

UKRAINE

Crisis Response

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Mission Statement:

DRC works to ensure that people affected by the current conflict in Ukraine are protected and receive appropriate levels of humanitarian assistance.

Overview of Situation and Needs

The military offensive in Ukraine has driven millions of people from their homes seeking safety, protection, and assistance, both within Ukraine, in neighbouring countries and beyond. Humanitarian access to Ukraine is currently very restricted and the situation is constantly changing. According to the UN Refugee Agency, as of 10 March 2022, more than 2.3 million people have crossed international borders into neighbouring countries.

The **UN Flash Appeal launched on 1 March** is projecting up to 18 million people directly affected by the conflict and 12 million people in need, alongside 6.7 million people internally displaced. It is estimated that up to 4 million people might be displaced across the border, with many neighbouring and European countries (including Denmark) expressing a wish to support.



> Source: OCHA map, 10 March 2022



Crisis Response Plan March

DRC is one of the largest and most experienced international NGOs responding to multiple crisis globally, with expertise in numerous humanitarian sectors and operational modalities. **Operating within Ukraine** since 1998 with over 200 staff, DRC is currently scaling up its operation in Ukraine to deliver lifesaving assistance and emergency response to the many people affected by the conflict.

Furthermore, DRC is right now **building a response structure in neighbouring countries** of Moldova, Romania and Poland to assist people from Ukraine crossing borders in search of refuge and international protection there or as they transit towards other European countries.

Within the **wider Europe, DRC is scaling up its existing operations** in Italy, Georgia, Greece and possibly in Kosovo Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina to engage in asylum counselling, protection, reception, and inclusion support to people arriving from Ukraine.

Given its Danish origin, **DRC's engagement in Denmark**, is framed by its role as a national refugee mandated civil society organisation with a defined role in the asylum procedure and refugee integration work in Denmark. Therefore, DRC engages with Ukrainian diaspora, a network of more than 6,000 volunteers, immigration authorities and municipalities to establish an overview of the need for help and provide direct support including legal aid to the people of Ukraine already arriving in Denmark, while preparing for new arrivals.

DRC as such applies a holistic, comprehensive programmatic approach in its Ukraine crisis response:

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| Ukraine | Neighbouring countries | Wider Europe | Denmark |
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| <p><i>Assist conflict- and displacement-affected people in Ukraine in coping with the effects of the escalating conflict</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Ukrainian authorities, civil society and the UN to respond to emergency needs Directly complement the activities of local actors to implement a timely and relevant protection and humanitarian operation <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection Multi-purpose emergency cash Food and Non-Food items Emergency shelter Psycho-Social Support Legal aid Mobile outreach Emergency Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Marking of Contaminated Areas | <p><i>Ensure that people from Ukraine seeking protection in neighbouring countries receive protection and humanitarian assistance</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support national authorities, civil society, and the UN to respond to the influx of displaced people from Ukraine Directly complement support from local actors to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to displaced people from Ukraine and host communities <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection Multi-purpose emergency cash Food and Non-Food Items Emergency shelter Camp Coordination and Camp Management Host-family Support Mobile Cross-Border Response | <p><i>Protect and support refugees from Ukraine in onwards movements in Europe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asylum counselling and protection support to refugees arriving from Ukraine Direct reception operations providing immediate shelter, food and non-food items and medical assistance to people arriving at their destination countries Assist local authorities and civil society to receive and integrate refugees arriving from Ukraine Collaboration with Ukrainian diaspora groups via DRC's Diaspora Emergency Action and Coordination initiative (DEMAC) <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection Food and Non-Food Items Emergency Shelter Legal aid Counselling Technical Assistance Support to Volunteer and Diaspora Groups | <p><i>Protect and support refugees arriving in Denmark from Ukraine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide direct protection and asylum counselling Assist local authorities in receiving and integrating refugees Provide direct support to a dignified life in Denmark through DRC's network of volunteers and via collaboration with diaspora groups <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal aid Basic Needs Counselling Technical Assistance Support to Volunteer and Diaspora Groups |

Underlying Principles: Mobilise resources to build impactful **advocacy, coordination and response on the ground**

Response in Ukraine

Assist conflict- and displacement-affected people in Ukraine in coping with the effects of the escalating conflict

- Support Ukrainian authorities, civil society, and the UN to respond to emergency needs
- Directly complement the activities of local actors to implement a timely and relevant protection and humanitarian operation

DRC's yearlong expertise within protection, including legal aid, economic recovery and humanitarian disarmament and peacebuilding activities has created a strong platform of engagement with communities and local authorities. DRC and its partners are rapidly scaling up lifesaving emergency response to facilitate an effective, broad, and timely humanitarian response providing a combination of the listed activities.

Operationally the situation remains fluid, and access is still restricted. The in-country team of DRC is operating from an operational hub in Chernivtsi in Western Ukraine and another hub in Lviv working through a network of national partners providing emergency aid and setting up soup kitchens in areas otherwise hard to reach. Throughout DRC has continued its legal aid activities and will expand services to the entire Ukraine response. In the immediate term, DRC's operations within humanitarian disarmament and peace building will continue with a focus on emergency explosive ordnance risk education, marking of areas contaminated by explosive remnants and remote advisory on munitions used in the conflict, in order to protect civilians.

