



# UKRAINE RESPONSE

3 MONTH REPORT  
FEBRUARY - MAY 2022



# SITUATION UPDATE

Three months after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, conditions for civilians throughout the country continue to deteriorate. According to OCHA, **15.7 million Ukrainians are in need of humanitarian aid** as the conflict escalates. Needs are especially acute in southern and eastern Ukraine, where fierce fighting has been concentrated, putting civilian lives at risk.

The conflict, which has caused significant infrastructure damage, continues to fuel internal displacement and exodus of refugees. **Over 6.6 million people have fled Ukraine**, primarily to the surrounding countries of Poland, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and Moldova—making this Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II. As the war in Ukraine continues, those affected have begun seeking longer-term solutions for their needs. Within Ukraine, an additional **8.7 million people are internally displaced** with limited access to basic needs. Access to clean water and hygiene items are disrupted where WASH infrastructure has been destroyed, raising the risk of water-related diseases. Hostilities and infrastructure damage have led to heavy disruption in supply chains, causing communities unreliable access to food and essential items.

Healthcare access is overwhelmed due to conflict, mass displacement, and lack of supply. Humanitarian information management nonprofit ACAPS recorded **250 attacks on healthcare infrastructure** over the last three months; these attacks damaged facilities, destroyed supplies, and killed or injured patients and medical personnel. The movement of patients in need of medical care and the delivery of medical supplies are severely limited, especially in areas experiencing intense fighting.

The impact of the war is being felt worldwide, leading to extreme price increases for food-related items such as grain, oils, and fertilizers, exacerbating existing food crises in the Horn of Africa and Afghanistan, and driving millions of people deeper into food insecurity. Increases in fuel prices have greatly impacted the humanitarian response in Ukraine and continue to cause concerns about fuel availability and its impact on global supply chains.



# OUR CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

## AIRLIFT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES & RESPONDERS

### About Airlink

Airlink is a 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. Aid will support Ukrainian communities affected by the war, as well as those in the surrounding countries hosting refugees.

### Anticipated Outcomes

Airlink expects to support 30-40 NGOs over a 23-month period, supporting sustained operations as needed where airlift is essential to the relief effort. The organization is committed to sending 1,000 passengers and 1,000 tons of relief aid by the end of 2023, helping millions of people gain access to medical and mental health care, shelter, WASH, food, protection, and other services during the nearly 2-year response.

*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.*



# OUR RESPONSE: BY THE NUMBERS

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From the onset of the conflict in late February 2022, Airlink has mounted a rapid and sustained response to match the scale of the humanitarian need in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Thanks to bold commitments from our airline and logistics partners, Airlink has moved over 350 tons of critical aid and more than 300 passengers for disaster relief nonprofits and their community partners in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, and Hungary.

Where possible, Airlink has utilized existing commercial capacity to mobilize aid. The organization also has utilized three multi-agency charter flights in partnership with two airlines to accommodate large shipments. In doing this, Airlink has leveraged economies of scale to give multiple organizations access to efficient, fast transportation for their relief supplies—all at no cost to the nonprofit partners.

Airlink will continue to support refugee programs and response efforts in Ukraine and surrounding countries for as long as airlift and logistics services are needed by its nonprofit partners.



**354**  
**tons**  
OF RELIEF  
SUPPLIES DELIVERED



**\$2.1M+**  
IN TRANSPORTATION  
RELIEF PROVIDED  
TO NONPROFITS



**300**  
RESPONDERS  
DEPLOYED TO  
**6**  
COUNTRIES



**869**  
PALLET OF  
SUPPLIES  
TRANSPORTED



**28**  
NONPROFITS  
ASSISTED



**25**  
SHIPMENTS  
**3**  
CHARTER FLIGHTS



**13**

AVIATION & LOGISTICS  
PARTNERS ACTIVATED



# RESPONSE SPOTLIGHT: FUEL RELIEF FUND

DESTINATION: UKRAINE

In the three months since the start of the war, fuel shortages have spread across Ukraine, further complicating daily life and the humanitarian response. Fuel is unavailable at most stations, and diesel, where available, is being heavily rationed. The shortage is making it increasingly difficult for NGOs on the ground to continue their crucial operations and get aid to where it is needed most.

