

## The Global Church as One for Ukraine

Established by the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA), **The Response - Ukraine Special Task Force (TRUST)** is coordinating efforts with evangelical churches in Ukraine and neighboring countries to serve the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the war.

*"TRUST is coming alongside the admirable work of professional aid agencies with no intention of competing or creating a new relief organisation. TRUST offers a bridge that connects evangelical alliances to each other, strengthens networks among evangelical churches, and collaborates with denominational and church leaders responding in Ukraine and the region. Our churches in these countries are seeing an incredible outpouring of manpower and passion from their congregations to help those affected by the war, and they need prayers and financial support from around the globe."*

- Thomas Schirrmacher, Secretary General, World Evangelical Alliance



### What's the latest situation?


 **7.8 million** internally displaced people<sup>1</sup>


 **4.8 million** refugees<sup>2</sup>


- Active combat is ongoing in eastern and southern Ukraine, especially in the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, while missile attacks and airstrikes continue across the country.
- Humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate as internally displaced people and those who remain in conflict areas are at increasing risk of losing access to basic resources such as food, shelter and water. Some regions are completely cut off from aid or evacuation routes.


### What are the major needs?


(Estimates by UNOCHA, as of 3 June)  
Between March and August 2022...

 **10.2 million people**  
need food and livelihood assistance

 **12.1 million people**  
need health assistance





 **6.2 million people**  
need shelter and non-food items

 **13 million people**  
need water, sanitation and hygiene assistance

 **15.7 million people**  
need of protection assistance and services, including 2.1 million children and 3.3 million people at risk of gender-based violence

### Mobilising the church: Response priorities

Our partner alliances, denominations and church and ministry networks across Ukraine and neighboring countries are mobilising to focus on the following interventions to serve internally displaced people and refugees:

-  **Basic aid, including food, clothing, first aid and medicine**
-  **Temporary accommodation assistance**
-  **Transportation for evacuation**
-  **Psychological and spiritual support**

## Faith in action: Evangelical Response achievements (March to June 2022)\*

Our partner networks are committed to bringing essential aid and support to those who need it most. We're grateful for the opportunity to come alongside them in this work. Here's some of what has been achieved together so far:



**Over 64,100**  
staff and volunteers mobilized



**Over 593,800 people**  
received basic aid supplies



**Over 346,000 people**  
evacuated



**1,500 children**  
evacuated from 22 orphanages across Ukraine



**Over 271,300 people**  
received temporary accommodation assistance



**74 help centers**  
supported by Our Heritage in western Ukraine



**Up to 700 calls per day**  
received by Save Ukraine's 24-hour hotline requesting assistance

*\*Latest cumulative figures from reports received from six partner networks*



Photo Credit: Our Heritage

## Fleeing and waiting Dmytro's harrowing tale of how he escaped home with his family

*"Now our next goal is to reach the border and wait out the war, then we will come back to rebuild our Ukraine."*

As the first car in a long column of evacuating vehicles, Dmytro's car came under fire from Russian troops with his wife and children inside. They quickly ditched the car and hid behind trees on the roadside as shelling ensued. The car just behind theirs was blown up. When the shots subsided, they jumped into another car in the caravan and proceeded to flee on damaged and punctured wheels.

This was their third attempt to leave their home city of Hostomel. On their previous two attempts, Dmytro's family had already spent time hiding in hostel basements and churches without water, light, or heat. Their home had been searched, shelled, and ransacked. They had seen people being shot indiscriminately in the streets.

Before the war, Dmytro's family lived a comfortable life. They owned a home and a car and could send their children abroad for studies.

As they entered the relatively safe confines of Kyiv and processed all that had happened, the realization hit them: their home, car, and money were all gone.

Now relying on support from friends and local churches, Dmytro's family is working their way toward the border, where they will await the end of the war and a chance to rebuild their home and country.

## TRUST partners and how we work



**10 partners**  
in Ukraine



**10 partners**  
outside Ukraine (Poland,  
Slovakia, Romania,  
Hungary, and Moldova)



**...and counting**

The evangelical community, with its 13,000 churches in Ukraine alone and its many parachurch ministries, is collaborating to deploy resources and services and to facilitate an outpouring of financial and practical support from the global network of Evangelicals who are standing with Ukraine.

Our partner evangelical alliances, denominations, and church and ministry networks are working closely on-the-ground together with others to bring much-needed relief and support to those affected by the Ukraine crisis. Together, we are putting our faith into action by sharing the gospel through word and deed.



Volunteers sorting clothes for evacuees  
Photo Credit: Our Heritage

### Partners in Ukraine

Ukrainian Pentecostal Church  
Ukrainian Baptist Union  
Ukrainian Evangelical Churches Association  
Ukrainian Adventist Union  
Fellowship of Independent Churches  
Salvation Church Network  
Word of Life Association of Churches  
Save Ukraine Network  
Our Heritage (Sports Movement)  
Alliance for Ukraine Without Orphans

### Partners in other countries

#### Poland

Pentecostal Church of Poland  
Ukrainian Pentecostal Churches in Poland  
Church for the City Krakow

#### Slovakia

Slovak Evangelical Alliance

#### Romania

Romanian Baptist Union  
Union of Christian Evangelical Churches  
Ukraine Bucharest Churches 22  
Collaboration

#### Hungary

Hungarian Evangelical Alliance

#### Moldova

Pentecostal Church of Moldova  
Moldova Baptist Union



Photo Credit: AUWO

### Partner spotlight

#### Alliance for Ukraine Without Orphans

Since the beginning of the war, the Alliance for Ukraine Without Orphans (AUWO) - a part of the World Without Orphans movement and a partner ministry of WEA - and 60 partner organizations within its regional network have been actively responding to the needs of affected children, families, and communities. Together with the support of nearly 3,000 volunteers, they have evacuated families with children, especially from hard-to-reach places; provided temporary housing, medicine, food and water; facilitated the evacuation of children in state boarding schools; and provided psychological assistance and legal advice to families with children.

