

## **UKRAINE KEY INFORMATION**

We are witnessing a quickly escalating humanitarian disaster in Ukraine. Armored tanks are rolling in and missiles are falling. Terrified children and adults are seeking refuge in basements and bomb shelters or are attempting to flee the major cities. Many are cowering in train stations unable to leave.

The situation is highly volatile and desperate. There is widespread fighting in the streets and the fear is palpable. Many Ukrainians have lost access to water and electricity and have limited phone or internet access. Unable to reach their loved ones, they are deeply concerned for the lives of family members.

We are already seeing a major impact from the initial hostilities. The most vulnerable are most at risk: Disabled, sick, or injured people left without help and cut off from access to food and water.

Many are in a state of shock and need crisis counselling. An increasing number is asking for help to leave the country.

We have already seen civilian casualties and are afraid that the death toll will grow in the coming days. The need for protection and medical assistance for civilians is pressing as is the need for emergency supplies of food, water, and medicine for the large number of refugees.

More than one million people have left the country including most have sought refuge in Poland. Exhausted women and children are making their way to the borders where we are receiving them with food, water, and toys to distract the children from the terrors for a while.

The Red Cross is working day and night in the Ukraine and in neighboring countries. We will remain on the ground as long as we are needed to provide medical aid, crisis counselling and support for hospitals and clinics as well as food, clothes, shelter, and emergency cash funds for those who have left everything behind.

But with every hour, the needs increase. We need your support to help the innocent and to save lives.

## The Red Cross activities in the Ukraine

Our immediate concern is to provide help to those affected by war in every part of the country.

We are:

- Distributing food, water, and hygiene kits
- Providing protection
- Offering first aid to the wounded
- Offering crisis counselling to the traumatized
- Distributing emergency cash funds to refugees
- Supporting hospital and clinics with supplies and equipment
- Repairing essential infrastructure such a water pipes and pumping stations