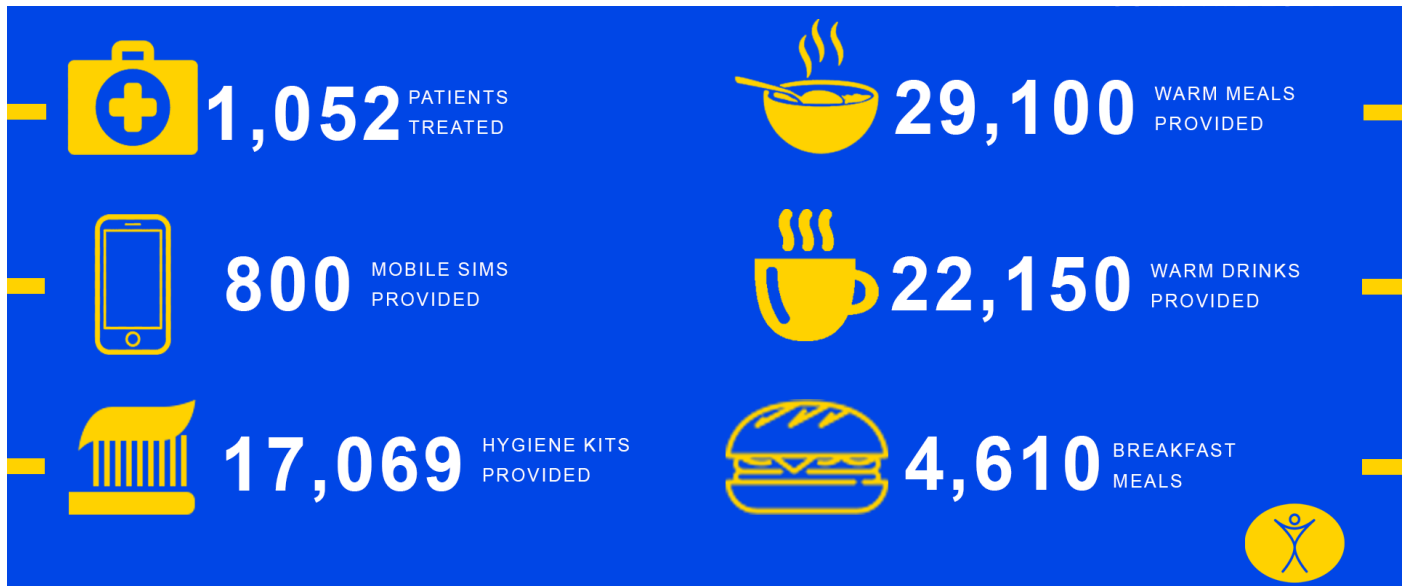


# UKRAINE RESPONSE

## Humanity First - Situation Update 06

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### Summary

Since the Ukraine Crisis began on 24 February 2022 an estimated 4.4 million refugees have fled Ukraine, and there are an estimated 6.5 million internally displaced within Ukraine, heading west towards Dnipro, Kyiv and Lviv. Significant numbers

of refugees have started returning home from Poland and the situation is very fluid.

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

To date 65 volunteers from 11 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 €195,000. 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, Kyiv and other areas through 4 deliveries a week. 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. We are also seeing many people returning to Ukraine.

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 1,052 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 the local Przemyśl hospital in Poland where we have an established referral pathway.



Humanity First has 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 around 23,500 warm meals and 22,150 warm drinks of tea or coffee here. We have provided over 4,610 breakfast sandwiches. Refugees have been struggling to contact their loved ones, so our team has also handed out 800 free mobile SIM cards, and 16,949 bags containing hygiene kits and high energy food.

This week, HF had a team of 17 volunteers on the border including 10 from Germany, 2 each from the UK, Ireland and Spain and 1 from Thailand. A team is also on its way from the USA to relieve some of the volunteers.

The team are co-operating with local authorities and the Red Cross on a daily basis to improve camp 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.



### **Moldova**

HF is supporting 200 refugees in the Moldovan capital of 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. So far over 1,000 meals provided.



### **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 120 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. So far provided the equivalent of 3,600 meals for refugees in Vlardingem.



### **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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