



ACT4UKRAINE report

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Due to the impact of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, many people are suffering terribly and refugees are pouring into neighbouring countries such as Hungary, Romania, Moldova, and Poland. Through ACT 4 UKRAINE initiative volunteers of Mohanji International Foundation, ACT Foundation and ACT 4 Hunger dedicate themselves to swift action, unconditional support to all who require aid, complete transparency, utmost efficiency, and compassion beyond the boundaries of nationality, religion, and other man-made barriers.



March 10th, 2022 was a historic day on which Mohanji Foundation and ACT Foundation teams from the entire Balkan region joined hands as one, and organized a swift fundraising initiative to deliver much-needed health supplies, diapers, and food for the newborn babies at the **Chernivtsi Regional Children's Hospital in Ukraine**. ACT Romania team met with hospital representatives at the Romanian-Ukrainian border and directly handed over the donation consisting of **83kg of baby food, 890 boxes of medicines, and 39 packs of diapers**. Two weeks later, the second batch of our humanitarian supplies was delivered to **Odessa Region Children's Hospital in Ukraine**. At the Romanian-Ukrainian border, ACT Romania team handed over much need donation of **509 boxes of medicines, 102 kg of baby food, and 53 packages of baby diapers** to hospital representatives.



On the 25th of March 2022, a convoy of 6 lorries and 3 vans from 3 different charities (TEECH, Mohanji ACT Foundation and UK AID) went out to **Moldova** to provide aid to the displaced from Ukraine. Moldova was selected as TEECH (the organisers of the convoy) have been working in Moldova for nearly 20 years and developed good links there. Within this convoy of goods, Mohanji ACT Foundation had arranged for about **2500 Kgs of dry food items** including rice, grains and flour (mostly donated by the Skanda Vale Ashram in Wales) as well as other food items, **50 boxes of women and children's clothing** and toys for little children to be sent on the convoy, some of it carried in our ACT UK van.





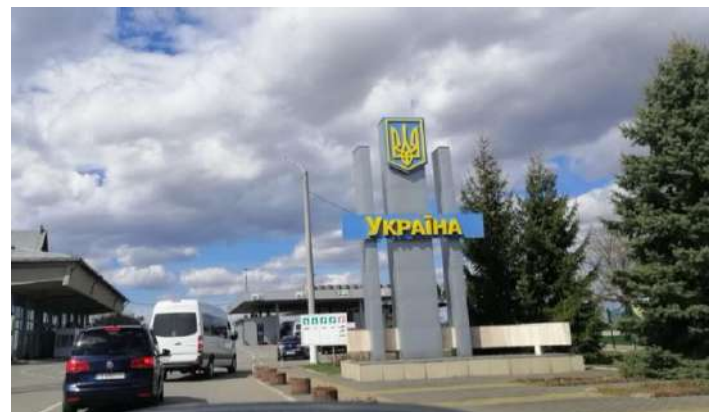
The team left from Harwich on a ferry and went to Hook of Holland by Ferry (7.5 hours). They arrived in Holland to a warm welcome by Maria and Linda, volunteers from the Mohanji team in The Netherlands. Then, they drove through Holland, Germany, Austria and into Hungary where they had our first stop. The next day they travelled to Iasi in Romania where they had their second stop before crossing over in Moldova the following day. After clearing customs we went to different parts of Moldova including the border towns with Ukraine where we delivered aid to refugees that are being housed in people's houses, community centres, schools etc.

Volunteers met many refugees who were affected very deeply and some quite traumatised with the situation that they find themselves in.

After a few days in Moldova team travelled into Romania where they spent some time in the border town of Siret and saw that refugees were being relatively well served by various relief organisations. In Dorohoi they met up with Beni, the director of a charity that is helping orphans, autistic children and some refugees and supported him with some of their work.



However, the team found that most of the urgent requirement is in Ukraine itself so they decided to cross the border into Ukraine to deliver aid to a school and medical centre in Chernivtsi, in South West Ukraine which was housing and supporting refugees. In total they delivered **600 Kgs of food** items, mainly pasta, rice, beans, biscuits, tea, coffee, oil, cereal, fruits, vegetables, grains, sauces etc. to the school. They saw that the school gym and assembly hall had been completely covered with mattresses and beddings to house the families who had fled from other cities in Ukraine, mainly Kyiv.



The team also delivered much needed medical supplies (worth 1200 Euros) such as nappies, incontinence pads, antibiotics, paracetamol, syringes and bandages to the nearby medical centre.



After leaving Chernivtsi and returning to Romania ACT4UKRAINE volunteers found out that families in Odessa desperately needed support, in particular food. Therefore they brought about **400 kg of food** and supplied this to an organisation supporting families and children in Odessa. Their volunteer, Alena had driven two days to get to us and had a two day journey to get back in an old rusty Lada jeep. Her jeep was relatively small but we were able to just about pack in the 400 kg worth of food into the jeep before she returned to Odessa via Moldova. She subsequently sent us pictures of the aid being given to various grateful families in the region.



This trip made a deep impact on whole team and they are very grateful to Mohanji for setting up this platform to help people affected by this conflict.

The next steps are to create a hub in Romania so that volunteers can travel there to provide even more support, in particular within Ukraine itself. The UK ACT Foundation team is also organising an articulated lorry capable of carrying up to 30 tons of aid to be sent to the area packed with food, clothing, medical supplies and toiletries.



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