

# Situational Report #01

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Ukraine Conflict  
Emergency Response



Humanitarian  
Situation in Ukraine,  
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## 01. Situation Overview

**Hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians are fleeing the conflict heading west, either crossing the border into neighboring countries or left internally displaced.**

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe with approximately 40 million inhabitants. In 2014, Ukrainian peninsula Crimea was occupied by Russia. Since 2014, the South Eastern region of Donbas was affected by war: so-called separatists backed by Russian military occupied parts of Donbass. Occasional shelling and shooting led to approximately 14,000 victims (people killed) since 2014, many of them children. In 2014/15, 1.5 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) left Crimea and the Russian occupied territories in Donbas and are living in Central and Western Ukraine now.

A full-scale military attack (invasion) of Ukraine was started by Russia in the night of February 23/24, 2022. Towns and other targets in all regions of Ukraine have been shelled or attacked with rockets and tanks invaded the country from three directions (north, east and south). Fighting is progressing for two days now and is continuing. Residential buildings have been destroyed and lives have been lost. The situation is extremely unclear. Hundreds of thousands of people started their escape from cities to rural areas or are heading west. A major wave of refugees is expected to arrive in neighboring countries such as Romania and Poland.

Affected People	Displaced (Total)	Welfare Centers	Dead	Missing	Households Affected	Houses Destroyed/ Partially Damaged
5-10M	Before the recent escalation, some 2.9 million children, women and men were already affected by eight years of conflict in eastern Ukraine. Further 1.3M IDPs in Ukraine are expected in few days, 1.7M will cross the borders (400/600.000 Poland; 120/140.000 Slovakia; 200/220.000 Germania e 10/12.000 Moldova).*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

\*last minute information suggest more than 20.000 persons already arrived in Moldova.

## **02. Overview of ChildFund Response**

**ChildFund are financially supporting Ukrainian partner organizations who are meeting the needs of war victims; in particular women and children IDPs.**

ChildFund Deutschland (CFD) has been working in Ukraine since 2004 in a variety of programmatic areas and in all major regions of the country. Since 2014/15, ChildFund's involvement grew significantly. A more detailed paper about previous program activities is available on request. ChildFund established a network with 12 Ukrainian partner NGOs. With nine of them, projects have been in implementation before the war started. Currently we are able to keep contact with five of these partner organizations. These five partner organizations are willing and able to undertake relief efforts in their respective regions.

ChildFund is able to transfer financial support to partner organizations. These transfers are done twice a week. The transfers are limited to few thousand Euros per transfer/partner organization to avoid the risk of loss. In case banking institutes will be closed, a new mode of support will have to be identified. Recipients of the funds (partner organizations) support war victims, especially children and families who are new IDPs or who lost their homes, and support private initiatives who are evacuating orphanages. So far, all products/stock can be bought in country; there are no shortages in supermarkets or pharmacies. ChildFund agreed with the partner organizations on a two-days-rhythm of adjusting support programs and supplying funds. Till 25<sup>th</sup> Feb this support can be secured in various regions of Ukraine, especially in Kiev, Charkiv and Cherson. For security reasons, CFD is not able to identify these partner organizations by name. For the time being, reporting is only possible by telephone, which is unusual, but unavoidable.

**Therefore, the best way to support the victims now is multipurpose cash assistance.**

WeWorld (ChildFund Italy) is supporting CFD in securing more systematic and 'normal' relief activities as soon as the circumstances and conditions allow. Further, WeWorld is observing the refugee situation in neighboring countries Romania, Poland, and Moldova as the situation unfolds.

## **03. International Humanitarian Response**

The United Nations allocated US \$20 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to immediately scale up life-saving humanitarian assistance and protection to civilians in Ukraine. More details may be found on the following link:

<https://www.unocha.org/story/un-allocates-20m-cerf-humanitarian-response-ukraine>

For a copy of the OCHA Humanitarian Response Plan, please see:

<https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ukraine/document/ukraine-2022-humanitarian-response-plan>