

UKRAINE EMERGENCY

9 MONTHS OF WAR

9 MONTHS OF SOLIDARITY



**REPORT ON SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF
COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO IN UKRAINE
FROM 24TH FEBRUARY
TO 24TH NOVEMBER 2022**



SANT'EGIDIO

HUMANITARIAN EFFORT

HUMANITARIAN AID (850 tons)

- Medicines and medical equipment distributed in 150 Ukrainian medical centres for a total value of EUR 7,500,000
- Food aid distributed for a total value of EUR 1,500,000
- Basic necessities (clothing, blankets, hygiene products, mattresses etc.) distributed for a total value of EUR 800,000
- Support network for 1250 minors
- Support to elderly and disabled people

EVACUATIONS FROM CONFLICT ZONES

About 600 people were evacuated from Eastern and Southern Ukraine. **126 of them are patients on dialysis** immediately transferred to Italy, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Belgium, Spain and Georgia for urgent treatment.

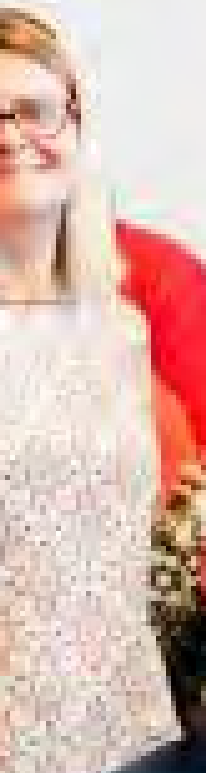
RECEPTION OF REFUGEES

- First reception in Ukraine, Poland and Slovakia for about **50,000 people**
- Second reception in other EU countries for **1,795 people (833 in Italy)**, for a total value of **EUR 1,500,000**

THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO GOT IN TOUCH AND HELPED ABOUT 50,000 UKRAINIAN DISPLACED IN EUROPE; AT LEAST 3,500 OF THEM ARE RECEIVING FULL AND REGULAR SUPPORT IN ITALY.

IN 9 MONTHS OF WAR, THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AID IN FAVOUR OF UKRAINE CAN BE ESTIMATED AT EUR 11.8 MILLION.





APPROACH The humanitarian effort of Sant'Egidio in the context of Ukrainian war relies on a system of constant coordination and interaction between the Community centres in Ukraine and a large number of other centres in Europe. Starting from Rome, the solidarity network of Sant'Egidio took action all over Europe, in order to support Ukraine and to mobilise more civil society sectors through the following activities:

- financial support from banks and enterprises;
- fundraising from social media campaigns;
- individual donations;
- cooperation with stakeholders in the pharmaceutical and medical sector to provide medical aid and assistance;
- collection of medicines and medical equipment from the population;
- cooperation with hospitals and medical centres to ensure healthcare to diseased people, notably haemodialysis patients;
- provision of houses and accommodation for displaced persons, thanks to the support of individuals and religious institutions coordinated by the Community of Sant'Egidio

Hundreds of Ukrainian volunteers are working under the coordination of a highly-prepared staff of focal points, trained by the Community in Ukraine and in other countries. Thousands of additional volunteers of Sant'Egidio mobilised across Europe.

SANT'EGIDIO AND UKRAINE To fully appreciate the humanitarian effort of Sant'Egidio during these months of war, it must be kept in mind that the Community has been present in Ukraine since 1991. In more than 30 years, Sant'Egidio has set up a widespread network of relations. Such deep roots enabled to rapidly activate an efficient monitoring of emergency situations, and to organise an effective system of storage, transport and distribution of aid.

After the outbreak of war, the Coordination Centre of Sant'Egidio moved from Kiev to Lviv, where it is possible to work safely and to easily receive aid from the nearby border with Poland. A Head Office has been opened in the city centre; a big warehouse has been prepared, from which humanitarian aid is sent to all Ukrainian regions, and notably to the war-affected areas.

Other offices have been opened in Kiev and Ivano-Frankivsk. In the capital, Sant'Egidio continued its operations also during the weeks of the siege, even if on a smaller scale. One of Sant'Egidio premises in Kiev - dedicated to "Youth for Peace"- was hit by a rocket on March 16.



HUMANITARIAN AID

The Community of Sant'Egidio sent to Ukraine 65 convoys of humanitarian aid: 52 from Italy, 5 from Poland, 3 from Czech Republic and 5 from Germany, for a total amount of around 850 tons.

