



Volunteers for Ukraine, Inc.

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Thank you for participating and volunteering to help the people in Ukraine during this crisis. This will be the first of many Situation Reports we will be publishing. The intent is to keep all participants informed with situational awareness to aid their own planning assumptions. This information is for your use: Please do not distribute on social media or any other channels outside of our organization.

Overall our European team has reached initial mission capability, with leadership established at our base of operations in Cieszanów. All opportunities here have been fully staffed, and we are pushing forward to establish our Lviv operations center. There are six new organizations our team is meeting with to open up additional volunteer opportunities.

The mayor of Cieszanów recently donated the use of a school for our VFU base of operations, which just happens to be down the road from an amazing (and cheap!) restaurant. We will return the favor by working to improve the facility with small improvement projects during our time there.

One leader from our team moved through Warsaw and Krakow yesterday. There are plenty of volunteers in Krakow's grand central station and all refugee needs are met at this location. There are several shops that have been converted to donation centers and are filled with baby supplies, pet food, and hygiene items.

Our partner Folkowisko has fully transitioned from refugee assistance at the border to delivering massive amounts of humanitarian aid. The crisis need that drove the ambulance care and medical support missions is no longer necessary. They have strong rapport with civil leadership on both sides of the border crossing.

Many of the Ukrainian refugees are choosing to stop short of crossing the border and are staying in the western areas. The VFU team is in the process of establishing an office in Lviv to support these internally displaced persons. Upcoming opportunities there include staffing for small volunteer clinics and transportation of medical patients.

Plan on funding one week of your own accommodations on your way into the country. You will spend one day on airlines, one day in Warsaw or Krakow to get used to the timeline, a day staged at the border, and another day in Lviv.

Please show up with a good attitude! All volunteer participants should be prepared to assume duties as the situation requires. As an example, if a physician is flown in as a part of the VFU effort, they may be asked to load boxes for a day at the border, or help cook in Lviv. We will get you to the best utilization of your skills as efficiently as possible, but please be patient and willing to help with what is necessary.