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**Humanitarian needs to date**

Figures provided by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), 2022



**+4.6 million**  
people have fled to  
neighbouring countries



**+7.1 million**  
have been displaced  
inside Ukraine



**1 child has been displaced**  
almost every single second  
since the start of conflict



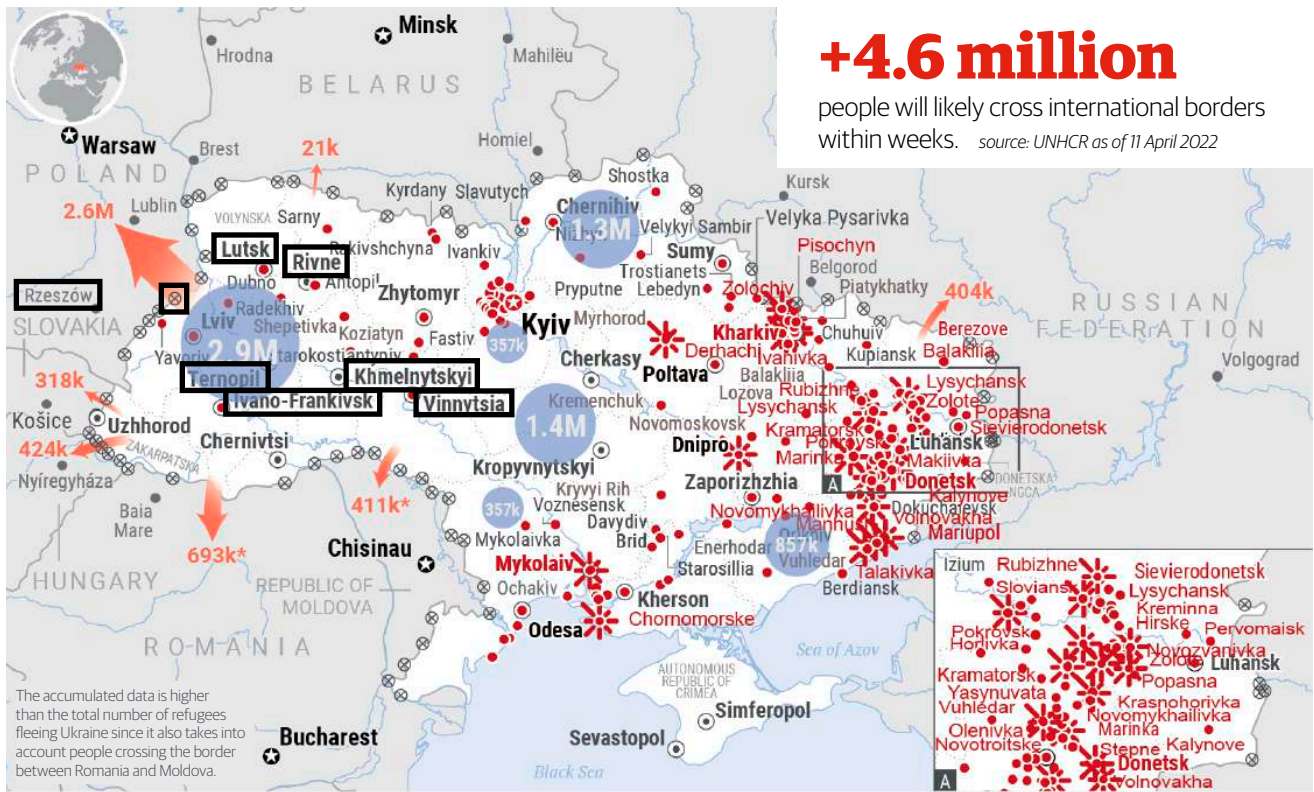
**100**  
health care facilities  
have been damaged

**Crisis overview**

- This is the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II.
- The total number of refugees in Poland is nearing 2.5 million people. 90% of the refugees are women and children.
- Nearly half of all pharmacies across Ukraine are closed, limiting access to critical medicines. Many health care workers have been displaced or are unable to work, creating gaps in health coverage.
- There has been a massive volunteer effort and outpouring of support for this crisis.

