Ukraine Humanitarian Support in Canada

A mother and her daughter from Ukraine are greeted by Canadian Red Cross personnel in New Brunswick.

The sight of the Red Cross emblem has been a welcome comfort for many people arriving in Canada who have been displaced by the armed conflict in Ukraine.

Forced to leave everything behind, many Ukrainians arriving in Canada brought with them only what they could pack in a suitcase.

The Canadian Red Cross partnered with the Government of Canada, provincial governments and community organizations to provide support services to those fleeing the conflict upon their arrival at Canadian airports.

Many of the those who arrived were in vulnerable situations and required additional support, including the elderly, people living with disabilities, or parents with children. **It is here the strength and compassion of donors like you truly made a difference.**

Your donation provided tailored support and financial assistance to over 1,500 Ukrainian arrivals who required urgent, additional help with accommodation, food, and other basic needs such as referral services, psychosocial support, and connecting people with their loved ones. In addition, the Canadian Red Cross will provide granting funds to qualified community organizations who will provide longer-term settlement support to Ukrainian arrivals.

Your compassion has helped so many people as they transition to a safe life in Canada. Thank you.

IMPACT STATS*

1,577 individuals received emergency financial assistance for unmet, urgent needs

Support was provided across **seven provinces**

$923,000 was raised through the Ukraine Humanitarian Support in Canada Appeal

*as of February 13, 2023

Bringing Experience and Understanding to Support Arrivals

Wajid Mughal understands the fear and hardship of having to leave your home country to start again in a foreign place. Before coming to Canada four years ago, Wajid saw the incredible impact of the Canadian Red Cross as they responded to a devastating earthquake in his hometown in the northern region of Pakistan in 2005.

Today, Wajid lives in Canada and has joined the Canadian Red Cross as a volunteer who is committed to give back and help others. Wajid has supported people affected by wildfires in Northern Ontario, flooding in Manitoba, at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Ontario, and most recently he supported arrivals fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

"I can feel this pain because I went through this and when somebody is in trouble or is in pain—I'm going out to help," he explains.

Some of those people who were welcomed and comforted by Canadian Red Cross personnel were Ivanna and her daughter Anichka.

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> - An excerpt from a letter written by Ivanna when she and her daughter Anichka were welcomed by Red Cross personnel.

In a written letter addressed to the Canadian Red Cross, Ivanna explains the emotional difficulty of leaving her husband and relatives and the positive impact of being supported by the Canadian Red Cross. As she explains, "Although emotionally it is really difficult for us now because we are constantly worried about our relatives who stayed at home… meeting such wonderful people, like you, is like an ointment that helps heal wounds. Thank you for your patience and kindness."

Your compassion and generosity has helped so many people like Ivanna and Anichka to reach safety and receive the support they need. Thank you!

The compassion of volunteers like Wajid make starting in a new country a bit easier.

Thank You

The Canadian Red Cross wishes to thank our donors, corporate partners, and community organizations for their generous contribution to the Ukraine Humanitarian Support in Canada Appeal. This appeal is now closed. Thanks to you, **over $923,000 was raised** to assist people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine and help them as they begin their new life in Canada. The cost of fundraising for this appeal will not exceed five per cent. **Thank you for your compassion and generosity.**