On February 24th, 2022 the Russian Federation mobilized a full-scale military operation on Ukraine, invading the country by land, sea, and air. In the one month since the invasion, nearly 4 million people have fled Ukraine to Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova, and other nearby countries. Preliminary reports indicate there have been 2.5 thousand civilian casualties and more lives are expected to be lost. More than 12 million people are in need of lifesaving, humanitarian assistance.

Within Ukraine, 6.5 million people are internally displaced. As hostilities grow, this number will likely increase, leaving more people in dire need. Ukraine’s health infrastructure has been significantly damaged, leaving operational facilities under-resourced and overwhelmed by patient needs.

Airlink swiftly activated its Europe Regional Response Plan. Despite significant logistical challenges, Airlink has mobilized ten cargo movements into Europe, including four charters; moving lifesaving medical supplies, blankets, and hygiene kits to refugees and internally displaced people within Ukraine.

As relief partners mobilized for response, Airlink coordinated flights for 164 responders across 20 NGOs. Partners provided healthcare and critical needs support for refugees at border crossings and for those staying in Ukraine.

Airlink will continue to support refugee programs and response efforts to Ukraine for as long as airlift and logistics is needed by its nonprofit partners.
OUR CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

AIRLIFT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES & RESPONDERS

About Airlink
Airlink is a global humanitarian organization delivering critical aid to communities in crisis by providing airlift and logistical solutions to nonprofit partners, changing the way the humanitarian community responds to disasters around the world.

Concept of Operations
Airlink is supporting the humanitarian response of credible NGOs. By coordinating with nonprofit partners, the UN system, the private sector, and donors, Airlink is optimizing the delivery of the extensive humanitarian aid required, minimizing duplication of effort, and channeling aviation sector resources towards priority needs through responsible use of aviation assets to minimize unnecessary environmental impact. Aid will support Ukrainian communities affected by the war, as well as those in surrounding countries hosting refugees.

Anticipated Outcomes
Airlink expects to support 20-40 NGOs over a 6-9 month period, and sustain operations as needed where airlift is an essential asset. Conservative estimates are for 100,000 - 250,000 people to be provided relief through medical and mental health care, shelter, WASH, food, child safety and other services in the initial period.

In 2021, across 27 responses, Airlink airlifted 1,137 responders and 767K pounds of aid to 7.5M people in 38 countries, providing 56 NGOs with almost $3M in transportation savings.
Within one month of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Airlink coordinated movements for 16 tons of critical medical supplies on behalf of Project C.U.R.E. An Air Canada-operated humanitarian cargo flight arrived in Poland with requested medical supplies and hospital beds. The cargo was distributed to hospitals in Poland to expand their capacity as the country welcomes nearly two million refugees.

As the war progressed, needs from hospitals in Ukraine shifted from modern medical equipment to tactical medicine and field surgery supplies. Additional Airlink-supported shipments of first aid kits, surgical instruments, and other medical supplies arrived in Ukraine to support injured civilians. The supplies moved into the European Union on United Airlines and Virgin Atlantic Airways flights and were trucked to Ukranian hospitals.
With Airlink's help, GlobalMedic responded in Ukraine and neighboring countries, to provide critical supplies to refugees and internally displaced populations. Utilizing a network of churches, hospitals, refugee centers, restaurants, and other local actors GlobalMedic has reached nearly 17,000 Ukrainians impacted by the war.

In Moldova, team members distributed necessary supplies such as water, baby formula, and hygiene products, and set up a food kit program for Moldovan families hosting refugees. GlobalMedic's Romania program expanded the capacity of refugee centers and assisted aid convoys with cross-border movements. In Lviv, Ukraine, the organization donated necessary medication and medical supplies to a local hospital and coordinated feeding programs for residents and internally displaced moving through the city.

In one month, Airlink has supported flights for 11 members of GlobalMedic's Rapid Response team and coordinated airlift of nearly 8,000 pounds of medical supplies for the medical center of the Western Region in Lviv. Airlink will continue to support flights for relief workers and cargo as their response evolves.
RESPONSE SPOTLIGHT: CADENA
DESTINATION: POLAND

With the help of volunteers from 10 countries, CADENA is operating in several Polish towns that border Ukraine including Medyka, Korczowa, and Przemysl where they have created safe spaces for refugees.

CADENA’s program in Medyka has created a space where refugees can receive food, shelter, and psychosocial support before transiting to their next destination. The team also provides basic necessities like food, water, and first aid to refugees waiting to cross the border into Poland. In Korczowa, CADENA has established a psychosocial support center for children. The center provides playful and uplifting activities for more than 50 children each day while their parents have time to fill out paperwork or rest. CADENA is also actively helping Ukrainian refugee families reach Spain.

During the month of March 2022, CADENA:
- Distributed 24 tons of in-kind aid including food, blankets, medicine, and first aid kits to refugees in Poland.
- Provided emotional and psychosocial support to hundreds of children including 200 orphans from Ukraine.
- Provided a refugee center with telecommunications equipment to manage arrival and departure procedures with a human trafficking prevention protocol.
- Delivered essential aid to 1,500 people per day at border operations centers.
**RESPONSE SPOTLIGHT: ISRAAID**
**DESTINATION: MOLDOVA**

IsraAID is collaborating with Moldova's Ministry of Social Protection and Ministry of Education to establish safe spaces for children and families to receive post-trauma support and essential supplies.

In addition, IsraAID operates a medical clinic in the border village of Tudora, where locals are sheltering more than 200 refugees in their homes. A team in Tulcea, Romania is collaborating with the local authorities and a nonprofit to provide essential medical equipment and humanitarian supplies into Ukraine itself.

In one month, Airlink has supported flights for 25 members of IsraAID’s emergency response team, and 25 more responders will be traveling over the next months. IsraAID is planning to stay in Moldova for at least one year, and continues to scale-up its response in Romania.
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