25.93% from last week)

957
education facilities damaged or destroyed
(Up 3.13% from last week)

SOURCES
1UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), April 17, 2022; 2International Organization for Migration, April 1; 3UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR), April 18; 4World Health Organization (WHO), April 18; 5Multiple Sources, April 13