

SHELTER PROJECT

CONTEXT

Since the full-fledged invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation on the 24th of February 2022 until the 16th of March, the [UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights](#) recorded a total of 1834 civilian casualties, expecting that the real figures are significantly higher. The General Prosecutor of Ukraine [reports](#) that among the casualties over 100 are children. Thousands of homes and civil infrastructure objects (including 400 schools) are being destroyed because of shelling, sparking massive population displacement to the Western Ukrainian cities and further neighboring countries. The number of refugees fleeing Ukraine has reached **3 million**, according to the [UNHCR](#). It represents the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.

Ukraine: Where are refugees fleeing to?



Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Moldova, and eventually other European countries are hit the heaviest by the refugee influx.

Humanitarian needs across Ukraine are multiplying by the hour. [UNICEF reports](#) that hundreds of thousands of people are without safe drinking water because of damage to water system infrastructure and many have been cut off from access to other essential services like healthcare and medical supplies.

Most Ukrainian women (18y.o-60y.o men are banned from leaving Ukraine) are fleeing the country with children by buses or personal vehicles. The road is highly exhausting: people must take poorly maintained side roads, wait in multi-kilometre traffic jams, or even hide in forests. Although some organizations help those displaced to find accommodations in the places of destination, they are totally left to themselves in their attempts to leave the war zone.

ACTIONS

To help address this humanitarian emergency, East Europe Foundation (EEF) launched the **Shelter project**, the aim of which is **to build community relief and resilience, while providing emergency support to those who most need it**. The Shelter Project is an emergency-response action for Ukraine implemented by the EEF through its network of over 500 Ukrainian NGOs. The project is structured in four components:

1. Support and supervision **to a network of refuges for Internally Displaced People (IDPs)**, where people will be able to have some rest, use bathrooms, have some food and fresh water or stay overnight if needed. These refuges already exist and are functioning in all big Ukrainian cities (e.g., Vinnytsia, Khmelnytskyi, etc.), supported by the local governments and volunteers. However, as the situation unfolds, they lack resources. The EEF will contribute to the existing network of refuges, by creating and sustaining new services, and providing necessary resources.
2. Setup, support, and supervision of **emergency day-care centres** for displaced persons' kids. In these day-care centres, parents will be able to leave their children with teachers, psychologists, social workers, animators, sparing time to resolve their other urgent matters. The day-care centres will be established as integral units of the refuges (component 1). Following the major flows of the population, The EEF will primarily focus on setting up the day-care centres in big cities located on two routes: 1) the routes from the war zones to the West of Ukraine; 2) the border-crossing routes from Ukraine towards Poland and Slovakia.
3. **Coordinated assistance** to local organizations and volunteer groups that are currently providing emergency support and **humanitarian aid** to displaced people and local populations in need. Ukraine's supply chains have been disrupted in many cities, leaving the civilians in a severe shortage of food, water, and medicine. In Mariupol alone, a child died from [dehydration](#) on the 8th of March because the city is under blockade and it's impossible to deliver humanitarian convoys. Under these circumstances, local volunteers remain the main agents proving the vital activity of the local population and supporting them is crucial.
4. **Collection and dissemination of information about the needs** of displaced people. As the humanitarian crisis unfolds fast, the information space becomes overloaded with the critical requests to be addressed as soon as possible. To help satisfy these needs and enable a comprehensive response, the EEF will collect, organize, and disseminate the needs of the displaced people within and beyond its network.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

The Shelter project is an emergency response action and relies on donations to be sustained. To facilitate the international transfers, the EEF set up a **special emergency fund** to implement the Shelter Project and support relief and resilience projects by our partner local NGOs.

Below you can find the bank information of the several EEF accounts in different currencies, including the special account of ALDA (www.alda-europe.eu) opened specifically for the EEF.

ALDA's special account exclusively for the EEF:

BENEFICIARY: Associazione delle Agenzie Della Democrazia Locale

IBAN (EUR): IT22 C030 6909 6061 0000 0186 038 - BIC: BCITITMM

BENEFICIARY BANK ADDRESS: Banca INTESA – 108, Corso Palladio, Vicenza 36100, Italy

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT: Support for Ukraine

EAST EUROPE FOUNDATION

[East Europe Foundation](#) is a trustworthy partner of ALDA, based in Ukraine. East Europe Foundation is a Ukrainian non-profit charitable organization whose story starts all the way back in 1992. Today East Europe Foundation is one of the leaders in Ukraine's civil society sector, having completed more than 100 programs of various scales, duration, and complexity. Their areas of activity include the development of democracy and civil society, instituting e-government, developing small and medium enterprises and social entrepreneurship, supporting projects in energy efficiency, and much more. In its work, EEF relies on a broad network of partners: state and local government agencies, community leaders, NGOs, associations, universities, research institutes, and technical assistance organizations.

ALDA – EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY

ALDA is a membership-based organization gathering more than 350 members (including local democracy agencies, LAs, associations of LAs, civil society organizations, universities, NGOs, grassroots and public bodies) based in 42 countries all over Europe and its Neighborhood (including the Balkans, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, the Caucasus area, Turkey, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia). Beyond its formal network, experience with developing and implementing over 420 projects let ALDA create strong relationships with numerous actors (LAs, CSOs), whose participation and support will be mobilized over the course of this project's implementation. ALDA has been long working in the EaP region, and Ukraine in particular, relying on its field office in Moldova and partner Local Democracy Agencies in Mariupol and Dnipro. ALDA is actively participating in the following networks: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Civil Society Forum of Eastern Partnership, Committee of the Regions, CONCORD, CIVICUS, European Movement International, Anna Lindh Foundation, Conference of INGOs, Central and Eastern European Citizens Network, European and Italian Alliance for the European Year of Active Citizenship, etc.

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