



ACTED



Flash Appeal Ukraine

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1. SITUATION ANALYSIS

As a result of the military operations in Ukraine that started on February 24th 2022, at least 4 million people have left their homes (source: REACH). Within just a week since the start of intensified hostilities, nearly 3 million people are reportedly internally displaced and over 1 million people (source: UNHCR, 3rd of March 2022) – essentially women, children and the elderly have crossed the borders into the neighbouring countries of Poland (over 604,000), Hungary (133,000), Romania (51,00), Moldova (98,000) and Slovakia (79,000). Approximately 120,000 people were evacuated from eastern Ukraine to Russia in the day before the conflict intensified. According to OCHA, the population affected by the conflict in Ukraine now reaches 18 million people out of which 12 million are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Although the ongoing fighting make the evaluation of existing and immediate needs difficult, we can expect them to be massive and widespread, affecting all regions of Ukraine, neighbouring countries and beyond. Populations trapped in the cities affected by shelling, IDPs and refugees lack everything: food and basic relief items, housing, psycho-social support and protection.

The crisis is taking on a new dimension as several major cities are now under fire with civilian populations unable to leave or facing dangerous journeys out. One of the central problems will soon be the disruptions of markets in the areas still spared by the conflict, with high inflation and shortages of commodities.

Current scenarios indicate that as many as seven million people could be displaced if the situation continues to deteriorate, with 18 million impacted, including those already in need and displaced in Eastern Ukraine since 2014.

2. ONGOING ASSISTANCE

Present in Ukraine since 2015, ACTED quickly mobilised its 150 staff and its networks of local partners across the country. Our first priority has been to provide direct cash assistance directly to vulnerable populations in the conflict zones. Earlier this week, ACTED also distributed hot meals to people waiting to cross the border with Poland for more than 48 hours in sub-zero temperatures. ACTED is now extending its activities to deliver critical assistance to displaced persons in the main hosting regions and to support self-help and local organizations groups that have spontaneously formed and provide assistance in Ukraine. Finally, ACTED is also taking part in the ongoing efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees in the neighbouring countries of Poland, Romania and Moldavia where 3 humanitarian response teams have been deployed.

3. PLANNED RESPONSE

Considering the immense scale of the crisis, ACTED is planning a large-scale humanitarian response to the Ukrainian crisis, with a three-pronged approach coordinated from our office in Lviv, including the delivery of: 1) life-saving humanitarian assistance in areas directly affected by the hostilities; 2) assistance to populations that are internally displaced and in transit; 3) humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable refugees who have recently arrived in Moldova, Romania and Poland.



ACTED's objective is assist an initial **300,000 people**, internally displaced or affected by conflict inside Ukraine or who have sought refuge in Moldova, Romania and Poland.

To support this major operation, ACTED is launching an appeal for donations with an initial target of **100 million EUR**. This will make possible the implementation of 4 types of humanitarian intervention:

1. In the main areas hosting IDPs within Ukraine, ACTED will assist the most vulnerable displaced persons and host families through an **intensification of cash transfers** (both unconditional and conditional, including rental assistance), the provision of **block grants to local self-help groups/associations** throughout Ukraine, and the delivery of essential services in the reception centres for displaced persons (e.g. psychological support, hot meals, improvement of hygiene, water and sanitation conditions).
2. For areas affected by conflict, ACTED will pre-position and **distribute food and non-food items** from a network of warehouses that we are currently setting up. They will be supplied in part by the operation "Humanitarian Convoys for Ukraine" that we launched in France today.
3. In **Romania and Moldavia** where their situation is deteriorating rapidly, but also in **Poland**, ACTED will provide critical humanitarian assistance to refugees, in close coordination with the national authorities, UN agencies and local civil society actors, including immediate and longer-term **cash assistance** and **delivery of the core-relief items** as well as ensuring safe commute and accommodation of the people seeking refuge.
4. At border crossings and in border areas on the Ukrainian side, ACTED will maintain an assistance capacity to cope with future waves of refugees and **distribute hot meals and non-food items** (NFI), in particular blankets and hygiene supplies.

4. ABOUT ACTED

ACTED is an international humanitarian non-government organisation created in 1993 and operating in 40 countries, assisting nearly 20 million people around the world every year, through emergency and development programmes. More than 500 projects were carried out in 2020 by our 7,000 aid workers. ACTED's mission is to save lives and support people in meeting their most basic needs in hard-to-reach areas affected by conflicts and natural disasters. ACTED's approach goes beyond the immediate emergency and strives towards opportunities for longer-term livelihoods reconstruction and sustainable development. ACTED objective is to participate in the construction of a 3Zero world: "Zero Exclusion, Zero Carbon, Zero Poverty".

ACTED has been present in Ukraine since 2015, responding to the emergency and longer-term needs of vulnerable, marginalized and conflict-affected populations living along the Line of Contact (LoC) in Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts. Over the past two years, ACTED has expanded its operations to Kharkiv, Kherson and the Sea of Azov region.

In 2021, ACTED has successfully implemented a dozen projects for a total portfolio of €14 million thanks to the commitment of its 150 field staff and the support of its international partners. With its long-standing presence in the field, its knowledge of the Ukrainian context and its expertise in emergency solutions, ACTED has the capacity to rapidly deploy emergency response and resources in all areas potentially affected by the conflict to assist vulnerable populations.