

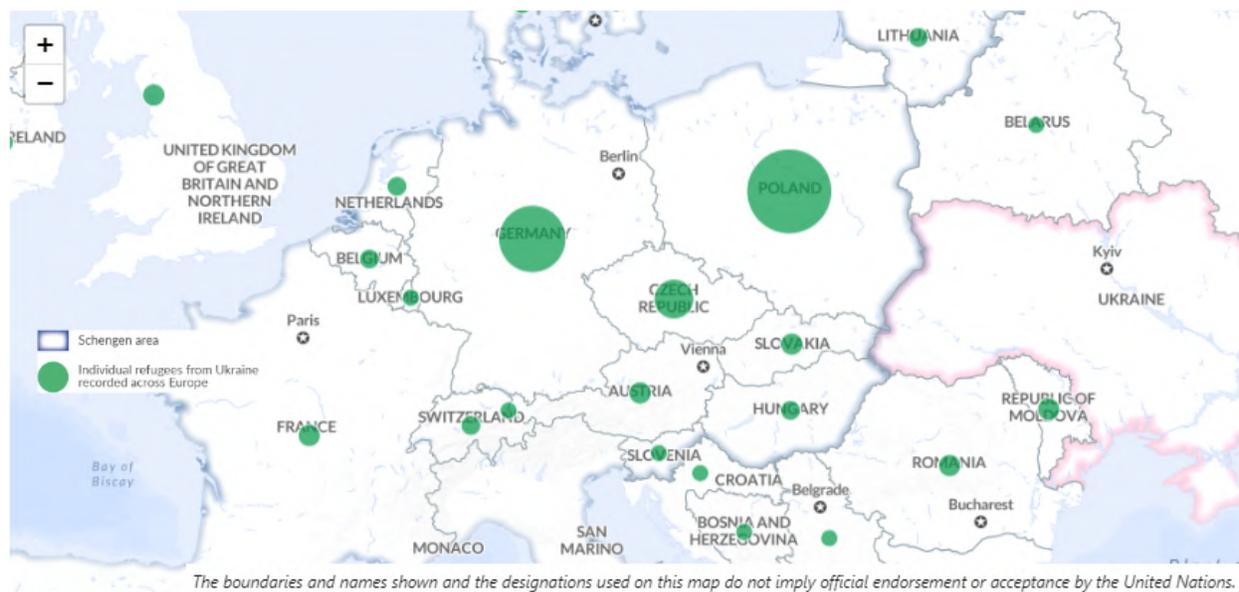
Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis 2022



Singapore Red Cross Operations Report: February to August 2022

Preface

Ukraine is facing a humanitarian crisis that continues to increase every day. 24 February 2022 saw the escalation of hostilities and the outbreak of armed conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As of 1 August 2022, the conflict has caused more than [12,584 civilian casualties](#) and has forced more than [6.3 million Ukrainians](#) to flee to neighbouring countries with most of them arriving in Poland before moving on to other European countries. As the conflict lengthens, a significant number of refugees have chosen to return to Ukraine, increasing the needs for assistance within the country.



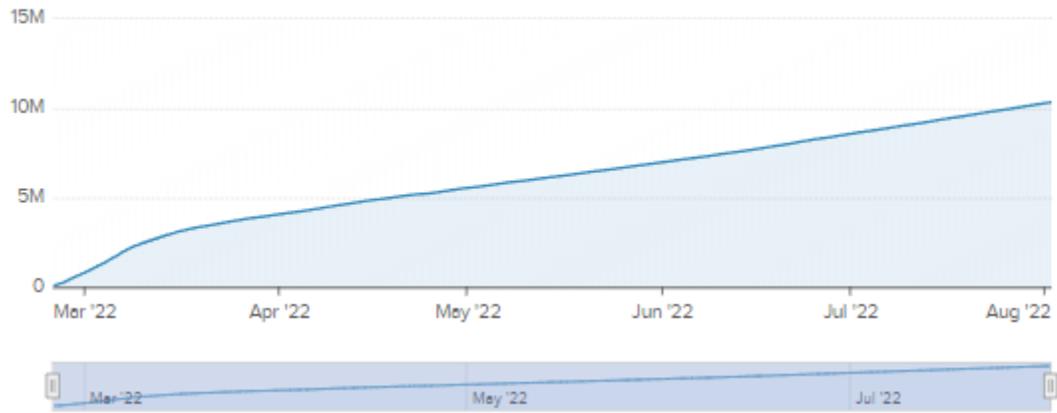
Statistics: Total Refugee Influx from Ukraine in Neighbouring Countries

Data as of 01 August 2022 - updated in real time

Location	Population
Poland	5,105,850
Russian Federation	1,968,127
Romania	1,504,961
Hungary	1,089,277
Slovakia	648,512
Republic of Moldova	557,166
Belarus	40,561

Border crossings from Ukraine (since 24 February 2022)*

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Border crossings to Ukraine (since 28 February 2022)**

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Image courtesy: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Operational Data Portal

