

EMERGENCY AID UKRAINE

Support for Ukrainian

Population: 44.13 million people

Humanitarian aid needs: 2.9 million people

Internally displaced people: 1.5 million people

Caritas support: distribution of food, heating material, hygiene articles, safe spaces for children, care for elderly people

Current situation

After weeks and months of fear, it is now a reality: the Ukrainian people are facing another humanitarian crisis after the deployment of Russian troops to the Donetsk and Luhansk regions in eastern Ukraine and the further advance towards the interior of the country, and they urgently need support. "This war is a defeat for humanity! It threatens a humanitarian catastrophe of unimaginable proportions. A war that the people of Ukraine did not cause and that no one



in the country wished for. The people of Ukraine now urgently need our support. And they need this help quickly!" appeals Michael Landau, President of Caritas Austria and Caritas Europa, urgently. Even if the current situation is still unclear due to the rapid developments, one thing is clear: With the beginning of the war, the need will increase.

2.9 million people already dependent on humanitarian aid

Almost 1.5 million people in Ukraine are already refugees in their own country. A total of 2.9 million people (including more than 500,000 children) are already dependent on humanitarian aid in Europe's second largest country. That number is now expected to rise further. Since the outbreak of the war in 2014, Caritas aid has reached more than 800,000 people in the country, thanks in part to donations from Austria. Due to recent events, Caritas Austria has already made 300,000 euros available in recent days for emergency aid measures to support particularly vulnerable people in Ukraine. In concrete terms, Caritas is currently helping with the distribution of food, heating material and hygiene articles, as well as support for children in schools and in so-called Child-Friendly-Spaces, and the care of elderly people in the most remote villages in eastern Ukraine.

Children and the elderly particularly affected

Elderly people, children and single parents, internally displaced persons and people with disabilities are among the most vulnerable groups who urgently need support from aid organizations. Elderly and sick people as well as children often have to endure in the conflict regions because fleeing is physically impossible or they cannot afford to live in other parts of Ukraine or abroad. For more than 500,000 children living in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, the armed conflict has been a bitter reality for eight years. The resurgence of conflict exacerbates existing trauma. Children have often been unable to attend school for months due to Covid-19 and the armed conflict. Child poverty could double in Ukraine in the worst case scenario, according to UNICEF estimates.



In action for 30 years "Helping often where no one else does anymore"

Caritas has been working on the ground for almost 30 years. Currently, about 1,000 Caritas employees support vulnerable groups in Ukraine - in the east of the country as well as in all other parts of the country. Probably no other Austrian aid organization is as present in Ukraine as Caritas. As a result, some 800,000 people have been reached since the outbreak of the crisis in 2014. "And that is the good news: our help is getting through. And it is urgently needed right now" says Michael Landau.

Concrete support for the Ukrainian population

- 25 Euro costs an emergency package for vulnerable people consisting of sugar, flour, tea, sunflower oil, butter and canned foods

Example:

With 10,000 EUR you can provide 400 relief packages and thus 400 households with the most necessary items.

Every donation helps!

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