



*In the war zone, every day is a battle—against both the enemy and the biting cold. Ukrainian defenders are holding their positions in the middle of a snowstorm, while many families in their homes are trying to survive without heat and electricity.*

### **Power Outage Changes Everything**

Winter's first snows barely had time to cover the ground when Russian rockets and missiles struck Ukraine's power plants and electricity distribution centers with devastating force.

Maksym Timchenko, CEO of Ukraine's private energy company DTEK, stated:

"Recent attacks are a severe blow to our efforts to

supply electricity to cities and households this winter. Since November 2025, and after Russia's many attacks that followed, all of the country's power plants halted operations, and electricity generation capacity in the country's cities dropped to zero."

Russia is trying to completely destroy Ukraine's energy system, with the goal of plunging Ukrainians into winter freezing temperatures without any source of heat.



Not long after the attacks, I received a call from Yuri, the head of our Kyiv office. He reported that electricity was being rationed and was available for only 5–7 hours per day.

Outside Ukraine's major cities, power is sometimes out for several days at a time, and in smaller towns it is permanently out.

The only source of heat left is a **wood-burning stove**. The stove radiates warmth, giving mothers and children the chance to sleep through the night. Hot water makes hygiene possible, which helps maintain health. The stove also makes cooking possible.

As was already becoming clear—and as we anticipated—demand for stoves has increased at an

astonishing pace. Our office receives hundreds of new requests every day.

Today's latest request came from the city of Sumy, where **there is a need for 1,500 stoves**. The situation in Sumy is difficult.

Every donated stove is one of the best gifts a Ukrainian family could receive, because it brings warmth and light into the dark, cold season and helps protect their chances of survival.

Our help is needed, and even a small gift can make a big difference. Thank you for supporting families affected by the war. You can learn more about our work in Ukraine at: [UkraineAidToday.com](http://UkraineAidToday.com)



*In the photo, chaplain Gennady and his team—together with Hannu Haukka, CEO of UkraineAid Today—are distributing the food packages we donated to 100 families who have fled the fighting. Learn more at [ukraineaidtoday.com](http://ukraineaidtoday.com).*



*Food is being packed into bags for distribution to families who have been forced to leave their homes due to Russia's escalating air strikes. They have found relative safety in the regional capital, Zaporizhzhia.*

Gennady Mokhnenko has become known for his tireless work in crisis zones, where he helps families, children, older adults, and the wounded—people whose daily lives are shaped by ongoing attacks, hardship, and uncertainty.

No matter the situation, Gennady's words and presence bring comfort and hope. People listen closely—many exhausted, yet still hopeful—because they receive practical help and a reminder that they have not been left alone.



### Thousands of Fire Extinguishers for Ukraine

Russia's nighttime strikes have sparked fires in many cities and villages. Fire departments are overwhelmed, and they can't reach every location in time. Most attacks happen at night, when rescue work is at its most difficult.

UkraineAid Today has already delivered more than 3,000 donated fire extinguishers to Ukraine. On December 7, 2025, another truck shipment left with an additional 2,000 fire extinguishers, and about 1,000 more were ready to be sent.

The first 1,000 fire extinguishers have been delivered to the Zaporizhzhia region. Next is another 1,000, which will be delivered to the Kharkiv and Khmelnytskyi regions. These areas are under constant air strikes and bombardment.

Fire extinguishers are often the only way to put out fires when emergency services can't arrive in time. Every extinguisher delivered meets a critical need.

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A view unfolds in the photo that you don't forget: spent missile casings fired by Russia, twisted pieces of steel, burned pipes, and torn fragments of rocket shells lie piled together like the broken skeleton of some monstrous machine.

The place looks like a landfill. But it is much more than that. It is a silent witness to what this country faces every day. Every casing tells a story of the terror of the night—moments when death and destruction rained down from the sky.

These parts of missiles, rockets, and Shahed drones have struck apartment buildings, schools, hospitals, pharmacies, shopping centers, food warehouses, gas stations, and post offices. They have caused death and devastation.

In the photo, the shells of missiles and bombs have been collected, numbered, and documented as evidence of Russia's atrocities on foreign soil.

In the middle of all this brutality, we can—and we want to—help the people of Ukraine in their time of need. By supporting and donating a stove, a food package, or warm winter clothing for children, we show Ukrainian families the love of neighbor and offer them hope in the darkest season. Our act of love can become their miracle.

Warm regards,



Hannu Haukka  
CEO/Founder

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