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Medical Aid Committee
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JOINING FORCES FOR THE VICTORY OF UKRAINE

Charitable Organization
«Charity Fund «Medical Aid
Committee in Zakarpattia»
(CAMZ)



LIFE AND WAR GO ON SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS MEANS THAT WE HAVE TWICE AS MUCH WORK TO DO

“For three years, the Charitable Organization «Charity Fund «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya» has been part of a large humanitarian movement that unites the efforts of civil society institutions in Ukraine and abroad, international foundations, government agencies, and communities of like-minded people who are overcoming the consequences of the great war together. This year, in March, the Committee celebrates its 25th anniversary. And it may seem that we have been experiencing the most active stage in the last 3 years. But in my opinion, nothing has changed – the trend is that we are working harder over time. The current situation in the country leads to new areas of activity for our organization, but this does not mean that we are abandoning what we have been doing for more than 20 years. Yes, we are now installing solar power plants, providing socially important infrastructure with generators, building and repairing, taking care of the reconstruction of war-affected facilities, supporting the military, maintaining shelters for IDPs... But at the same time, our efforts are also aimed at comprehensive work with people with disabilities, participation in promoting deinstitutionalization reform, improving social and other services for vulnerable groups, and increasing the human resources potential of the region and the country in the field of social protection and healthcare, including mental health.

When we appear in the public sphere, we are most often asked where we get the resources to implement humanitarian initiatives, and less often where we find the strength to do this amount of work. As for the former, everything is transparent: our reputation and horizontal connections allow us to attract funding from abroad to help Ukraine. We have not spent a single hryvnia, but have paid the full amount of taxes required by law. And yes, we are proud of that. As for the second one, the answer lies in our team – we are comfortable working together, and we have been for 25 years. The success of our projects also gives us strength and energy. The feeling that all this is not in vain motivates each and every one of us.

Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya has been and remains committed to the principles that are sustainable for the organization. Some of them, so to speak, are for internal use, and some, such as impartiality, tolerance and indifference, fully reflect the social component of our activities. The period of the full-scale russian-Ukrainian war proved the effectiveness of another approach – together we can do more! We have made our choice to scale our activities by developing ties with like-minded organizations rather than by increasing our own structure. This way we manage to be where help is needed and be there on time.



A quarter of a century for a non-governmental organization is definitely a long time, but given the plans and intentions we have for our 26th year, it is definitely not a «limit» or «milestone». So the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya is moving on.”

Nataliya Kabatsiy,

director of the Charitable Organization «Charity Fund
«Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya»

TEAM OF THE MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA

Nataliya Kabatsiy – director of the CO «CF «CAMZ»; the person who forms the strategic vision for the implementation of the organization's activities

Nadiya Danch – project coordinator who moderates, monitors and maintains constant communication between the participants involved in the projects

Lesya Levko – project coordinator who ensures their impeccable diplomatic support and promotion



Yevheniia Melesh – lawyer, attorney-at-law; provides legal support for the work of the Committee, supervises the areas of human rights protection, provides legal assistance to the organization's beneficiaries

Tetyana Hoydash – doctor, psychologist, coordinator of the organization's medical activities and psychosocial support of the population

Valeriya Brych – coordinator of educational projects, our consultant on improving the human resources potential of the social and healthcare sectors

Kateryna Irkha – spokeswoman of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia

Volodymyr Melesh – accountant of the organization

Anhelina Kykyna – office manager of the organization

Tytus Yurkov – system administrator

VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS OF THE MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA

(IN OPERATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE RUSSIAN INVASION)

Oleksandr Shershun – responsible for logistics and daily work of the humanitarian warehouse

Vyacheslav Polyakov – responsible for the medical direction of the humanitarian warehouse, acting head of the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod)

Valentyna Travkina – responsible for interaction with visitors of the humanitarian warehouse, technical supervision of construction works

Kostyantyn Blazhevych – head of the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod) – mobilized since 2024

Lesya Babiy – administrative manager of the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod)

Olena Irkha – social worker at the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod)

Iryna Stetsyk – psychologist at the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod)

PRIORITIES OF CAMZ UNDER MARTIAL LAW

01

Medical aid

medicines, medical equipment, consumables, special vehicles



02

Work with IDPs

opening of shelters and support of existing ones, individual assistance to IDPs in the regions, legal protection of IDPs' interests



03

Assistance to military

field hospitals, evacuation vehicles, special vehicles, medicines, generators, tools



04

Assistance to rescuers

technical equipment for rescue and other emergency services



05

Psychosocial support

participation in programs to improve the mental health of the population in the context of overcoming the consequences of war