MEDICINES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

After the war outbreak, healthcare needs immediately emerged. A large number of people urgently asked for medicines and medical equipment. It was necessary not only to treat the wounded, but also to keep treating other patients as well, whose conditions and problems have considerably worsened. In order to meet medical requests, a structured organisational and logistic system has been set up.

Collection and supply of medical equipment relied on an established system of selection, storage and transport - managed by doctors and pharmacists who are members of the Community. Medicines and other equipment were handled according to highly-professional standards. A large number of volunteers, including healthcare professionals, organised collections of medical products in different cities. More volunteers worked hard in the storage Hubs of Rome, Padua and Würzburg (Germany), where the convoys left for Ukraine.

IN ALL, 750,000 UNITS OF MEDICAL PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO UKRAINE, AS WELL AS 38,246 POWDERED-MILK CARTONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR PAEDIATRIC NUTRITION.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AID SENT AND DISTRIBUTED BY SANT'EGIDIO DURING 5 MONTHS OF WAR AMOUNTS TO ABOUT EUR 7,500,000.



MEDICINES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Community of Sant'Egidio focused its attention on the most vulnerable people. Life-saving medicines were sent to treat cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, epilepsy, thyroid and kidney disease.

A special attention was reserved to **haemodialysis centres, with the envoy of specific medicines, bags and modern equipment for haemodialysis** (that proved to be more efficient than the material currently used in Ukraine).

In particular, the Community sent to Ukraine large quantities of **insulin for diabetics**, which is actually scarce in Ukraine.

Many requests dealt with **thyroid disease**, since a relevant portion of the population suffers from it following the Chernobyl nuclear accident of 1986.

The Community also focused on the treatment of war **injuries and emergency surgery**. The Community sent antihemorrhagics, products for disinfections, equipment for treatment of penetrating wounds and burns, and anaesthetics specifically addressed to war-wounded patients.

Sant'Egidio network in Ukraine and the established logistic system enabled to help more than **150 healthcare facilities** (hospitals, healthcare centres, rural clinics, family doctors), mostly based in the Southern and Eastern regions, and also in locations where the battles were ongoing, such as Severodonetsk and Lisičansk (in the Donbas region), Irpen', Buča and Borodjanka near Kiev. Medical aid reached Kharkiv, Kiev, Donetsk and Luhansk (Donbas) , Dnipro, Zaporizhzhya, Mykolaiv, Odessa, Sumy, Černihiv, Poltava.

The efforts of Sant'Egidio for Ukraine were deeply appreciated by the Ukrainian Minister of Health. On April 27, Viktor Liashko, the Minister, sent a letter of thanks to Sant'Egidio. He states: "We deeply thank you for your support in such difficult times for our country. The medicines and medical equipment you provided arrived to many Ukrainians hit by war. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and solidarity". In the monthly bulletin published by the Ukrainian Ministry of Health to inform on the external aid, the Community of Sant'Egidio is regularly mentioned among the 10 main international organisations who support the country.

FOOD AID

Over 9 months of war, food demand from internally displaced people (IDPs) constantly increased; the same happened in the Eastern and Southern regions of Ukraine and in the major cities, like Kiev.

From the very beginning of the war, in Lviv, Sant'Egidio met the requests for food coming from the poor and IDPs. Thanks to a WFP grant, **vouchers for food purchase** were distributed for a total value of more than 50,000 USD

As months went by, Sant'Egidio groups in Ukraine met with a growing need for food aid from many families.

27 food convoys (500 tons in total), for a total value of **500,000 EUR** were already sent. A plan for a constant aid flow has been drafted.

In order to meet all these needs, Sant'Egidio opened food-baskets distribution centres for refugees in Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk; up to 9,000 baskets are distributed each month. Two more distribution centres are going to be opened in Kiev.

Food aid is also delivered to Eastern and Southern regions.

BASIC NECESSITIES: CLOTHING, HYGIENE PRODUCTS, STATIONERY FOR CHILDREN ETC.

Sant'Egidio aid met many other needs not only of IDPs, but also of people living in the conflict zones. The Community received requests for clothing and personal hygiene products. Sant'Egidio paid special attention to the needs of the elderly, minors and people with disabilities.

The value of basic necessities aid amounts to **EUR 800,000**.

DISTRIBUTION

The Community of Sant'Egidio delivered its aid to **150 healthcare facilities, 32 local administrations, 28 structures for children, elderly and people with disabilities, 20 refugee centres, 20 religious organisations, 20 Ukrainian NGOs, 8 individual volunteers and 80 families**. 110 cities and villages were reached, in 23 of 24 Ukrainian regions.

