SITUATION UPDATE: UKRAINE CRISIS

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At least 816 people have been killed and 1,333 have been injured since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began, the United Nations Human Rights Office said.\(^\text{1}\) And with more than 3.1 million refugees forced to flee Ukraine over the past three weeks, and millions internally displaced within the country, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is warning that humanitarian needs are increasing exponentially.

Advance Team in Eastern Europe

- Heart to Heart International’s Advance/Assessment Team has been in Romania, Moldova, and is now in Poland, meeting with partners to determine needs on the ground. One member has departed to return to the U.S., the others remain in Poland.
- This week, the team met with Open Door Foundation to see the van HHI’s grant purchased. Open Door Foundation’s work in helping refugees and survivors of human trafficking is especially relevant as 90 percent of refugees who have fled Ukraine are women and children, and the UNHCR warns of increased risks of trafficking and exploitation.\(^\text{2}\) The van will be used to transport refugees from border crossings and shelters to airports, embassies, bus stations, and other destinations.

Humanitarian Aid Shipments

- HHI shipped $19 million (52 pallets) of medicines and medical supplies to Warsaw, Poland. The aid will be transported by Hope Worldwide into Ukraine to the Ministry of Health to be distributed to hospitals and clinics throughout Ukraine.
- HHI shipped 6,750 hygiene kits to support Global Citizen’s refugee work in Poland.
- 29,860 hygiene kits are being prepared to ship to partners in Poland and Romania.
- HHI continues to evaluate and process requests for medicines, medical supplies and hygiene kits from nonprofit organizations and governmental departments.

Hygiene Kit Assemblies at Headquarters

- More than 400 volunteers (including members of the Ukrainian Club of KC and other organizations) have assembled hygiene kits in March at HHI headquarters for Ukraine Crisis Relief.

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