Recognizing the immense mobilization of the Ukrainian diaspora globally and the strong impact their engagement has for affected Ukrainians, the DEMAC initiative created and hosted by DRC is leading the establishment of a coordination structure to strengthen coordination with Ukrainian diaspora organizations around the world vis-a-vis key humanitarian actors in country to support a better overall humanitarian response in Ukraine.

Response in neighbouring countries

Ensuring that people from Ukraine seeking protection in neighboring countries receive protection and humanitarian assistance

- Support national authorities, civil society, and the UN to respond to the influx of displaced people from Ukraine
- Directly complement support from local actors to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to displaced people from Ukraine and host communities

In full recognition of the expanding humanitarian consequences and needs, DRC is building a response and setting up activities in Moldova, Poland and Romania, primarily in the border areas.

The response is centred around DRC's core sectors of expertise; protection and legal aid, multi-purpose emergency cash assistance, food and non-food items, emergency shelter, camp coordination and camp management, host-family support and mobile cross-border responses. Response activities and modalities will be aligned through overall coordination mechanisms and dependent on needs and gaps identified and will be carried out through a combination of local partners and DRC direct implementation.

Activities

- Multi-purpose emergency cash
- Food and non-food items
- Emergency shelter
- Protection & psycho-social support
- Legal aid
- Mobile outreach
- Emergency Explosive Ordnance Risk Education
- Marking of contaminated areas

Response in wider Europe

Protect and support refugees from Ukraine in onwards movements in Europe

- Asylum counselling and protection support to refugees arriving from Ukraine
- Direct reception operations providing immediate shelter, food and non-food items and medical assistance to people arriving at their destination countries
- Assist national and local authorities and local civil society to receive and possibly integrate refugees arriving from Ukraine
- Collaboration with Ukrainian diaspora groups via DRCs Diaspora Emergency Action and Coordination initiative (DEMAC)

As the refugees from Ukraine are moving from neighbouring (border) countries to other countries of destination in Europe, local authorities, civil society including Ukrainian diaspora organisations are now preparing for millions of refugee arrivals. Through DRC operations in Italy, Greece, Georgia, Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, DRC will be able to assist in the response based on year long experience within integration, asylum and protection work, including host family support, civil society engagement and collaboration with local authorities.

Response in Denmark

Protect and support refugees arriving in Denmark from Ukraine

- Asylum counselling and protection support to refugees arriving from Ukraine
- Assist national and local authorities to receive and possibly integrate refugees arriving from Ukraine
- Direct support to a dignified life in Denmark through DRC's large and nation-wide network of volunteers
- Coordination and technical assistance to support mobilization among Danish population and particularly the Ukrainian diaspora seeking to support refugees arriving from Ukraine.

DRC has since its establishment in Denmark in 1956 played a leading role when it comes to protection of refugee and asylum seeker rights, integration support and volunteer mobilisation in support of refugees and asylum seekers in Denmark. DRC stands on a solid platform of both providing legal and integration counselling to refugees and asylum seekers, provision of technical assistance to the Danish authorities and, as a civil society actor, we mobilize volunteers in locally led people to people integration support.

Recognizing the considerable mobilization among the Ukrainian diaspora, DRC will focus particularly on supporting their response efforts in Denmark. In collaboration between our long-standing volunteer and diaspora engagement, DRC will establish an overview of the needs of refugees arriving from Ukraine and support the coordination of joint civil society efforts to provide relevant assistance.

In its Ukrainian response DRC will stay and deliver to those in need of humanitarian assistance according to DRC's response capacities; we will reprioritize and scale-up existing response activities and implement a significant scale-up of the humanitarian operations beyond the current operational capacity, including potential surge, mobile capacity, and emergency funding appeals. DRC will engage in strong partnerships with local actors whenever possible.

The overall budget in support of a comprehensive Ukraine crisis response for the coming 3 months is 200 million DKK



Founded in 1956, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is Denmark's largest, a leading international NGO and one of the few with a specific expertise in forced displacement.

In 40 countries 9,000 employees protect, advocate and build sustainable futures for refugees and other displacement affected people and communities.

DRC works during displacement at all stages: In the acute crisis, in exile, when settling and integrating in a new place, or upon return. DRC provides protection and life-saving humanitarian assistance.

DRC supports displaced persons in becoming self-reliant and included into hosting societies. DRC works with civil society and responsible authorities to promote protection of rights and peaceful coexistence.

Our 7,500 volunteers in Denmark make an invaluable difference in integration activities throughout the country.

Since DRC's earliest days assisting displaced Hungarians in Denmark, the organisation has never stopped helping people who fled war and perse-

cution. Not since World War II have more people needed help. The world is witnessing world records of refugees and displaced, in total 82.4 million.

DRC's annual turnover today exceeds 3 billion DKK (€400 million), and the help reaches more than 5.7 million people in the world.

DRC's code of conduct sits at the core of our organizational mission, and DRC aims at the highest ethical and professional standards. DRC has been certified as meeting the highest quality standards according to the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability.

HRH Crown Princess Mary is DRC's patron.

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