

CARE Ukraine Crisis Update

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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 scarce 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.



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In Photos: CARE's Growing Effort in Ukraine

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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.

Ukrainian refugees cross the border into Poland near the town of Hrebrenne. In the border zone between Ukraine and Poland, refugees that cross on buses must pass through a checkpoint with their luggage.

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.



A school gym, Hala Sportowa, Lubycza Królewska, serves as temporary housing for refugees in the Polish border town, Hrebrenne.

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.](#)

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. 24¹
(Up 8.5% from last week)

7.1 million

internally displaced²
(Up 9.23% from March 16 update)

Neighboring countries receiving refugee influx:¹

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

2,651

civilians injured³
(Up 8.69% from last week)

136

healthcare facilities damaged or destroyed⁴ (Up 25.93% from last week)

957

education facilities damaged or destroyed⁵ (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

