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

WE DID NOT CHANGE OUR MISSION, BUT INTEGRATED IT INTO THE CONTEXT OF A FULL-SCALE WAR

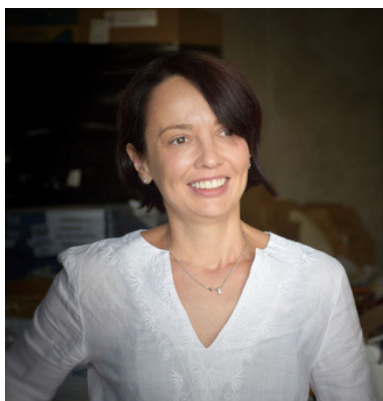
“February 24, 2022 is a date that will forever be etched in the memory of every Ukrainian and will be associated with the terrible phrase «full-scale military invasion by the occupying russian troops». From the first minutes, it became clear to everyone that it meant losses, destruction, panic and constant threats. The team of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya also had February 24, accompanied by a lot of emotions. But above all, the members of the Committee had the experience of the previous 22 years of work, including helping refugees, addressing humanitarian issues, and responding quickly to various social challenges.

I remember that the first three days were about banal but then necessary things like mattresses, blankets, pillows and food, and already on February 28 we received the first humanitarian cargo for the affected population in Uzhhorod. A year and a half has passed since then, and the Committee has lived this period in a mode of extraordinary activity, which may be what saves us from the whole complex of social and psychological consequences of the war.

We are currently providing medicines and equipment to medical workers, helping our Defenders... Civilians were the first to suffer from enemy attacks, many of them lost their most precious possessions – their lives, health and homes. Therefore, the direction of humanitarian aid in the regions of active hostilities and here, in Zakarpattia, where tens of thousands of internally displaced persons have found themselves in search of safety, became a priority for us. Today, we can talk about the effective work of our three shelters, where about one and a half hundred IDPs permanently live, and systematic interaction with volunteers across the country who help with targeted delivery of the necessary assistance to the population.

All these additional burdens did not affect the implementation of the pre-war activities of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya. As before, we are working to improve the living conditions, socialization and rehabilitation of people with disabilities, and to raise the qualifications of specialists who work directly with this category of citizens.

These are the general outlines of the organization's work during the war. There are more of us, as well as more international recognition of our subjectivity. I think this is an important achievement that supports us and strengthens the realization that we are doing everything right.



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»; responsible for determining the strategic vision for the implementation of the organization's activities;

Nadiya Danch – project coordinator in charge of moderating, monitoring and maintaining constant communication between all participants;

Lesya Levko – project coordinator responsible for ensuring first class diplomatic support and publicity;

Yevheniia Melesh – lawyer providing statutory and contractual support for the Committee's work. Oversees human rights protection and provides legal assistance to the organization's beneficiaries;

Tetyana Kozel – doctor, psychologist, coordinator of the organization's medical activities;

Kateryna Irkha – spokesperson of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya;

Volodymyr Melesh – CAMZ accountant;

Anhelina Kykyna – CAMZ office manager.



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 general operations at the humanitarian warehouse;

Kostyantyn Blazhevych – responsible for general operations at the humanitarian warehouse and interaction with IDPs;

Vyacheslav Polyakov – responsible for medical management of the humanitarian warehouse;

Valentyna Travkina – responsible for interaction with visitors to the humanitarian warehouse;

Lesya Babiy – social worker at the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod);

Olena Irkha – administrator of the temporary accommodation facility for IDPs «PrykhystOK» (Uzhhorod).

PRIORITIES OF CAMZ DURING MARTIAL LAW

01

Medical aid

medicines, medical equipment, related classification



02

Support for IDPs

set up of shelters, support of existing shelters, individual assistance to regional IDPs, legal protection of IDPs interests



03

Military liaison

field hospital, cars, ambulances, medicines, water purifiers, electrical chargers



04

Human rights protection

legal protection of social guarantees for IDPs and refugees

05

Energy independence

provision of generators, autonomous lighting devices, charging stations to communities, institutions and social facilities



06

Mobility








transfer of vehicles to medical and military personnel

MEDICAL AID MANAGEMENT: VOLUME AND LOGISTICS

MAP OF MEDICAL HUMANITARIAN CARGO SHIPMENTS:



SUPPORTING MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN UKRAINE DURING THE WAR:

	Medicines, medical devices and instruments	255 t
	Dressings, compresses, bandages, plasters, gauze	65 t
	Assistive devices and technologies (crutches, wheelchairs)	2,034 units
	Hospital furniture (bedside cabinets, trolleys, beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, massage tables and rehabilitation equipment, bathtubs, refrigerators for medicines...)	3,450 units
	Medical equipment (surgical lamps, defibrillators, ventilators, ultrasound, dialysis and X-ray machines, electrocardiographs, pulse oximeters, aspirators, patient monitors, etc.)	335 units
	Ambulances	14 units
	Field hospital	1 unit

In total, over more than 18 months full-scale war, more than **270 medical institutions** in Ukraine have received assistance.

«MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA»

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

«Emergency Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine» (in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration). Aid provided to 5 hospitals in Dnipro, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Zhytomyr regions.

«Urgent Aid to Zaporizhzhia Oblast» (with financial support from the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and support from SAFE Association (France). Aid was provided to 5 City Hospitals, 3 Primary Health Care Centers, a General Practice Family Medicine Outpatient Clinic and the Regional Center for Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine.



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

All out war precludes maintaining any illusions, so we have accepted the fact that this struggle will last for a long time, and that its consequences will only multiply due to enemy aggression. The appearance in Zakarpattia of thousands of refugees who were either seeking a safe place in the West of the country or were making their way abroad for the same purpose, determined how interaction between the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia and IDPs would take place.

Firstly, we supported the provision of basic needs to shelters, which were organized through schools, kindergartens, dormitories, etc.

Secondly, we liaised with state and local authorities whose remit is to look after IDPs.

Thirdly, understanding the timeframe of forced refugee status allowed us to find opportunities to provide people not only with food, hygiene products and seasonal clothing, but also with accommodation – albeit temporary. This was essential part of handling the myriad problems and effective use of resources in a crisis situation.



As a result, **three of our shelters** have opened in Zakarpattia: *in Uzhhorod*, which is directly run by CAMZ volunteers, *in Tyachiv*, where city council officials have taken on management of the shelter, and *in Nyzhnye Selyshche in Khust district*, where members of the «Transcarpathian Association for Local Development» NGO are engaged in the organisation and support of its activities. *In Nyzhnye Selyshche*, we also purchased **houses for the temporary accommodation of ten internally displaced families**. Between 100 and 150 people permanently now live in these temporary accommodation facilities. Assistance from various international foundations and volunteer communities has been found, allowing ongoing provision for residents. Measures are also being taken to socially integrate IDPs in new communities, find jobs, retrain them, etc.



«PrykhystOK» in Uzhhorod is a facility which has welcomed many displaced people: some after a few days of staying at the train station, others through casual acquaintances in a new city. The facility is home to women and children from the temporarily occupied territories and regions where hostilities are ongoing. The origin of the IDPs here is broad – from Kyiv and its region to Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Zaporizhzhia regions, etc. *In accordance with the facility's philosophy, residents receive legal, psychosocial and medical assistance as needed, and have access to various training courses.*

The atmosphere in the shelter and the format of interaction between staff and residents affords the residents significant autonomy, while allowing provision of volunteer help with schoolwork for children or organization of home leisure activities for younger children. While we are not able to replace people's homes, it is within our power to fill their lives with measurable support and concern.

WAR IS ABOUT DAILY CHALLENGES

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

In April 2022, our humanitarian battalion needed to provide food and hygiene products to IDPs who found themselves in Uzhhorod because of the war. This need was not formally solicited or even verbally requested. The need arose suddenly, along with a huge queue at the warehouse. Were we ready for this? No! Could we ignore this situation or refuse people? Also no. So it was decided to organize the aid using the resources available at the time, and within a few weeks, more than 4,000 Uzhhorod IDPs received food and hygiene kits.



We started preparing in advance for the forecast large-scale enemy attack on the domestic energy system. From the end of spring 2022 to date, thanks to the prompt



response of our international partners, more than 500 generators of various sizes, charging stations and batteries, autonomous lighting devices, heaters, etc. have been delivered to Ukraine. Together, we have delivered all this aid 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 fleets of medical vehicles during the Russian occupation, 11 new ambulances were purchased in France by Swiss philanthropists and handed over to doctors in Donetsk, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro, Kyiv, Chernihiv, and other regions in the summer of 2022...



The de-occupation of Ukrainian territories has moved us to help restore and rebuild settlements, infrastructure, and homes. Guided by this incentive, we sent construction



materials and equipment to Kyiv, Kharkiv and Chernihiv regions. To help Chernihiv volunteers dismantle damaged buildings, the French NGO partners shipped an excavator to Uzhhorod, which immediately went to work in the north of the country. Equipment to restore artesian wells destroyed by Russian shelling was sent to Dnipro region.

