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What Finnish & Estonian
Rotarians have done for Ukraine
until now

Fund raising



In the spring 2022 two districts in Finland raised and donated money

- through Sweden, where Akelius foundation doubled the donations, to support Unicef and UNCHR (United Nations Refugee Agency) and their projects in Ukraine
- to a polish Zamosc Ordynacki RC, located close to the Ukrainian boarder. They helped refugees at the boarder
- to Rotary Disaster Respond Fund

Some clubs donated money through other organizations like Red Cross

Refugees to Finland



Several clubs organized bus transports to pick up refugees and bring them to Finland during last spring.

Difficulties could not be avoided.
One bus managed to get into news.
Happily no one was hurt badly.

Private picture in Iltalehti



Ambulances



Medical doctors Kaido and Kristel Kotkas bought ambulances with Tallinn Vanalinn Rotary club and delivered them to Ukraine. Sofar 76 ambulances and a number of other vehicles have been delivered to Ukraine.



Rotarians in Tallinn loaded ambulances with medical accessories, food etc.

Ambulances – Disaster Respond Grant



D-1390 Finland and D-9940 New Zealand had joint DR project and six field ambulances were delivered to Ukraine. One of the chauffeurs was the District Governor Eila Parviainen. The vehicles were given to RC Kharkiv New Level in Lviv. This was not an easy task. The convoy was stopped at the polish-ukrainean boarder. However the second time the vehicles came across the boarder.



Help with Rotary Disaster Respond Fund



Rotary Disaster Respond Fund granted 25.000 USD to districts having projects to help Ukraine:

D-1385 started supplying equipment for fire workers 25.000 USD

D-1410 and 1430 made a joint project "Four trip train" together with Czech District sending a trains full of all kind of material from Czech Republic to Ukraine and bringing refugees back. 50.000 USD

D-1410 helped Kiev International RC to arrange shelters for internally displaced people 25.000 USD

Help with Rotary Disaster Respond Fund



D-1385 & D-1410 participated a 500.000 USD grant (20 districts). Medical supplies and equipment, winter coats, blankets and sleeping bags, water filtration systems, generators, emergency room equipment.

D-1390 Buying food and toiletry for Ukrainian refugees or/and people still living around Kharkiv and surroundings. RC Kharkiv New Level (Beneficiary) \$25.000

D-1390 Buying food and hygiene products for Ukrainian refugees in Lahti (Finland) and surroundings. \$25.000

Alltogether 375.000 USD was spent for Ukraine

Local help to refugees in here Finland



In Espoo (close to Helsinki) at Suomenoja Ukraina Aid Center rotarians from D-1420 worked hard helping visitors to find what they needed. More than 16.000 visit were recorded during a couple of months.

District 1385 helped refugees in their are and gave 21.600 USD for food, Hygiene, home appliances, clothes and education.

On many other locations in Finland Rotarians have donated clothes, shoes, food, and all kind of home accessories to refugees in Finland.

What now – the war is going on



Rotary clubs can use their imagination when planning fund raising:

Salo RC has challenged all other clubs in the district 1410 to donate again.

Maarianhamina RC has appealed all citizens in Åland island to donate in order to equip more shelters and deliver shelter boxes to Ukraine.

Pargas RC is planning to raise money at district golf championship tournament next summer

Temporary funds



Rotary Foundation has established two temporary funds to support immediate relief efforts in Pakistan and Ukraine. In Pakistan, a severe monsoon season has caused devastating floods and affected millions of people. In Ukraine, the ongoing war has led to a continued humanitarian crisis. We'll begin fundraising efforts soon to finance disaster response grants from these funds

Ukraine respond fund



The Ukraine Response Fund will also accept contributions, including District Designated Funds, to support grants for districts affected by the war. It will operate on the same schedule as the Pakistan fund, accepting donations until 31 December 2023 and awarding grants until 30 June 2024 or until the money is spent. Any unused funds will also be transferred to the Disaster Response Fund

Ukraine respond fund



I have a few days ago received following proposal from Kyiv International RC :

“We would like to ask you to support the Shelter project, for example by taking one of the shelters for approximately 300 IDPs (internally displaced people) under your care.

About 4 Rotary Disaster Grants are needed to fully equip it.”

The cost of arranging a place for one person is about 300 dollars.

So I challenge other Finnish districts to join this project with us.

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month



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