**40 days in review**

- **Mid-February:** Medair and humanitarian organisations actively monitoring an increase of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.
- 24 February:** Intense clashes are reported in Ukraine. Nearly 80,000 refugees arrive in surrounding countries including Poland.
- 28 February:** Medair team arrives in Rzeszow, Poland.
- 7 March:** 1.9 million people have fled Ukraine; more than 500,000 are children. Medair receives official registration in Poland.
- 9 March:** Swiss Solidarity launches a National Day of Solidarity for Ukrainians. Medair is selected as an implementation partner.
- 15 March:** In Poland, Medair is supporting volunteer organisations and host families who are serving refugees.
- 22 March:** 3.5 million people have fled Ukraine and 6.5 million are displaced internally. Medair aims at reaching nearly 160,000 people.
- 29 March:** Medair is functional in six Ukrainian cities and operating the largest refugee reception centre in Poland.
- 12 April:** 13 million people are estimated to be stranded in areas of conflict and unable to meet their basic needs. Medair's response plan evolves to impact 200,000 vulnerable people.



## Medair's objective: helping 200,000 people affected by conflict in Ukraine

Sector	Poland	Ukraine
Health	The total number of refugees is nearing 2.5 million people	Operations in six cities with activities and establishing reliable supply chain
Housing	Health screenings at border crossings, support for consultations and medicines	Provision of critical medicines
Protection	Management of Refugee Reception Centre in Przemysl and support for families hosting refugees (cash and essential items)	Support of volunteer-led community shelters and families hosting displaced people. Includes technical improvements and cash-for-work projects
Mental health	Activities in reception centres for refugees and displaced people to mitigate the risks of exploitation of women and children	Capacity building of mental health workers and subsidy of post-trauma consultations
Water, Sanitation Hygiene	Training of volunteers in psychological first-aid	Distribution of hygiene items and repairs to water and sanitation systems
Coordination	Distribution of hygiene items	Support of volunteer and civic organisations to prevent duplication, and active participation in humanitarian coordination clusters

## Medair's response in Poland

### Approach

Deploy emergency response experts and enhance volunteer-led initiatives which are assisting refugees:

- *Stabilise*—ensure a staff presence 24 hours per day/7 days per week including Ukrainian translators
- *Standardise*—provide support to refugees which is consistent with minimum humanitarian standards
- *Sustain*—when needed, supplement volunteer activities with use of stipends and purchase of relief items

### Impact\*

\* As of 10 April 2022

Currently operating Poland's largest refugee reception centre in Przesmyl | +1,000 active volunteers | +500 'safe' drivers registered for transporting refugees | +6,000 refugees registered 04–10 April | Health services at Przesmyl train station in coordination with Polish Red Cross | Health services at Krosienko border crossing reception centre | Psychological First Aid training for staff and volunteers

## Medair's response in Ukraine

### Approach

Operate teams in cities where IDPs have arrived and are likely to continue arriving. Provide mental health and psychosocial support in addition to meeting physical needs.

- Distributions of relief items including cash transfers and cash-for-work projects
- Rapid implementation of technical projects such as improvements to hospital basements which are being used as air-raid shelters or schools used as overnight shelters; provision of health supplies
- Implementation through local partners including volunteer organisations and municipalities where possible

### Impact\*

\* As of 10 April 2022

Operations teams active in six cities; initial assessments active in Kyiv and area | Establishment of supply chain into Ukraine from Poland; two successful deliveries of relief items | Trauma training for 125 mental health professionals through partner Arq International | Five water and sanitation projects are in technical review stage | Three health facility interventions or supply requests are at the stage of project development

## Medair ambassadors



Joining a Medair response as volunteers gave our Ambassadors the opportunity to see the impact of their support.

'Every life matters. It does. It's not just about managing a situation but meeting the person in need. That's what I saw in the people I was travelling with.'

'I found the way of operating fantastic. There is seriousness in the work. Refugees are registered when arriving and when leaving. The drivers and the people who come to help are registered. We see that we also want to protect vulnerable people from those who could take advantage of this vulnerability. This is important work being done.'

# Beyond Ukraine

We are concerned about the impacts that this crisis will have within Medair and upon vulnerable people worldwide.



Hunger crisis



Increased migration



Underserved communities



# Thank you

This emergency response is like no other. The incredible generosity and flexibility of our partners and donors means that we are quickly helping people without interrupting the volunteer and civic activities in Poland and Ukraine. Some of our valuable donors include:

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