06

Human Rights Protection

legal protection of social guarantees for representatives of vulnerable groups

07

Energy independence

installation of hybrid solar power plants at healthcare and educational institutions, providing communities and sensitive infrastructure with generators, autonomous lighting devices, and charging stations

MEDICAL DIRECTION: VOLUMES AND GEOGRAPHY

MAP OF MEDICAL HUMANITARIAN CARGO SHIPMENTS



SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN UKRAINE DURING THE WAR:

	Medicines, medical devices and instruments	440 t
	Dressings, compresses, bandages, plasters, gauze	225 t
	Assistive devices (crutches, wheelchairs)	6200 units
	Hospital furniture (cabinets, beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, massage tables and rehabilitation equipment, bathtubs, refrigerators for medicines...)	5256 units
	Medical equipment (surgical lamps, defibrillators, ventilators, ultrasound, hemodialysis, electrocardiographs, pulse oximeters, X-rays, suction devices, resuscitation monitors, etc.)	748 units
	Ambulances	34 units
	Field hospitals	4 units

During the three years of full-scale war, CAMZ provided assistance to **nearly 400 medical institutions** in Ukraine.

MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS:

«Emergency Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine» (in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration). The aid was provided to 5 hospitals in 4 regions of Ukraine.

«Emergency Aid to Zaporizhzhia Oblast» (in cooperation with the Association SAFE (France) and with financial support from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs). The aid was provided to 10 medical institutions.

«Improving the Protection of Children in Emergencies in Ukraine by Providing Safe Shelters, Food and Non-Food Items, and Psychosocial Support» (with the support of «terre des hommes Deutschland e.V.» and funding from the German Federal Foreign Office). Medicines and equipment were provided to 21 medical institutions in 12 regions of Ukraine.

«Hybrid Solutions» (with the support of «Electriciens sans frontières» and funding from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs). 20 healthcare facilities in five regions of Ukraine received assistance in the form of hybrid solar power plants. One more hospital was provided with similar equipment with the support of partners from Germany.



MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)



since July 2023, in cooperation with the NGO “Happy Children”, almost 1000 participants have been covered by psychosocial support



since September 2023, 250 participants have been covered by thematic awareness sessions for employees of social and socially oriented institutions and facilities



within the framework of the MENTAL HEALTH CAMP project - camps for the rehabilitation of families of the deceased (Kharkiv region), 55 adults and 89 children were reached by activities



within the framework of the project «Care for Yourself», a set of measures was implemented to form a psycho-emotional support group for adults, strengthen social cohesion and integrate women into active life in Uzhhorod



CURRENT AREAS OF WORK



providing psychosocial support to the population of the Zakarpattia Oblast in the conditions of war



mental health support for medical workers in Ukrainian hospitals



training of 15 psychologists to work with socially vulnerable groups



training of 10 coaches in the playback theater

Organization of trainings with the involvement of competent specialists to improve the skills and experience of domestic specialists:

- ❖ program «Psychology of Crisis and Assistance to War Victims» by specialists from the Université Savoie Mont Blanc (France) and the European Association of Fire Brigade Psychology (Association Européenne de Psychologie Sapeur-Pompier, AEPSP), July 2023 – 11 participants
- ❖ seminar for social workers, shelter staff, volunteers, psychologists who work with internally displaced persons in war conditions, with the participation of experienced psychologists from Switzerland and France, May 2023 – 25 participants
- ❖ training under the CETA program for 12 psychologists from Zakarpattia, starting in June 2024



WORK WITH INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS: SAFETY, LIVING CONDITIONS AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya is the founder of three shelters in the region (Uzhhorod, Tyachiv, Nyzhnye Selyshche), where about 150 internally displaced persons live permanently.

The Committee implements the program «10 families – 10 houses», under which in Nyzhnye Selyshche housing is provided to families from temporarily occupied or frontline settlements, provided that one of the able-bodied family members is employed in the community.



The food and humanitarian mission of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya includes, among other things, constant cooperation with volunteer communities from frontline settlements that support the local population with basic medicines, food, hygiene products, household items, etc. Being in the right place at the right time is the kind of help that is most in demand today.



By supporting the initiative of the NGO «Iskra Dobra», the «All-Ukrainian Charity Kitchen» in Kherson, the Committee finances daily meals for about 1,200 people who are in need due to the war. In the two years since the de-occupation of Kherson, volunteers have prepared and delivered more than 823 thousand hot meals to people.



