Ukraine Crisis | Situation Report #3
Europe Regional Response Plan
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SERVICE DELIVERY

**Personnel Flights**
Round-trip passenger flights to Warsaw (WAW), Krakow (KRK), Bucharest (OTP), and Iasi (IAS).

**Cargo Support**
Airlink is supporting the humanitarian community by leveraging commercial airlift space into the region. Due to Ukraine’s closed airspace, options will include destinations in neighboring countries, with options for additional coordination into Ukraine. We will continue to monitor other destinations supported by our network.

OUR RESPONSE
Airlink has activated its Europe Regional Response Plan following the recent invasion and escalation of conflict in Ukraine. We are continuing to support passenger and cargo movements for organizations that have been requested by local partners. Please reach out to ops@airlinkflight.org if your organization is planning to respond and/or has a request for transportation assistance. For passenger flight requests please include an overview of how they will be contributing to your organization’s response and any relevant medical credentials.

THE SITUATION
Over 3.1 million people have fled Ukraine to Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Moldova, and other countries. At least 1,900 civilian casualties have been confirmed in Ukraine, including 726 deaths as of March 15, by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The UN estimates that nearly 12 million people within Ukraine require lifesaving, humanitarian assistance. With the geographic scope of hostilities expanding, this number will likely increase, leaving more in dire humanitarian situations. As millions continue to be displaced, those sheltering in crowded spaces have increased concern over the risk of infectious disease transmission, including COVID-19. Ukraine’s health infrastructure has been significantly damaged, leaving operational facilities overwhelmed by patient needs.

**Humanitarian Needs:** Needs within Ukraine include medical supplies, such as trauma-related equipment and wound care, pharmaceuticals, surgical supplies, and oxygen related items. With supply chain disruptions, stockpiles are running out of critical items, constraining health facilities’ capacity to provide care to those in need. Additional needs include social protection, elder care, and psychosocial services. In Ukraine and surrounding countries hosting refugees, there is an increased need for shelter-related items; water, sanitation and hygiene supplies; and additional non-food items.
Airlink encourages our partners to coordinate closely with your consignee and the distributing organization on the ground to ensure you are sending the most needed items to support this response.
For a comprehensive overview of the humanitarian situation in Ukraine access UN OCHA’s situation report [here](#). The list of humanitarian needs published by the Ukrainian government is available [here](#).

**Personnel Movement:**
As of March 17, 2022 Hungary and Romania do not have any COVID-related travel restrictions. **Poland**: The Polish government requires all people traveling from outside of the European Union to present a negative COVID-19 test upon arrival. The test must not be older than 24 hours and can be done at some Polish airports before border check or 3 hours after arrival. **Moldova**: Due to airspace restrictions, the Chisinau (KIV) airport is closed. The closest airport to Moldova is Iasi (IAS).

**Cargo Movement:**
Please refer to the IMPACCT Working Group’s published guidance on cross border movement of humanitarian relief, including transit within Europe to Poland, Romania, Hungary, and Moldova, for additional information.

- **Poland**: Organizations are encouraged to register humanitarian aid through the Polish government’s coordination site [here](#).
- **Ukraine**: Guidance from IMPACCT for Importation and Customs Procedures in Ukraine can be found [here](#).

**Challenges, gaps, bottlenecks**: Within Ukraine, hostilities continue to disrupt logistics infrastructure, supply chain, and humanitarian corridors. Border crossing points between Poland and Ukraine are operational, but several report heavy congestion. Responding organizations have reported challenges in identifying available vehicles and drivers for land transport into and throughout Ukraine. Attacks on roads and transportation infrastructure in north-west, south-west, and central Ukraine have increased the risks associated with relief deliveries. General guidelines for unsolicited bilateral donations and potential adverse affects these relief goods might have can be found [here](#).

**RESPONDING PARTNER AGENCIES**

**Active NGOs:**
- ADRA International
- Afya Foundation
- Americares
- Assist International
- Convoy of Hope
- CORE
- CADENA
- Empact Northwest
- Footprint Project
- Fuel Relief Fund
- GlobalMedic
- Global Empowerment Mission
- Global Outreach Doctors
- Global Response Management
- Hands On Global
- International Medical Corps
- International Health Partners
- IsraAID
- MedWish International
- Medical Teams International
- NetHope
- Operation USA
- Project C.U.R.E.
- Project HOPE
- RE:ACT Disaster Response
- Relief International
- Save the Children
- Team Rubicon
- World Central Kitchen

**Active Airlines & Logistics Partners:**
- Air Canada
- Atlas Air
- American Airlines
- Flexport.org
- Global Logistics Cluster
- IMPACCT Working Group
- Priority Worldwide
- SEKO Logistics
- United Airlines
- Virgin Atlantic