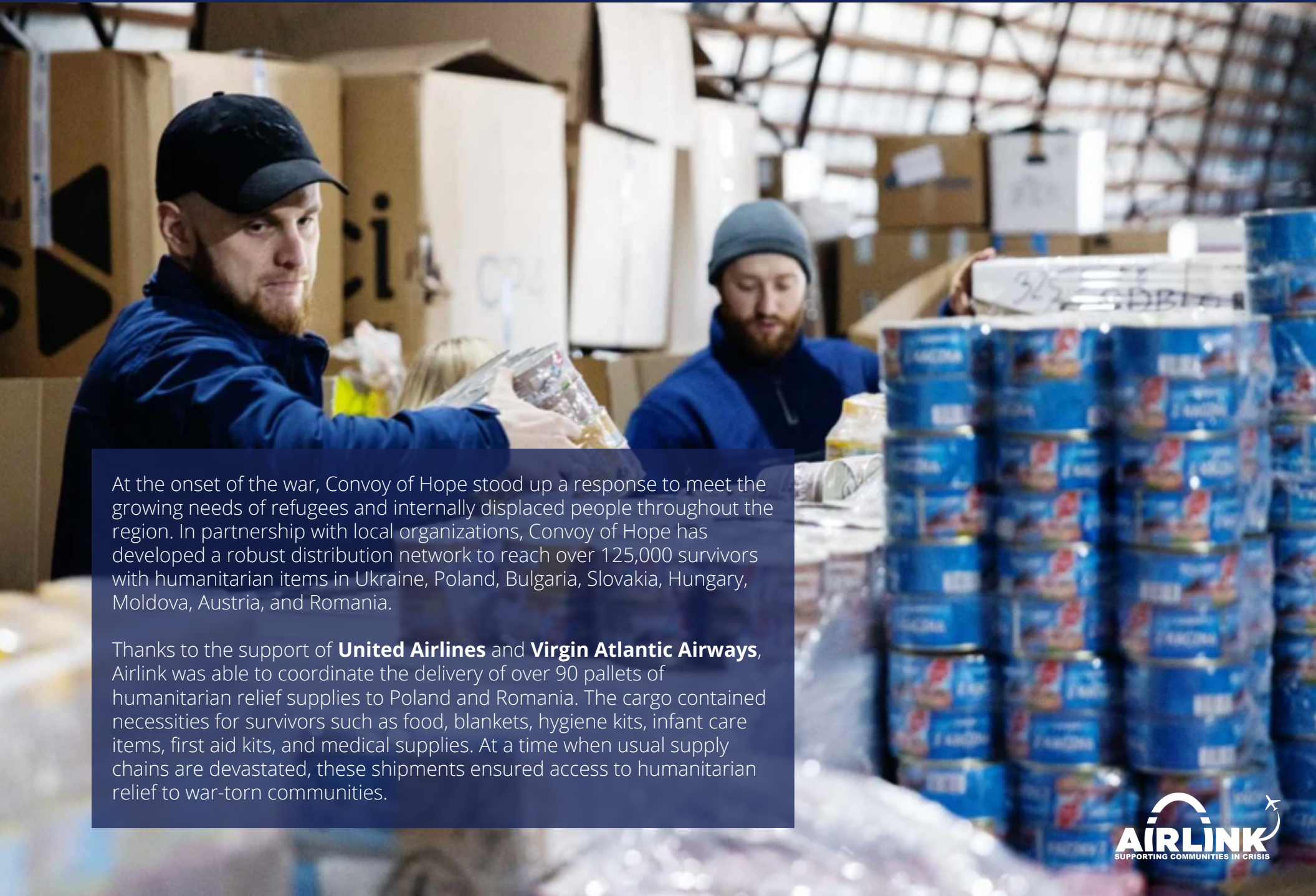
With support from **United Airlines**, Airlink coordinated flights for members of Fuel Relief Fund's team, who have facilitated the purchase and delivery of over 12,000 liters of fuel to several NGO partners, including World Central Kitchen, The World Food Programme, and UNICEF. The majority of the fuel FRF has supplied NGOs is being used to power vehicles transporting emergency personnel and aid, and conduct civilian evacuations.





# RESPONSE SPOTLIGHT: CONVOY OF HOPE

DESTINATION: POLAND AND ROMANIA



At the onset of the war, Convoy of Hope stood up a response to meet the growing needs of refugees and internally displaced people throughout the region. In partnership with local organizations, Convoy of Hope has developed a robust distribution network to reach over 125,000 survivors with humanitarian items in Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova, Austria, and Romania.

Thanks to the support of **United Airlines** and **Virgin Atlantic Airways**, Airlink was able to coordinate the delivery of over 90 pallets of humanitarian relief supplies to Poland and Romania. The cargo contained necessities for survivors such as food, blankets, hygiene kits, infant care items, first aid kits, and medical supplies. At a time when usual supply chains are devastated, these shipments ensured access to humanitarian relief to war-torn communities.

# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



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## AVIATION & LOGISTICS PARTNERS

Thanks to all of the airline and logistics partners that have donated cargo capacity, airline tickets, trucking services, and freight forwarding capabilities to mobilize relief aid and personnel to support the response to the crisis in Ukraine. Donated and discounted airlift and other in-kind support help Airlink's funding go further. Without these ongoing partnerships, many of the programs carried out by Airlink's NGO partners this year would not have been possible on the same scale—and many times, they would not have been possible at all.



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## INDUSTRY & FOUNDATION FUNDING PARTNERS



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