The volatile instability of the front line and the constant need to rescue wounded soldiers led us to search for a field hospital, which was found in France and is now in operation in the Zaporizhzhia-Donetsk area.



On June 6, 2023, as a result of a Russian terrorist attack, the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant and dam was destroyed. The first targeted humanitarian aid shipment left Uzhhorod for the affected Kherson region the same day. This and subsequent shipments to the affected areas included heat guns for drying buildings, motor pumps, various heaters, extension cords, electrical cables, tanks and cisterns, hundreds of canisters, water purification tablets for 3 million liters of water, antiseptic and disinfectants, medicines, food, clothing, blankets... When people started returning to their destroyed homes, we supported them in equipping their households with appropriate appliances – washing machines, refrigerators, convectors, ovens, etc.



In May 2023, the Committee held a seminar for social workers, shelter staff, volunteers, and psychologists working with internally displaced persons in war conditions.

ADHERING TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PARTNERSHIP AND SOLIDARITY

OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:



CASES OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

Since the beginning of the full-scale Russo-Ukrainian war, the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattia has broadened its international profile. This is embodied in the implementation of humanitarian initiatives with the support/funding of the government agencies of the European Union countries.

At the beginning of 2023, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs supported the humanitarian initiatives of the CAMZ and became a financial partner in the implementation of a project for medical workers and rescuers in Zaporizhzhia. This project involved the transfer of medicines and equipment for hospitals, as well as equipment for search and rescue operations and debris removal.



CASES OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS



In the summer of 2023, a year-long project «Improving Protection of Children in Emergencies in Ukraine, through Safe Shelters, Provision of 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 Federal Foreign Office of Germany.

We are grateful to all our international friends and partners of the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya who are actively involved in supporting Ukraine, its citizens, Defenders, medics, rescuers and the entire volunteer community. Your participation in solving humanitarian problems is an important factor in overcoming the terrible consequences of the war and our support in the formation of European civil society in Ukraine.

For more than a year, thanks to our partnership with Ukraine's largest logistics provider Nova Poshta, the «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya» has been using a bonus account that has already allowed CAMZ to deliver more than five hundred free humanitarian shipments across the country.



LIFE IS UNSTOPPABLE

The Charitable Organization «Charity Fund «Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya» has been taking care of the needs of vulnerable people in the region for over 23 years. From February 24, 2022 our workload increased significantly but has not compromised our current activities.

We continue to promote effective methods of working with people with disabilities at the Social Habilitation and Rehabilitation Center «Parasolka» (Tyachiv) and the Vilshany Children Orphanage (Vilshany village, Khust district). As in the past, specialists from Switzerland have continued to visit and conduct training for the staff and master classes for the wards. In addition, the construction of an inclusive cafe-shop is underway in Vilshany, where children from the orphanage will be able to improve their social integration within the community.



Going forward, the Committee continues to develop the educational component of its activities. Throughout the year, on the Uzhhorod National University campus, we were able to hold theoretical and practical training sessions on emergency psychology and cognitive behavioral therapy as part of a Université Savoie Mont Blanc (France) program. The implementation of a trilateral agreement on partnership cooperation between the Medical Aid Committee in Zakarpattya, Uzhhorod National University and the «Parasolka» Association (Switzerland), was concluded in the fall of 2019, and is ongoing. According to contract, new educational facilities are being put in place in Zakarpattia to train specialists who provide high-quality educational, medical, social and rehabilitation services to people with disabilities.

We have continued to co-organize the Docudays UA International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival, as part of which we again set up an open screening of topical films in Uzhhorod. In November 2022, as moderators and speakers, we joined the prestigious «Re:Open Zakarpattia» forum, where we raised the issues of military rehabilitation and IDP integration.

The war has not held up our commitments in any way. From holding the Parasolka Association AGM, to participating in the «NeSTU» Association AGM (Network Switzerland – Transcarpathia/Ukraine), and attending the coordination meeting of the European Civil Society Forum, life goes on!

We will not stop and will continue to adhere to the fundamental principles of civilized development!



INFORMATION ON THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AID COMMITTEE IN ZAKARPATTYA SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE RUSSO-UKRAINIAN WAR

Generators and chargers	1,243 units
Heaters	6,577 units
Lighting devices	6,610 units
Food products	324 t
Sanitary and hygiene products	290 t
Household items	260 t
Household appliances and technical equipment	540 units
Rescue equipment and tools (pumps, motor pumps, water tanks, firefighting equipment, survival equipment, etc.)	25 t
Water purification tablets	2,495,200 units
Vehicles	19 units

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