

# UKRAINE

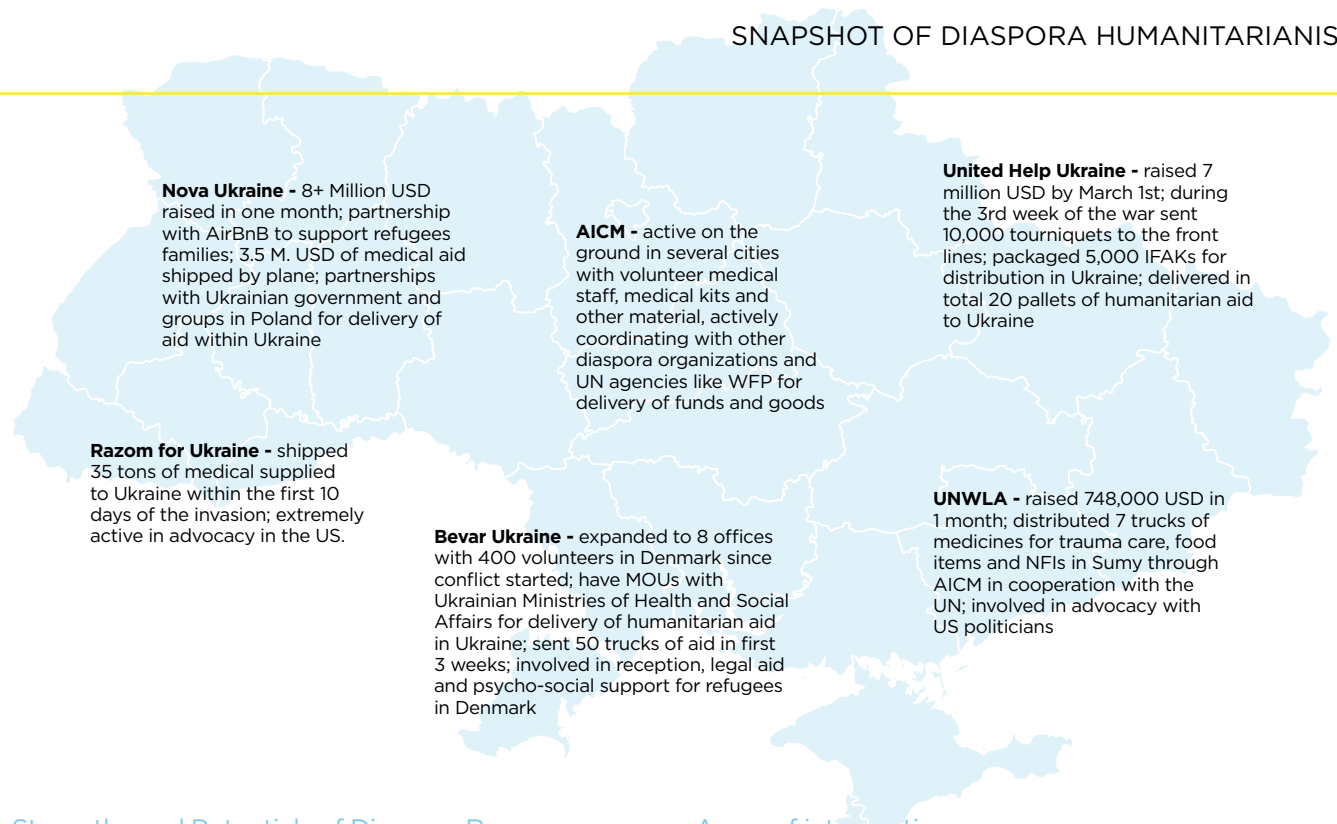
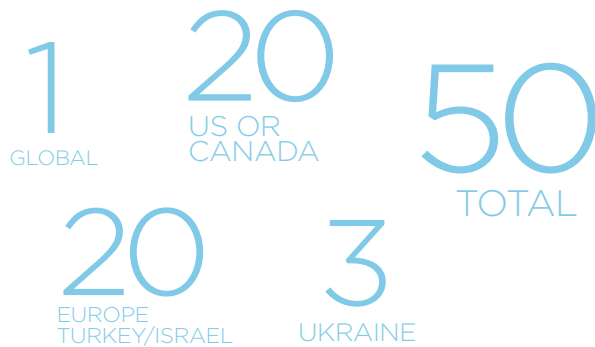
## February – March 2022

Ukrainian diaspora organizations are at the forefront of the humanitarian response in Ukraine and were among the first responders. Their local knowledge and connections in Ukraine provide them with a unique ability to access all regions and areas affected by the conflict. Ukrainian organizations' preparedness for this worst-case scenario went on for months before the start of the conflict. Diaspora Organizations were therefore more prepared than many other humanitarian actors in country and thus among the first and most impactful responders to the humanitarian needs.

The Ukrainian diaspora organizations began channeling the millions of dollars they raised in the first 48-72 hours following the start of the conflict to direct humanitarian assistance or to local NGOs responding in Ukraine. DOs are now actively working to better coordinate the collection and delivery of goods, raise awareness about increasing needs and dwindling supplies, and maintain advocacy and lobbying efforts in their countries of residence.

The majority of Ukrainian diaspora organizations were created spontaneously after the unrest of 2013-2014, with older organizations emerging in the past to promote Ukrainian culture in their countries of residence. In the days and weeks following the start of the ongoing conflict, multiple new Ukrainian Diaspora Organizations have emerged around the world, providing humanitarian assistance to Ukrainians affected by the conflict in and outside of Ukraine.

### Ukrainian Diaspora Organizations mapped by DEMAC



### Strengths and Potentials of Diaspora Response

- Early preparedness leading to rapid response to the crisis
- Effective to collaborate across diaspora organizations & with local NGOs
- Swift to fundraise & provide volunteers for the collection and shipping of humanitarian aid from countries of residence
- Highly skilled & knowledgeable, particularly in health
- Active and vocal in advocacy and lobbying of governments in countries of residence
- Keen to continue and improve coordination of their humanitarian response, also with institutional actors

### Areas of intervention



OVER 10,8 MILLION USD AMOUNT RAISED IN FIRST 5 DAYS

A LEAST 6 NEW ORGANIZATIONS CREATED SINCE FEB 24

OVER USD 63.2+ MILLION MOBILIZED BY DIASPORA TOTAL