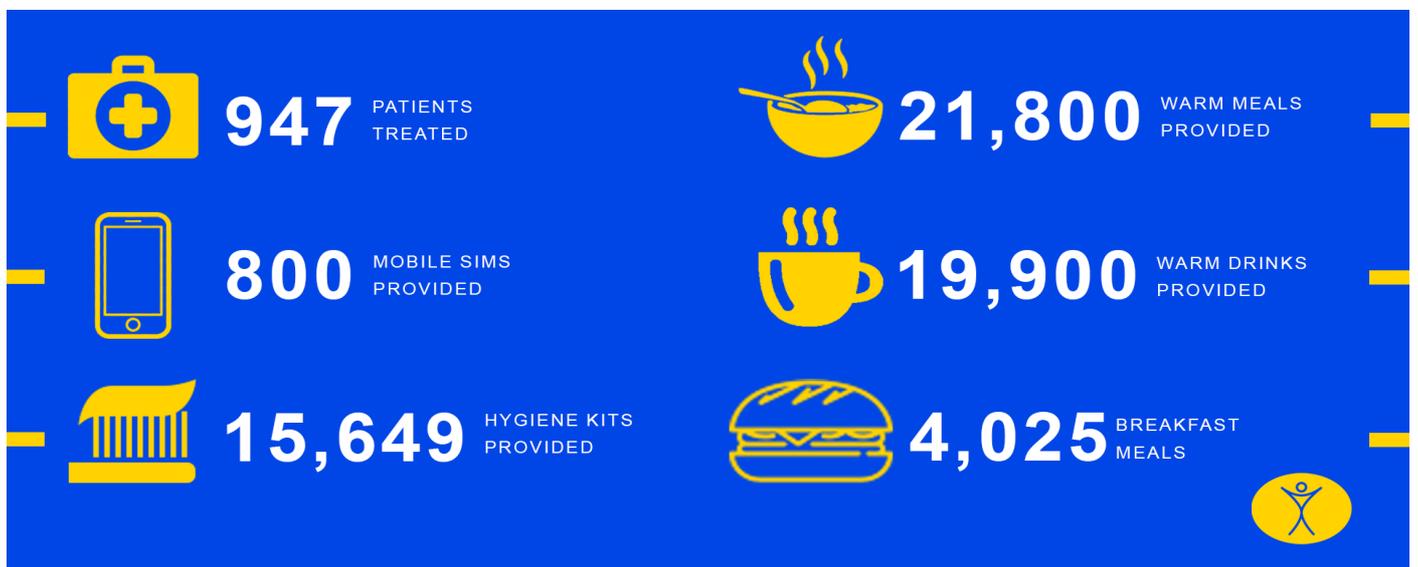


UKRAINE RESPONSE

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Summary

Since the Ukraine Crisis began on 24 February 2022 an estimated 4.1 million refugees have fled Ukraine, and there are an estimated 6.5 million internally displaced within Ukraine, heading west towards Dnipro, Kyiv and Lviv. Some refugees have started returning home from Poland and the situation is very fluid.

There are significant numbers of disabled or seriously ill children amongst those making it through, some of whom have been transferred for ongoing critical care soon after arriving in Poland.

Our assessment on the ground suggests there is no current need for HF to collect and send clothing,

shoes or toys to the border areas. Most of the refugees have the belongings in a suitcase and do not have room to take additional items. Funds raised are being used to access resources locally based on the demand we are seeing from the refugees themselves.

HF is collaborating with UN agencies on the ground such as WHO, WFP, IOM and OCHA.

To date 56 volunteers from 8 countries have been involved in the aid operation for Ukraine. We are grateful to the many individuals and organisations supporting us, and we estimate that the total value of aid including volunteer effort and donated goods exceeds €166,000. To date the team has assisted around 20,000 refugees.



Ukraine

Through the co-operation of border authorities, our team has been working in Ukraine in Shehyni where they are providing food and drinks for refugees trying to cross the border from a small operation in the town. The team are also taking resources to Lviv and other areas. Medication and resources have been sent into Ukraine sufficient to treat at least 10,000 patients.



Poland

Humanity First teams have been working around the clock at Medyka on the Polish-Ukrainian border since 27 February, providing medical and food assistance to Ukrainian refugees with volunteers on rotation from Europe and North America. At Medyka, our team has seen a drop to two thousand people coming through every day, but now we are also seeing many people returning to Ukraine. Over the last week, heavy rains have made operations a little harder.

Our medical volunteers have been treating patients presenting with a combination of fatigue, headache, sore throat and fever. We are also seeing older patients with chest complaints due to the exertions in reaching the border. The main needs are primary care rather than trauma injuries on the Polish side. So far, our medical volunteers have treated 947 patients and consulted hundreds more. Because HF has been providing medical

services for a few weeks here, the team have been receiving donated medication and the HF medical marquee is equipped with a defibrillator, portable ventilator, ECG and an ambulance. The ambulance has started to transport more serious patients to local hospitals in Poland.



Humanity First also established a gazebo at the Medyka camp being run by the Polish Red Cross. Every day, our team has been providing warm drinks and warm meals to those crossing into Poland. The queues on the Ukraine side have been lengthy and slow, HF has been providing hundreds of warm meals to those in the queues on the Ukrainian side. So far, HF has provided almost 22,000 warm meals and 20,000 warm drinks of tea or coffee. We have even started providing fries for the children and provided over 4,000 breakfast sandwiches. Refugees have been struggling to contact their loved ones, so our team has also handed out 800 free mobile SIM cards, and over fifteen thousand bags containing hygiene kits and high energy food.



The team in Medyka are co-operating with local authorities and the Red Cross on a daily basis to improve processes around effectiveness, communications, safety and safeguarding at the

camp. They have also been visited by many politicians and senior officials, as well as being interviewed by media outlets such as CNN, Asahi TV, VOI Radio, NTV, HAZ and WELT. Communications to our team on the ground have improved since local authorities installed a mobile mast near the border camps.



Moldova

HF is supporting 200 refugees in Chisinau with food rations and hygiene kits. Many have been coming from the coastal area between Odesa, Kherson and Mariupol. 60 people are resident in camps, and around 200 others are staying locally but seeking help with resources. Most refugees have been heading to other countries from Moldova.



Netherlands

HF is liaising with local authorities in several regions to support Ukrainian refugees in camps in Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Schiedam, Den Haag and Vlardingem. The team is providing medication,

food rations and clothing for 100 refugees. Other local organisations are also providing aid in kind. We are also liaising with other vetted groups looking to provide longer term accommodation for refugees.



Sweden

The local team have been getting donated items and have been sending clothing, hygiene kits and hand sanitizers to Ukraine. HF is also working with a local NGO in Gothenburg where they have also served warm meals for refugees.

Other HF branches across Europe and North America have been supporting with resources, funds and volunteers. Medical volunteers with experience of working in emergency situations are currently on standby to assist.

Refugees from Ukraine have also been crossing the borders into Moldova, Hungary, Slovakia, Russia and Romania, and HF continues to assess needs at these other locations.



About Humanity First

Humanity First (HF) is an international aid agency, with HQ in the UK and branches in 62 countries. HF provides emergency assistance using a global volunteer network, and works on the basis of need alone, irrespective of race, gender, age, religion or political affiliation. Since being launched in 1995, HF has responded to over 190 emergencies in 99 countries, and assisted around 2.5 million people.

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