One of the main characteristics of this action was the capacity to reach the Eastern and Southern regions, directly affected by war operations.



SUPPORT TO MINORS

From the very beginning of its action in Ukraine, the Community of Sant'Egidio paid particular attention to vulnerable minors. In 1999, a distance adoption programme was activated in favour of minors living in institutes or family houses. During the months of war, 300 children (who were already inserted into the programme) and their families received full support. The Community met and helped other minors in institutes, hospitals and refugee centres.

Until now, the solidarity network for children involves 1250 minors.



SUPPORT TO THE ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

In the besieged towns, new experiences of solidarity have arisen and they will hopefully provide a model for the future of Ukraine. At the initiative of the Community, 6 people with disabilities living in Kiev in an institute moved to Ivano-Frankivsk, where the Community housed them in two apartments specifically designed for co-housing. Three more people adventurously reached Warsaw, and were hosted by the Community in an apartment specifically prepared for cohabitation. Before the war, these people attended the art workshop promoted by the Community in Kiev. Cohabitation, which has been working for two months, not only gave an answer to an immediate need of people directly threatened by the war, but also offers a new and alternative model to the centralised and institutional assistance for vulnerable people.

A similar experience involved 4 elders; after their evacuation from an institute in danger, they were hosted in Lviv in a cohabitation apartment, specifically prepared by the Community.