WAR IS ABOUT DAILY CHALLENGES

The three-year experience of the war has taught us to be prompt in decision-making and to build proper communication within the team, both locally and globally. Here are just a few illustrative cases:

We were preparing in advance for the announced large-scale damage to the national energy system by the enemy. From the end of spring 2022 to the present day, thanks to the prompt response of our international partners, about 1,600 generators of various capacities, charging stations and batteries, as well as more than 15,000 autonomous lighting devices, almost 15,000 heaters, etc. have been delivered to Ukraine. Through joint efforts, all this help has been donated to our Defenders, medical and social institutions, shelters, and communities in almost all regions of Ukraine.

In response to the increased workload of doctors and the theft and destruction of the fleet of medical facilities during the Russian occupation, 11 new ambulances were purchased in France at the expense of Swiss philanthropists and handed over to medics in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, Kyiv, Chernihiv and other regions in the summer of 2022. In total, since the beginning of the full-scale war, the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia has provided Ukrainian specialists with 34 special vehicles.

To overcome the consequences of the Russian terrorist attack on the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant, we immediately sent heat guns to dry buildings, motor pumps, various heaters, electrical cables, water tanks and hundreds of canisters, disinfectant tablets for more than 3 million liters of water, disinfectants, medicines, food, clothing, blankets... When people began to return to their destroyed homes, we supported the arrangement of their households with appropriate equipment.



The de-occupation of Ukrainian territories is an incentive to promote the restoration and reconstruction of settlements, infrastructure and housing. Guided by this incentive, we sent construction materials and equipment to Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, and Kherson regions. To help Chernihiv volunteers dismantle damaged buildings, our French partners transported an excavator to Uzhhorod, which immediately went to its destination in the north of the country. And to restore artesian wells destroyed by Russian shelling, pumps and components were sent to Dnipropetrovsk region.

The variability of the front line and the constant need to provide prompt medical care to wounded soldiers and civilians led to the search for field hospitals. Three such facilities have already been found in France and are fully equipped and already performing their functions in the frontline areas.

In the winter of 2024, we managed to close an unusual request – the Committee purchased snowmobiles and trailers for targeted delivery of humanitarian goods in winter weather. The vehicles were promptly delivered from Switzerland to Sumy region.

At the end of 2024, we managed to close a request for a compact all-terrain fire truck to extinguish fires in difficult areas – in forest belts, dense buildings, places with difficult access to water, etc.

And there are items that are present in almost every request. To fully meet the needs of the target groups, for example, in hygiene products and energy food, partners from the Association SAFE organized the delivery of large humanitarian cargoes to Ukraine weighing 43 tons of each item.



ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY

Since February 2024, the Charitable Organization «Charity Fund «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia» has been a member of the **National Health Cluster**, a part of the **World Health Organization's** institutional network designed to alleviate suffering and save lives in humanitarian emergencies. In particular, the Committee, within the framework of its activities, is involved in helping medical institutions that have been damaged as a result of the war.



For more than 2.5 years, the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia has been using a bonus account through a partnership with Ukraine's largest logistics company Nova Poshta, which has allowed it to make **nearly 1,800 free deliveries** of humanitarian supplies across the country.



Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia has a friend in Switzerland, Michael Roffler. At one time, he wanted to be useful for Ukraine and thus found our charitable organization. Through the Committee, Michael and his organization «ProUkraine» have repeatedly provided medicines, various equipment, consumables, furniture and many more to Ukrainians in need. In the summer of 2024, thanks to our Swiss friend, a huge 660 kW generator-trailer was brought to Uzhhorod. The power generating equipment was then used to strengthen the municipal heating network in Kramatorsk, Donetsk Oblast.



CASES OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



In the summer of 2023, the project «Improving the Protection of Children in Emergencies in Ukraine by Providing Safe Shelters, Food and Non-Food Items, and Psychosocial Support» was launched, made possible by the support of the NGO «terre des hommes Deutschland e.V.» and funding from the German Federal Foreign Office.

During the year and a half of the project's implementation, its humanitarian initiatives – food kits, thematic camps for children, psychosocial and legal support for vulnerable groups – reached 6,700 people.

The project is currently ongoing.

In the spring of 2024, the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia, in partnership with «Electriciens sans frontières», with financial support from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, launched the project «Hybrid Solutions». As a result, as of March 2025, hybrid solar power plants have strengthened the energy independence of 20 institutions – healthcare, social, and educational – in Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Rivne, and Lviv regions. In the future, the project will cover sensitive infrastructure in Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia regions.



OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



LONG-TERM COOPERATION WITH ASSOCIATION SAFE (FRANCE)



Association SAFE is one of the most effective French organizations providing comprehensive humanitarian support to Ukraine. This includes assistance to affected civilians, healthcare facilities, rescuers, military medics, as well as restoration of damaged infrastructure and communications, energy support for social and educational institutions, shelters, etc.

