

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.

Ukranian Diaspora Organizations mapped by DEMAC

1 GLOBAL 20 US OR CANADA

50 TOTAL

20 EUROPE TURKEY/ISRAE

3 UKRAINE Nova Ukraine - 8+ Million USD raised in one month; partnership with AirBnB to support refugees families; 3.5 M. USD of medical aid shipped by plane; partnerships with Ukrainian government and groups in Poland for delivery of aid within Ukraine

Razom for Ukraine - shipped 35 tons of medical supplied to Ukraine within the first 10 days of the invasion; extremely active in advocacy in the US.

Bevar Ukraine - expanded to 8 offices with 400 volunteers in Denmark since conflict started; have MOUs with Ukrainian Ministries of Health and Social Affairs for delivery of humanitarian aid in Ukraine; sent 50 trucks of aid in first 3 weeks; involved in reception, legal aid and psycho-social support for refugees in Denmark

AICM - active on the ground in several cities with volunteer medical staff, medical kits and other material, actively coordinating with other diaspora organizations and UN agencies like WFP for delivery of funds and goods

United Help Ukraine - raised 7 million USD by March 1st; during the 3rd week of the war sent 10,000 tourniquets to the front lines; packaged 5,000 IFAKs for distribution in Ukraine; delivered in total 20 pallets of humanitarian aid to Ukraine

UNWLA - raised 748,000 USD in 1 month; distributed 7 trucks of medicines for trauma care, food items and NFIs in Sumy through AICM in cooperation with the UN; involved in advocacy with US politicians

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





 Keen to continue and improve coordination of their humanitarian response, also with institutional actors

Areas of intervention









Advocacy

Food Securit

Logistic

OVER 10,8 MILLION USD AMOUNT

A LEAST 6 NEW ORGANIZATIONS
CREATED SINCE FEB 24

OVER USD 63.2+ MILLION MOBILIZED BY DIASPORA TOTAL





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