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Figures at a Glance

<u>Appeal Dates:</u>	25 Feb - 31 Aug 2022		
<u>Raised:</u>	~S\$7.7 m (Jul 2022)		
<u>Committed:</u>	~S\$6.5 m (90%)		
<u>Support Areas:</u>	Relief Distribution	Psychosocial Support	Medical & Healthcare
	Capacity Building	Water & Sanitation	
<u>Deployed members:</u>	7		

Partners:

9 Movement Partners:

International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC)

Ukrainian Red Cross

Polish Red Cross

Romanian Red cross

Lithuanian Red Cross

Slovak Red Cross

Hungary Red Cross

Red Cross Society of the Republic of Moldova

12 Non-movement Partners:

Ukrainian Club in Singapore

Ukraine World Congress

Ppabota

Warsaw SEVA Association

Bread for Life

Cadena

Operation Blessings

Fundacja Pok (Pomocy Ofiarom Kryzysów)

Medical Analytics

Okhmatdyt - National Specialized Children's Hospital

Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, Singapore

European Organisation for Rare Diseases

In the first and second tranche of support from February - May 2022, the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) pledged US\$100,000 in the first instance to the Tovarystvo Chervonoho Khresta Ukrayiny (the Ukrainian Red Cross Society) and launched a public appeal to raise funds to assist with the exponentially growing humanitarian disaster. To cushion the humanitarian impact of receiving the influx of refugees seeking safety within the Schengen Area (Hungary, Poland, Slovakia) and neighbouring countries, SRC has disbursed its second tranche of support totaling SG\$2,400,000 which was distributed to the neighbouring National Societies who are actively assisting with the humanitarian assistance such as providing aid to vulnerable people, including women with children, the elderly, citizens with disabilities, and persons living with rare diseases.

SRC's support has enabled National Societies to provide immediate humanitarian services and increase their readiness to respond to evolving needs of the refugees. As most of the refugees have had to endure harsh conditions while fleeing from Ukraine, many of them arrived at the borders in poor health conditions. To respond to their needs, National Societies such as the Hungarian Red Cross and Polish Red Cross (PRC) set up health posts to provide basic health check-ups for the refugees. Transit points have also been established by these National Societies to provide rest areas and refreshments for refugees who are on the move to another destination. Apart from providing basic necessities and temporary accommodation, National Societies have also provided SIM Cards and mobile charging stations for refugees to connect back with their families and friends who are still in Ukraine.



To date, the Ukraine Crisis Appeal has raised more than SGD 7.7 million and SRC has committed approximately SGD 6.5 million to support both Ukrainian refugees and civilians who are still in Ukraine.

MAY - AUGUST UPDATE

SRC teams have continued to actively work on supplying relief aid in various areas of need. A senior staff member of SRC was stationed in Europe during this duration and 4 teams consisting of WASH and PSS trained personnel were deployed to Poland to conduct relief operations and training. In Singapore, SRC continued to work with partners such as the Ukrainian Club in Singapore, DEBRA Singapore, and more to deliver aid.

Health and Medical Services

Ukrainian Red Cross Society

At the forefront of the humanitarian response within Ukraine is the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS). With the funds disbursed by SRC, the URCS was able to procure and distribute hygiene products such as diapers for children and adults, food items including baby food, medical supplies, clothes and other necessities like blankets and mattresses. Besides providing relief items for the civilians, the URCS has also been actively evacuating civilians from temporarily occupied territories and damaged buildings, and providing them with necessary assistance on the spot such as transporting the injured to the nearest health facility.



Medical services are highlighted as one of the most pressing concerns within Ukraine - frequent air raids have damaged hospitals and injured numerous civilians. SRC has additionally supported the URCS Mykolaiv Regional Branch with a mobile medical clinic and 10 ambulances. This enables the staff and volunteers of URCS to be more agile in responding to areas with high numbers of casualties. The mobile medical clinic contains 3 expandable rooms and an observation room, pharmacy, laboratory, and emergency room capable of doing minor surgeries. A portable x-ray machine was also provided. The 10 ambulances serve as a complement to the mobile medical clinics as injured civilians can be swiftly transported to receive further medical attention.

«Okhmatdyt» National Specialised Children’s Hospital

SRC supplied the National specialised children’s hospital «Okhmatdyt» with diagnostic equipment necessary for the functioning of the hospital, including two ultrasound machines with probes and an intraoperative neuromonitoring system for spinal surgery.

«Okhmatdyt» is the largest children’s multidisciplinary hospital in Ukraine, which opened in 1996. The hospital serves over 300,000 patients annually. Neurosurgeons and other specialists perform more than 7,000 operations per year of various types of complexity. While many of the patients have been evacuated, the hospital continues functioning to care for the most critical patients and the wounded.

Persons living with a Rare Disease

There are an estimated 2 million people from Ukraine living with a rare disease. With over 6,000 rare diseases, they vary in conditions but are not well understood, difficult to diagnose, and most often do not have a cure. Those affected by a rare disease typically require frequent and complex care.

Many families have faced difficulty while leaving their homes without the appropriate support or access to needed care. While seeking safety in another country, many require additional support for transport within Ukraine to the border and once on the other side of the border, they may need adapted accommodation and quick access to specialised care which may not be immediately available.