Over the three years of the full-scale russian-Ukrainian war, the SAFE team has sent more than 250 humanitarian cargoes to Ukraine, including almost 600 powerful generators, about fifty vehicles (ambulances, reanimation vehicles, evacuation vehicles), 3 field hospitals that help save lives in extreme conditions, medicines, medical equipment and consumables that have strengthened the work of almost 400 hospitals across the country, rescue equipment, more than 380 tons of construction materials and other types of assistance.

Together, we managed to respond to the most complex requests, and thus special vehicles such as a fire truck, a tractor, an excavator came to Ukraine, and during the blackout period we received a super-powerful 2000 kW generator. Such cooperation is the embodiment of a kind of humanitarian bridge between France and Ukraine, it erases distances and borders, leaving only human indifference.

At the end of 2024, the Association SAFE helped to provide a generator for the important social project «FoodTruck: Food Without Borders», which was launched by volunteers of the NGO «Iskra Dobra» together with partners, including the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia. And while the team of desperate cooks prepares thousands of hot meals every day in equally hot spots of the country, feeding civilians, rescuers, and doctors, the Association SAFE is looking for a delivery vehicle to accompany the large mobile kitchen.



SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE. GENERATE EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS. CREATE SUSTAINABLE CONNECTIONS WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE

Charitable Organization «Charity Fund «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia» is always ready for a dialogue to improve the social sphere, implement effective practices and test positive foreign experience that would improve living conditions and quality of services for vulnerable groups of society. The organization tries to create platforms for international communication that bring the strategic vision of partners closer to the real state of affairs in Ukraine and optimize humanitarian support for our country. The members of CAMZ team constantly increase their own level of competence, which allows them to fully achieve the goals of the implemented programs and projects.



Working meeting with initiative groups of Swiss officials, February 2025



Visit of the Terre des hommes team to Zakarpattia, May 2014



Meeting at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, June 2024



Visit to Zakarpattia by a delegation of the Association «Network Switzerland – Transcarpathia / Ukraine» (NeSTU), February 2014



Visit of the Presidium of the Association «Parasolka» to Zakarpattia, September 2024



Working meeting with partners from the Fondation de France in Zakarpattia, November 2024

Meeting in Uzhhorod of partner organizations that, with the support of «terre des hommes Deutschland e.V.» and funding from the German Federal Foreign Office, are implementing the project «Improving the Protection of Children in in Ukraine by Providing Safe Shelters, Food and Non-Food Items, and Psychosocial Support»



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Participation in the panel discussion
«Reflection. Values and Stories of
Resilience», May 2024



Participation in the International Forum
«The Way of Dignity: Struggle for Human
Rights», June 2024



Big partnership meeting of the Fondation
de France in Uzhhorod, August 2023



Participation in the All-Ukrainian Mental
Health Forum, November 2024



Participation in a professional discussion of
the reform of deinstitutionalization and
development of family-based care,
February 2025



Training for the staff of the Vilshany
Children's Orphanage from colleagues from
Switzerland, September 2024

LIFE IS UNSTOPPABLE

Charitable Organization «Charity Fund «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya» has been taking care of the needs of vulnerable groups in the region for 25 years. The day of February 24, 2022, added work to us, but did not put our current areas of activity on pause.

We continue to promote the implementation of effective methods of working with people with disabilities at the Social Habilitation and Rehabilitation Center «Parasolka» (Tyachiv) and the Vilshany Children's Orphanage (Vilshany village, Khust district).

In the fall of 2024, «Parasolka» celebrated its 15th anniversary, and each of these years is a step towards changing the system that once seemed like a dream. Currently, the Center has departments for providing social services and day care, a «School of Supported Living» has been opened, and an inclusive cafe-confectionery is in the final stages of opening.



Additional buildings are being renovated in Vilshany, and the staff and children are preparing to test themselves in the «School of Supported Living». Correctional and developmental classes are being held with the youngest children, which will be continued in the new building with improved living conditions.

Swiss specialists continue to work in the institutions, deepening the competencies of their Ukrainian colleagues, who, in turn, gain new experience during their stay in social institutions in Switzerland.



INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR

Generators and chargers	1573 units
Heaters	14871 units
Lighting devices	15116 units
Food products	417 t
Sanitary and hygiene products	460 t
Household items	293 t
Household appliances and technical equipment	843 units
Rescue equipment and tools (pumps, motorized pumps, water tanks, firefighting equipment, survival equipment, etc.)	45,5 t
Water purification tablets	2,5 mln units
Vehicles (ambulances, evacuation vehicles, special vehicles)	76 units
Bicycles	62 units
Field hospitals	3 units
Construction materials	100,5 t

Over 3 years of the full-scale russian-Ukrainian war, the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya has sent **more than 5700 humanitarian aid shipments**

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