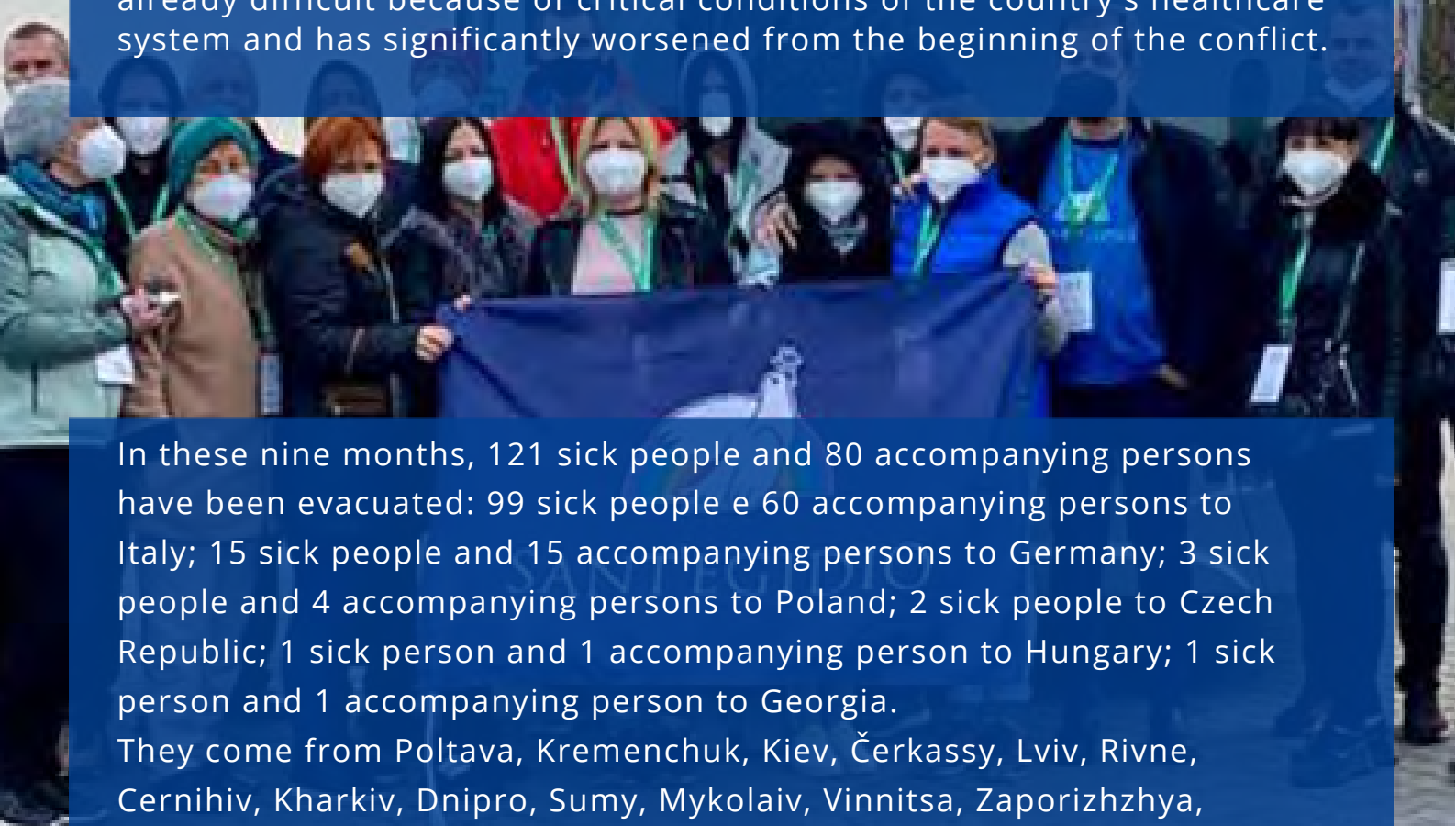


EVACUATION FROM CONFLICT ZONES

Since the early days of war, Sant'Egidio has been asked to facilitate the evacuation of people who intended to flee from the conflict zones within Ukraine or leave the country itself. Around 600 people have been supported by Sant'Egidio in finding a way out of difficult situations. This was the case for some families in Mariupol: Sant'Egidio has been constantly in contact with them, as much as possible, during the siege until they have been evacuated. Around 200 of them have been welcomed by Sant'Egidio in Italy or in other European countries.

PATIENTS ON DIALYSIS

Sant'Egidio has set up an evacuation system for people in need of dialysis in Southern and Eastern regions. The survival of those people, determined by the possibility of undergoing hemodialysis treatment, has been put at risk by the war. The condition of patients on dialysis was already difficult because of critical conditions of the country's healthcare system and has significantly worsened from the beginning of the conflict.



In these nine months, 121 sick people and 80 accompanying persons have been evacuated: 99 sick people and 60 accompanying persons to Italy; 15 sick people and 15 accompanying persons to Germany; 3 sick people and 4 accompanying persons to Poland; 2 sick people to Czech Republic; 1 sick person and 1 accompanying person to Hungary; 1 sick person and 1 accompanying person to Georgia.

They come from Poltava, Kremenchuk, Kiev, Čerkassy, Lviv, Rivne, Cernihiv, Kharkiv, Dnipro, Sumy, Mykolaiv, Vinnitsa, Zaporizhzhya, Luhansk, Severodonetsk and Kramatorsk in Donbass. They have crossed Slovenia, which has enabled these patients (accompanied by volunteers) to reach Italy and other European countries.

RECEPTION OF DISPLACED PEOPLE IN UKRAINE

In Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk, Sant'Egidio Communities have continuously hosted displaced people. An estimated number of 15,000 displaced people have been met and supported, within nine months of war. The Community has reached another 4,000 displaced people, after offering support in reception centres and opening Sant'Egidio's hubs for food and clothes distribution and social secretariat services in Ivano-Frankivsk and in Lviv. Moreover, a centre in Kiev has been opened and has intercepted the needs of an increasing number of displaced people.

FIRST RECEPTION IN SLOVAKIA AND POLAND

As soon as displaced people have started crossing the border of Uzhgorod/Vyšné Nemecké, Slovakian Sant'Egidio's Communities have been present (24 hours a day) to offer basic necessities and legal assistance. Sant'Egidio has organised transfers to other countries and temporary/long term accommodation. The Community has linked "demand" (of transportation, accommodation, etc.) and "offer" of support. Nowadays, more than 20,000 refugees have benefitted from the Community's services.

AT WARSAW AND POZNAŃ STATIONS

One month after the war outbreak, Warsaw and Poznań communities have been present in railway stations: every evening they have distributed food aid kits and hot beverages to 7,000 people.



IN EUROPE

Sant'Egidio is engaged in welcoming displaced people to Italy and in other European countries. 1,795 displaced persons have been hosted by Sant'Egidio Communities in other European countries within the first 5 months of war.

Austria	10 persone
Belgium	81 persone
France	29 persone
Germany	143 persone
Italy	833 persone
Poland	300 persone
Spain	47 persone
Czech Republic	30 persone
Slovakia	70 persone
Ukraine	150 persone
Hungary	102 persone

Many displaced people attend language courses in different schools, benefit from food and clothes distribution centres, ask for information on documents; ask for health assistance, subscription to national health systems, vaccines, medical appointments, help for school enrollment for children. We can estimate that a minimum of another 8,000 Ukrainian displaced people have been supported in other European countries, in addition to the 20,000 supported across the borders of Ukraine and Slovakia, 7,000 in Poland and 15,000 in Ukraine.

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