SRC is working together with DEBRA International and EURORDIS - Rare Diseases Europe to support the families and persons living with a rare disease. SRC and DEBRA International, with the support of DEBRA Singapore, embarked on a project to procure and supply the most critical medical needs of 120 families living with Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), such as specialised dressings, medical equipment, medicines, and specialised nutritional products. With EURORDIS, the support will come in the form of appropriate emergency housing, specialised equipment (e.g. wheelchairs, medical supplies), and psychological support such as counselling and therapy for up to 500 Ukrainian families living with rare diseases.



Volunteer Paramedics and Healthcare Networks

As the need for medical services within Ukraine continues to grow, SRC, together with the Ukrainian Club in Singapore, has supported voluntary paramedic and healthcare networks working on the ground to provide health services with medical kits and other medical equipment. With the destruction of medical facilities, many networks on the ground have formed to bring medical services into the communities that need it. As of August 2022, 1500 medical kits have been delivered and further support consisting of an ultrasound machine, portable ventilators, medical kits, and portable ultrasounds are on the way.

Psychosocial Support

SRC sent two psychosocial support trained responders from May to June to support the Child Safe Space in the PTAK Humanitarian Aid Centre in Warsaw, Poland. PTAK Humanitarian Aid Centre is the largest centre of assistance and a safe environment until they leave for other countries or a suitable home in Poland is found for them. The centre can house as many as 20,000 refugees at a time. A bus station has been established there to allow refugees who wish to travel to other assistance centres and accommodation centres in Europe free of charge.

The team engaged mothers and children in psychosocial support activities such as sports, drawing, and more. The team also distributed 264 childrens' shoes and 350 child care packs consisting of notebooks, crayons, children's toothbrush and toothpaste, and stress balls.



In July, the team returned to provide Psychosocial support training to frontline workers from Ukraine and Poland who are responding directly to the crisis in order to better support their response.

SRC will be holding another Psychosocial Support Training for the staff and volunteers of Lithuania Red Cross working with refugees in September.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

As communities begin to return to Ukraine, there has been an increased need for clean water and emergency filtration systems. Many of the infrastructure providing water to communities have been destroyed. SRC has provided two aquablock systems and two ROAMfilter systems to communities in Ukraine. AquaBlock is a community drinking water system that produces 1,500 litres of water per hour to support the daily requirements of up to 10,000 people, while the ROAMfilter systems are portable systems able to produce over 200 litres of water per hour, without the need for electricity. SRC will also be procuring a further 198 ROAMfilter filtration systems for communities in Ukraine.



A WASH team also conducted training for Polish and Ukrainian volunteers on the basics of WASH and proper usage of the filtration systems.



Other Relief Items and Donations-in-Kind

The Singapore Red Cross deployed disaster response volunteers to the Medyka Border Crossing. This is the busiest border crossing in the Polish-Ukrainian border. Humanitarian organisations have set up a makeshift tent-city, offering a variety of relief items and services to refugees crossing the border such as hygiene items, SIM cards, meals, and health services. Przemyśl train station is where refugees can continue travelling to larger Polish cities like Warsaw and Krakow free of charge. From there, connecting trains and buses can take them to other European countries.



The team was active in both the Medyka border crossing and the Przemyśl train station. They conducted activities such as the procurement and distribution of hot meals, hygiene items (toothbrush, tooth paste, sanitary pads, diapers, and more), 250 blankets, trolley bags, and food items to be sent across the border into Ukraine. The team has also procured 120 Educare packs for children, containing crayons, soft balls/ toys, small towel, toothbrush, and toothpaste.

The team also distributed 100 walking aids and 340 trolley bags to the other refugees staying at the Humanitarian Aid Centre. The trolley bags were requested by the refugees who were looking to continue their journey.



SRC has formed a long term partnership with Fundacja POK (Pomocy Ofiarom Kryzysów) to continue sending relief items to communities in Ukraine. The relief items will include food packs for 1,000 families, 500 care packs for mothers and newborn babies, 250 care packs for the elderly, and procurement of first aid training equipment and medical kits.



The team has also managed to connect with former Singaporean actor, Mr. Ix Shen, who was based in Ukraine before the unrest. He has since sought safety in Poland in light of the humanitarian crisis. SRC is supporting Mr. Ix Shen and his non-profit organisation, Ppabota with the supply of food and non-food relief items to vulnerable communities in Ukraine.



Finally, SRC has managed to send a total of 107 boxes from Singapore that contain backpacks, children’s winter clothing and books to refugees in Lithuania, generously donated by the expat community in Singapore. The items arrived in Vilnius, Lithuania on 20 April and were received by a local charity.



Future Plans

Future activities that SRC is looking to undertake, aside from further procurement of much needed items such as medical supplies include the following:

- Procurement of transport vans for organisations sending aid across the border into Ukraine
- Procurement of more water filtration systems for communities in Ukraine
- Procurement of further medical equipment for volunteer healthcare worker networks
- Training for frontline responders in Psychosocial Support and WASH

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