

Dear UkraineAid Ministry Friend!

The most difficult, trying winter of the war is now behind us. Power outages, bombed power plants, grocery stores, shopping centers and gas stations have all been directly impacted. Repeated attacks on civilian targets have tested Ukrainians to the limit in cities and rural areas, from the eastern parts of the country all the way to the western border.

Ukraine Perseveres, Repairs and Rebuilds

Together with you, we have given many Ukrainians the strength to endure the challenges of the war by providing wood-burning stoves for homes in the war-affected areas of eastern Ukraine—for cooking, warmth and shelter from freezing winter hardship. As well, essential food package deliveries for those in need, and life-saving ambulances for conflict areas.

They Have Not Been Abandoned

Ukrainians, amid their distress, have experienced that they have not been left alone...

"In faraway North America, there are people who have come to help us in our anguish. Through their kindness, people here have received tangible reminders that they are not alone and have not been forgotten."

It leaves one speechless to see how much good has been accomplished together, with you, during this past winter and spring.

Every donation, every pair of socks, stove, bag of flour, sack of potatoes, carrots or onions, batches of firewood

or briquettes, medicines, wheelchair, hospital supply, fire extinguisher, gallon of fuel, and every prayer has been part of sharing aid.

As aid reached its destination, it offered more than tangible assistance—it reassured Ukrainians that they remain remembered, supported, and cared for.

Four Years of Aid

Over the past four years, the number of delivered wood-burning stoves has risen into the thousands. Last week, we ordered another 300 stoves from the factory in Zaporizhzhia.

This past winter, five ambulances were procured and sent to deliver vital aid and medical support. The value of these vehicles cannot be overstated. Near the front lines, these ambulances play a vital role in saving the lives of fathers and sons by enabling rapid evacuation and access to urgent medical care.

During the first week of June, five more ambulances were delivered from Finland to Ukraine. One of the vehicles was provided at special request to the Kyiv Central Hospital in the capital city. GCMM/UkraineAid CEO Hannu Haukka and Canadian Director John Haukka helped lead the convoy, serving as drivers alongside other volunteers.

Aid delivery, all the while, has become increasingly challenging. The photos we have published show some of the difficult and hazardous conditions surrounding aid trips into affected communities.



Overnight, Russia's massive attack wounded more than one hundred people and killed more than twenty. The number of fatalities may increase as searches continue in the rubble of apartment buildings.

The strikes targeted major cities across Ukraine, including Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, and Kyiv. A barrage of ballistic missiles and long-range drones reached Kyiv.

In the photo: A hospital train arrived at the Kyiv railway station from Dnipro, the capital of Dnipropetrovsk Oblast in eastern Ukraine.

In Kyiv, around twenty ambulances were waiting for the arrival of a train with severely wounded soldiers, fathers, and sons being transferred to the hospital.

These hospital trains arrive daily from Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia, reminding us of the cost of the war.



Photos: Hannu Haukka

Help for the Crisis in Ukraine:

Ambulances Arrive in Eastern Ukraine!

The intense bombings of recent days have led to increased emergency levels in Ukraine, and have once again risen to the forefront in headline news. Amid escalating attacks across Ukraine, UkraineAid delivered five more fully equipped ambulances and two off-road vehicles to support frontline rescue and medical evacuation efforts.

Kyiv Central Hospital Requested An Ambulance

The acquisition and delivery of the five ambulances came in at an average cost of about 15,000 USD per vehicle.

The amount covers all vehicle-related expenses, including acquisition, servicing, repairs, inspections, permits and official fees, transportation, and the drivers' travel and accommodation costs.

The Kyiv Central Hospital requested one of our ambulances, which was equipped with resuscitation equipment. The remaining ambulances continued on to Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia.

Kerava's Mayor Behind the Wheel

Among the drivers was the Mayor of Kerava, the Finnish city where GCMM/UkraineAid headquarters is located.

"When I was asked whether I would like to use my free weekend to drive an ambulance to Poland, I did not hesitate for a moment. This is my way of helping and showing that the people of Ukraine who are in distress are close to my heart," says Mayor Rontu.

Helping to Save Up to 200 Lives Every Month

The impact of a single ambulance delivered to the war zone is immense: it can help save up to 200 lives each month—nearly 2,400 a year. With the 10 ambulances GCMM has delivered to date, the potential impact could extend to as many as 24,000 lives annually.

We thank you for the support you have shown for Ukraine. Without your support, the convoy of ambulances at this scale would not have been possible. Together, we are bringing aid to areas and people in desperate need.



Photos: Hannu Haukka



Artem Kolosov, Chief Surgeon, of a Hospital in the Zaporizhzhia Region

“Many injuries occur when people try to avoid munitions dropping from drones during transport.”

The hospital performs many amputations as well as operations on the chest and abdominal areas. Many among the patients are victims of shrapnel injuries.

Patients arrive at the hospital from five different locations, about 20–30 patients per day from each destination. This means a total of about 100–150 wounded soldiers per day.

The hospital is already stretched beyond its limits, and only the most serious cases are treated.

At the hospital's request, UkraineAid is delivering one ambulance from the shipment of five ambulances to the Artem Hospital.



On average, 20–30 patients are admitted each day from each of five locations to this hospital, resulting in an estimated daily influx of 100–150 wounded soldiers.



We happened to be on site when a Russian missile strike hit the industrial area of the city of Zaporizhzhia in the middle of the morning. Dozens of people were wounded in the strike. There were several fatalities.



Photos on this page: Hannu Haukka

After the missile strike, Chaplain Gennadi paused for a moment of silence beside the exploded truck. The driver died while trying to escape from the burning truck.



In the fortress city of Kramatorsk, in the Donesk region, these girls attend school partly in a bomb shelter and partly online. Still shaken by the morning missile strike: "We were frightened and rushed into the nearest building. We are staying home, we aren't going anywhere."

We extend our heartfelt thanks to you for tirelessly helping the ministry with a big heart. You have given from what is yours without expecting anything in return, so that others might live and receive hope for a better tomorrow. Many have been able to enjoy the care, warmth, food and safety. As we look back over the past half-year, we can say that together we have accomplished much good. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Serving together,,



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