

Rotary Inter-Country Committees (ICC) - Responding to the crisis in Ukraine

To the ICC National Coordinators

Dear Rotary Friends,

Like many Rotarians, the ICC Executive Council is deeply concerned with the situation in Ukraine.

The United Nations estimates that number of refugees could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. InterCountry Committees and Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

Rotary International has established a special Committee that will coordinate the provision of assistance from around the world to Ukraine.

This committee is led by RI - Zone 21/22 Director Kateryna Kotsali-Papadimitriou.

Last Wednesday we organized a zoom meeting with the chairs of the ICC sections with Ukraine. The purpose of this meeting was to share the projects in place or planned and see together how we can help the actions and coordinate our efforts.

Director Kateryna Kotsali-Papadimitriou attended the meeting and informed participants that Rotary International has created an official channel for contributions to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts and has designated its Disaster Response Fund as the main avenue for contributions.

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided to prioritize contributions made to the Disaster Response Fund until 30 April 2022 to support disaster response grants for districts affected by these events. These expedited disaster response grants can be used to supply water, food, medicine, shelter, and clothing.

The ICC Executive Council will continue to follow the situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries. I invite to follow our social media pages on Facebook and LinkedIn to stay updated on how ICCs can get involved and what actions they have taken to support the refugees.

Contributions to the Disaster Response Fund can be made here :

<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>

We are thinking of our Rotarian friends and their families who are right now in harm's way and joining all those calling for peace.

Now more than ever, we must use our ICCs to put into practice Rotary's message and to reach across borders to promote peace, international understanding, and goodwill.

Best Regards,

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Rotary ICC Executive Council Chairman 2020-2022

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