



UKRAINE CRISIS RESPONSE

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IOCC has a long history of humanitarian and development programming in Eastern Europe, beginning in the early 1990s following the collapse of the Soviet Union. With strong partner relations across the region, particularly within the network of the Orthodox Church, and a portfolio of humanitarian response in Romania, Ukraine, and the western Balkans, IOCC is now helping addressing people's immediate and long-term needs in both Ukraine and neighboring countries.



IOCC and partner staff, plus local volunteers, at a refugee-reception center in Romania. (Photo: Federation Filantropia)

BACKGROUND

The conflict in Ukraine has greatly affected ordinary people, destroying infrastructure and forcing millions to flee their homes seeking safety. The result is the largest displacement of people in Europe since World War II.

The global crisis response strategy brings together the United Nations, nongovernmental organizations like IOCC, and local partners. Combined efforts are helping ensure safety for refugees fleeing Ukraine and are providing humanitarian assistance in-country and across the region.

Women and children, persons with disabilities or serious medical conditions, older persons, and minority groups are increasingly facing barriers in accessing critical services such as transportation, food products, medicines, and emergency healthcare in impacted areas.

KEY PRIORITIES

IOCC has identified the following key areas of programmatic response:

- Humanitarian support for people in Ukraine.
- Support for families and institutions hosting refugees from Ukraine.
- Leveraging IOCC's expertise in providing emotional care and counseling in crisis situations, plus other psychosocial support, including protection for women and children.