

SITUATION REPORT: CRISIS IN UKRAINE

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BY THE NUMBERS



1,209,976 Refugees



12 Million+ People in Need



249 Killed



553 Injured

Sources: UNHCR, last updated 03 Mar 2022; OHCHR, March 3; UN estimate, March 3

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Conflict in Ukraine has put millions of people in danger. As Ukrainians shelter from bomb blasts or flee their homes, many need medical attention, food, water, and basic sanitation.

Civilians have been injured or killed in eastern Ukraine, the capital Kyiv, and other areas. People are sheltering underground to escape shelling from heavy artillery, rockets and airstrikes.

In the combat zones, thousands of families have been cut off from water, food, electricity and fuel for days. Health facilities have sustained damage and many Ukrainians are in need of medical attention.

The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) estimates that more than 1 million people have fled to neighboring countries like Hungary, Poland and Moldova, while more than 160,000 have been displaced within Ukraine in winter temperatures. The flood of refugees will put pressure on food and other supplies in host communities.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF RESPONSE

We are committing an initial \$1 million to respond to this crisis. Our Humanitarian Action team is identifying and working with partners in and around Ukraine to rapidly develop programming plans based on short- and long-term needs. We are bringing together expertise from our partners around the world.

We expect that our initial response will:

- Support critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services
- Provide food, shelter and other critically needed items, including quilts and care kits
- Distribute emergency funds to refugees



Damaged cars and a destroyed accommodation building are seen near a checkpoint in Brovary, outside Kyiv, Ukraine (AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

We plan to respond in Ukraine, in neighboring countries hosting Ukrainian refugees, and in other countries suffering from the inevitable ripple effects, like fuel and food disruptions.

We will be air-lifting Personal Care Kits and Mission Quilts that were pre-positioned in our Dubai warehouse as part of our first response. These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety. We are grateful for the thousands of Lutherans across the United States whose care and generosity have made it possible for us to respond immediately. At this time, financial gifts are the number one need to assist refugees on the move.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.



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