Salvation Army aid continues during Ukraine-Russia crisis

EASTERN EUROPE

THE Salvation Army is established in Ukraine and neighbouring countries and has been able to provide food, shelter, hygiene items, clothing, prayer and hope.

UKRAINE

The Army has provided nappies, hygiene products and formula for the mothers in Kyiv who are often giving birth prematurely because of the stress. Salvationists have also provided emotional support for the women and their families as they seek refuge from the conflict. In Dnipro, hot meals are being cooked and distributed at the train station. The Red Cross is providing cut fabrics for weaving camouflage nets and every day the Army hands out more than 100 pieces of those to displaced people at the station. In Lviv, the Army stocked up displaced people's supplies and shared contact details on social media for them to get in touch and receive essential items.

HUNGARY

The Switzerland, Austria and Hungary Territory is supporting the Hungary Region in its response with personnel from within the territory and basic relief items. An emergency team on the border is working with Baptist Aid to support refugees crossing the border. In Budapest, 22 places were made available for the reception of refugees. Accommodation at other reception centres and Salvation Army locations was also planned. Gyöngyös Corps and Remeniség Centre prepared to cook for 20 to 40 people as soon as the city extended its help to receive more refugees. Corps officers in Debrecen and Miskolc have also mobilised to help at border posts.

MOLDOVA

When the humanitarian corridor was in place a Salvation Army team managed to send urgently needed medical items across the border, where a team from Ukraine received it and transported it to a children's intensive care unit in Odessa. The Army is also working in co-ordination with the Centre for Refugees Reception in the village of Mikhailany in the Ryshkansky district.



POLAND

The regional officers and corps officers in Warsaw, together with Captain Matthew Beatty (International Emergency Services), brought much needed supplies to a Warsaw reception centre. A sign in Ukrainian read: 'Welcome, free food for all.' Partnerships are proving key to meeting human needs.

ROMANIA

In addition to the relief operation on the border, the Army is offering some temporary accommodation. It has been asked to work in co-ordination with other stakeholders in some of the mobile refugee camps. A Salvation Army team is working alongside other organisations in the Siret refugee camp and is providing social assistance to new arrivals. The team has offered help to complete asylum seekers' documents, give advice on how to obtain biometric ID documents and assist with reunifying people with family members waiting outside the camp. It has also co-ordinated the distribution of relief material and other support.



