



BULGARIAN
RED CROSS

Activities in support of the people affected by the conflict in Ukraine



Humanitarian conditions in country

Statistics - 23.08.2022

532,470+

Ukrainians entered Bulgaria

85,483+

People remained in Bulgaria

39,143+

Children

21,092+

Accommodated

123,170+

Registered for temporary protection



Overview of the Bulgarian Red Cross (BRC) response



BRC in support of the affected by the conflict in Ukraine

The information is from 27.02.2022 till 15.08.2022

Supported in Bulgaria:

143 068 people with:



- Initial Food parcels;
- Monthly Food parcels;
- Food parcels;
- Baby food



- Blankets, Bed linen, household utensils;
- Hygiene and sanitary materials;
- Clothes & shoes



- Financial support
- Purchase of necessary medicines – **321***



- trained in Bulgarian language courses – **413***

Specialized assistance:



12 646
Consultations and psychosocial support



1 369
Consultations on health issues



26 468
Consultations in "Blue Dot" *



483
Restoring Family Links



Sign language in Ukrainian

Humanitarian assistance sent for Ukraine:



15 Trucks – **222** tons

Numbers in parcels :



• Medicines & Consumables – **787**



• Blankets & Bed linen – **2454**

• Hygiene & Sanitary materials – **6864**



• Clothes & Shoes – **1 087**

• Food parcels – **8 288**



• Generators – **6**



4 889 Volunteers and Staff

33 925 Hours voluntary work

*Activities are in partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO

Activities in support of the people affected by the conflict in Ukraine at the beginning of the operation



Domestic resource mobilization

- ✓ National Public Campaign for raising funds and material donations in support of the affected by the conflict in Ukraine (start on 27 February 2022)
- ✓ National Public Campaign for in-kind donations (start on 27 February 2022)



- ✓ Launching a procedure to grant 10,000 CHF from the NS's Fund for disasters and crisis situations in response to the Emergency Appeal of the IFRC to support humanitarian activities for the affected people in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Coordination and partnerships

- ✓ **Coordination with all ministries, State Agency for Refugees, NGOs, incl. media, corporate and other partners on joint actions.**
- ✓ **Coordination with the regional/capital organizations of the NS, with the regional administrations, local authorities and partners to support the joint response.**
- ✓ **Inclusion of representatives of the NS in intergovernmental WGs under the auspices of the Prime Minister: a/ Operational coordination group for planning, organization, management, coordination and control of evacuation, reception, deployment and provision of medical and other assistance ; b/ Accommodation.**
- ✓ **Constant monitoring of the situation in Ukraine and establishing contact with the Ukrainian Red Cross, IFRC, ICRC and sister NSs.**
- ✓ **Communication and cooperation with the offices of UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, the Embassy of Ukraine, etc.**

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- ✓ Provision of reference materials and correspondence with the institutions in support of the structures of the NS in the country. Online meetings and visits to the regional structures of the NS with the largest influx of affected by the military conflict.
- ✓ Publication and update of information on the NSs website and on social media - links to ministries, state institutions, agencies and other partners, hotlines providing various types of information, consultations, provision of psycho-social support, accommodation, RFL, obtaining temporary protection, legal aid, etc.
- ✓ Publication and update of information on the activities of the NS to assist affected by the conflict. Preparation of reports, infographics, etc. and information about the assistance provided by the BRC for media and partners.
- ✓ Participation in ongoing on-line meetings with Movement partners. Providing regular information at the IFRC's GO platform.
- ✓ Organization of charity events and initiatives of various partners.

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- ✓ Organization of logistics related to accepting donations and providing in kind relief / blankets, sleeping sets, clothes, shoes, children's food and toys, medicines and consumables, hygiene materials, etc./. Ongoing preparation of documentation and provision of reports on the amount and type of humanitarian aid collected, the number of individual and corporate donors and the participation of volunteers and employees of the BRC.
- ✓ The NS organized logistics and has sent 15 trucks with humanitarian aid to Ukraine in coordination with the Ukrainian RC and the IFRC - over 222 tons (new clothes, blankets, sleeping sets, shoes, food products, medicines and consumables, generators, hygiene materials, etc.)
- ✓ Humanitarian aid from the NSs disaster stocks were sent with GD Fire protection under the Civil Protection Mechanism of the European Union transporting blankets, pillows and bed linen.
- ✓ Rendering assistance by the NS at four border points, at the regional and local organizations of the NS and the NHQs. Providing of assistance to established Crisis Centers in Sofia city and in the country.

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- ✓ The support of the target groups/those affected by the conflict on the territory of Bulgaria is carried out by the NS in three directions: material support; financial assistance; soft measures (consultations, guidance, accompaniment, psychosocial support, restoration of family ties, etc.).

The assistance is carried out according to the Rules for granting financial assistance to Ukrainian citizens, adopted by the Committee for the Management of the collected funds under the National Campaign of the NS for raising financial means, agreed with the Public Council.

- ✓ The financial assistance is provided to cover costs related to food, medicaments, clothing and other urgent humanitarian needs, according to the individual needs of people in difficulty. The funds donated under the National Campaign of the NS to support the victims of the crisis in Ukraine were spent on: current and continuing support; purchase of food and hygiene packages, bedding; provision of medicines etc.

- ✓ In a continuous mode of work, volunteers and employees from all structures of the NS provide supporting snacks, food, baby purees, mineral water and clothes, according to the needs, this continues to this day throughout the country.

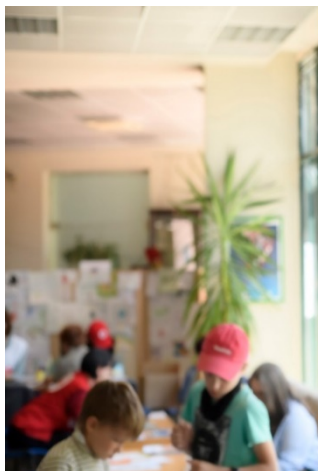
Activities in support of people the affected by the conflict in Ukraine

- ✓ Since the beginning of the conflict, a National Hotline has been operating at the BRC's Contact Centre for daily consultations and psychosocial support in the Contact Center 0800 11 466, where psychologists trained by the BRC are on duty.
- ✓ Requests for the restoration of family ties /for members of separated families/ have been received and are being processed at the BCHK, wireless routers at the points, chargers, SIM cards with mobile internet are provided.
- ✓ On March 7, 2022, the Bulgarian Red Cross, together with the Ministry of Health, launched a telephone line to provide information on medical and health care options in our country to help citizens fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and located in Bulgaria.
- ✓ In partnership with offices of UNHCR, UNICEF and WHO in Bulgaria, the NS's Refugee and Migrant Service is assisting in implementation of additional activities related to the Blue dots, cash assistance and such as providing medicaments and specialized devices, courses for learning Bulgarian, information sessions and access to labor market.

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Current needs and challenges

Since the beginning of the conflict the Bulgarian RC is operating entirely with its own human and financial resources, mainly raised by the National Public Campaign.

After six months of continuous operation and engagement of the NS's staff and volunteers, assisting the large number of people remaining in Bulgaria, the NS developed a Country level plan to continue its operation, seeking assistance from IFRC and sister NSs, on the basis of an analysis of the situation and needs for the next months and approaching autumn and winter.

Thanks to all donors, partners, volunteers and employees!
On behalf of the people who are going through very hard times right now, THANK YOU!