Through the efforts of UWOA and its partners, 38,000 people have been evacuated, including more than 22,000 children from large and low-income families or foster families, plus 670 children and adults with severe disabilities. Nearly 59,000 people have received humanitarian support (food, water, medicine, clothing), and temporary housing has been provided to 6,000 people, especially for women and children.

## WEA Networks responding

### Peace and Reconciliation Network: Inspiring and equipping the church for God's ministry of reconciliation

The Peace & Reconciliation Network (PRN) is actively responding to the ongoing war in these ways:

- Building and maintaining relationships with those who can help to secure peace in Ukraine, the surrounding countries, and around the world where the impact of the conflict is felt.
- Equipping the church with a biblical theology of peace and reconciliation.
- Supporting PRN partners in Ukraine with practical needs that serve the well-being of those traumatized by the war.
- Partnering with national alliances in prayer.

To learn more about PRN:

<https://www.reconciledworld.net/>



### Testimony: God's saving hand at work as residents evacuate while underseige

On February 24, the Russian army started bombing our country and the explosions hit the outskirts of our city. As the pastor of a local church in Volchansk, I had to take our congregation out of town to safety. We barely had time to leave as tanks came in.

Once we were safe, a new phase of our ministry began: sending humanitarian aid and helping to evacuate residents from villages affected by occupation or shelling. For 2.5 months, we traveled thousands of kilometers. People were grateful for this help from a large family of Christians. I am honored to be an instrument in God's hands.

One evacuation in particular stands out. In early May, as my friends and I brought relief supplies to the de-occupied parts of Stary Saltov, the locals started asking to be taken to Kharkiv. They had no transport and the settlement was being shelled mercilessly. At first, 50 people wanted to be evacuated, and we managed to find transport for them. But when the vehicles arrived, there were 200 people seeking to flee, not 50. And more were on the way.

To quickly get people to safety, we drove three overloaded cars from Stary Saltov on a bad dirt road to a neighboring village, and then another bus took them to Kharkiv. When I went to pick people

up from a five-story building, there was an explosion. It was probably aimed at us, as it was on the road where we had just passed. As we drove back, we saw a three-meter crater in the road, caused by a shell that could have hit our car. Another house from which we evacuated 50 residents was bombed the next day. This is a living testimony to the work of God! We are grateful to him that in such a difficult time we can see his saving hand.

**Nicholas**

*Pastor of a church in Volchansk supported by the Peace and Reconciliation Network*

### European Freedom Network working to prevent human trafficking



*"The church is shining brightly as a beacon of hope and is truly loving its neighbor. We want to continue to support refugees, displaced people, and churches."*

- Lean Rhodes, Executive Director, World Freedom Network, a ministry of WEA

The European Freedom Network (EFN), part of WEA's World Freedom Network, has been working tirelessly to prevent human trafficking at the borders of Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Moldova since the beginning of the war in Ukraine.

EFN is equipping churches responding at the border with simple, easy-to-follow safety tips on transporting, hosting and caring for refugees.

EFN is also turning its attention to the immense immediate and long term trauma resulting from the war. EFN has produced a series of trauma webinars in multiple languages to enable churches responding to the crisis to work with the Ukrainian people in a trauma-informed way.

To learn more about EFN:

[www.europeanfreedomnetwork.org/](http://www.europeanfreedomnetwork.org/)



## Funding



To-date:

**US\$1.1 million**

has been dispersed by WEA to partner networks in Ukraine and neighboring countries to provide greatly needed aid, support, and care for children, families, and communities affected by the war.

Our goal is to continue raising funds to strengthen Evangelical churches and ministries in the region and their capacity to provide short- and long-term support so that the people of Ukraine can rebuild their lives and their country.

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## Get involved



### Give

Your donation matters. Financial support is coordinated by TRUST and distributed to churches and partners who are on the front lines, directly helping affected Ukrainians.

To give, please go to:

<https://worlddea.org/ukrainecrisis>



### Pray

- For the immediate end of the war.
- For the care and protection of the people of Ukraine.
- For long-lasting peace.



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## About the World Evangelical Alliance

Over two billion Christians in the world today are represented by three world church bodies. The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is one of those, serving more than 600 million evangelicals belonging to churches that are part of 143 national Evangelical Alliances in 9 regions. Launched in London in 1846, the WEA unites evangelicals across denominations for prayer, evangelism, mission, theological education, religious freedom, human rights advocacy and engagement in a wide range of social issues. It speaks with one voice to the United Nations, governments and media in public or through behind-the-scenes diplomacy on issues of common concern to the Church.

For more information, visit: <https://worlddea.org/>