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Aid to Ukraine 2022

The first 30 days

24.02-25.03.2022



The outbreak of war on 24 February 2022

- On 25 February the Board of the Association of Polish Order of the Knights of Malta made a decision to organize humanitarian aid for Ukraine;
- A press release went out on 25 February with an appeal for fundraising and information on who to direct the aid to;
- the MSM - Maltese Medical Service has been appointed to lead the Maltese aid action;
- the MSM – Dr Marcin Świerad, President of the Malta Medical Service, became the chief of staff;
- 26 February - 30 volunteers started regular medical service
- 09 March, **after 14 days** we estimate the personnel strength at about **300 people**:
- 100 Maltese volunteers fully committed
- 100 collaborators including NGOs, girl and boy scouts
- 100 sympathizers supporting on a sporadic basis
- this number does not include Maltese volunteers who cooperate with permanent works and projects of Order in Poland (approx. 1,000 people/year)
- **after 4 weeks' time – 300 people**





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ca. 2,500 people in Ukraine trained in first aid

The Maltese Medical Service (MSM) in 2014 secured the evacuation of the injured from the Kyiv Euromaidan, then implemented, in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a several-year training program in pre-medical assistance (1st aid). During the COVID-19 pandemic, the MSM trained relevant civil services (police officers, firefighters, teachers) and donated a significant amount of hygiene and personal protective equipment.

Thanks to this program, about **2,500 trained people** and medical equipment have been serving Ukrainians since the first days of the war.

The MSM - thanks to these contacts has precise information about needs and can implement aid in the most precise and effective way.



Scope of operations after 4 weeks - action on the aid front

- Headquarters - Katowice, central warehouse - Chorzów
- 3 assistance points at the border - Hrebenne, Krościenko, Korczowa
- 1 relocation point for people and redistribution of gifts - Kombornia
- 2 medical aid points at Cracow and Katowice railway stations
- 13 collection points: including MSM branches in: Cracow, Krzeszowice, Andrychów, Kęty, Nysa, Krosno and Katowice accept donations of medicines, foodstuffs, blankets, sleeping bags, which after sorting are sent to Ukraine - Lviv, Sambor, Narol, Drohobych, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Korczowa on the UA side of the border)
- In Ukraine - branches of the Maltinskiej Sluzby Dopomohi
- Other centers in Poland very actively support the comprehensive process of assistance.





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Scope of activities after 4 weeks' time - transport

Regular transports (medicines, medical equipment, food) take place from Olsztyn, Warsaw, occasionally from Radom to Briukhovychi (Brzuchowice) near Lviv - 6 minibuses
Similarly to/from Kombornia – 4 - 8 minibuses, in all, over 50 shuttles.

MSM branches in Krzeszowice, Nysa, Siemianowice Śląskie - have become the center of comprehensive assistance along with the transport to Ukraine.

On the way back the vans take refugees.

The Maltese Cross symbol helps to open a humanitarian corridor - cars marked in this way move more efficiently across the border.



Scope of operations after 4 weeks' time - major operations beginning from the 2nd week

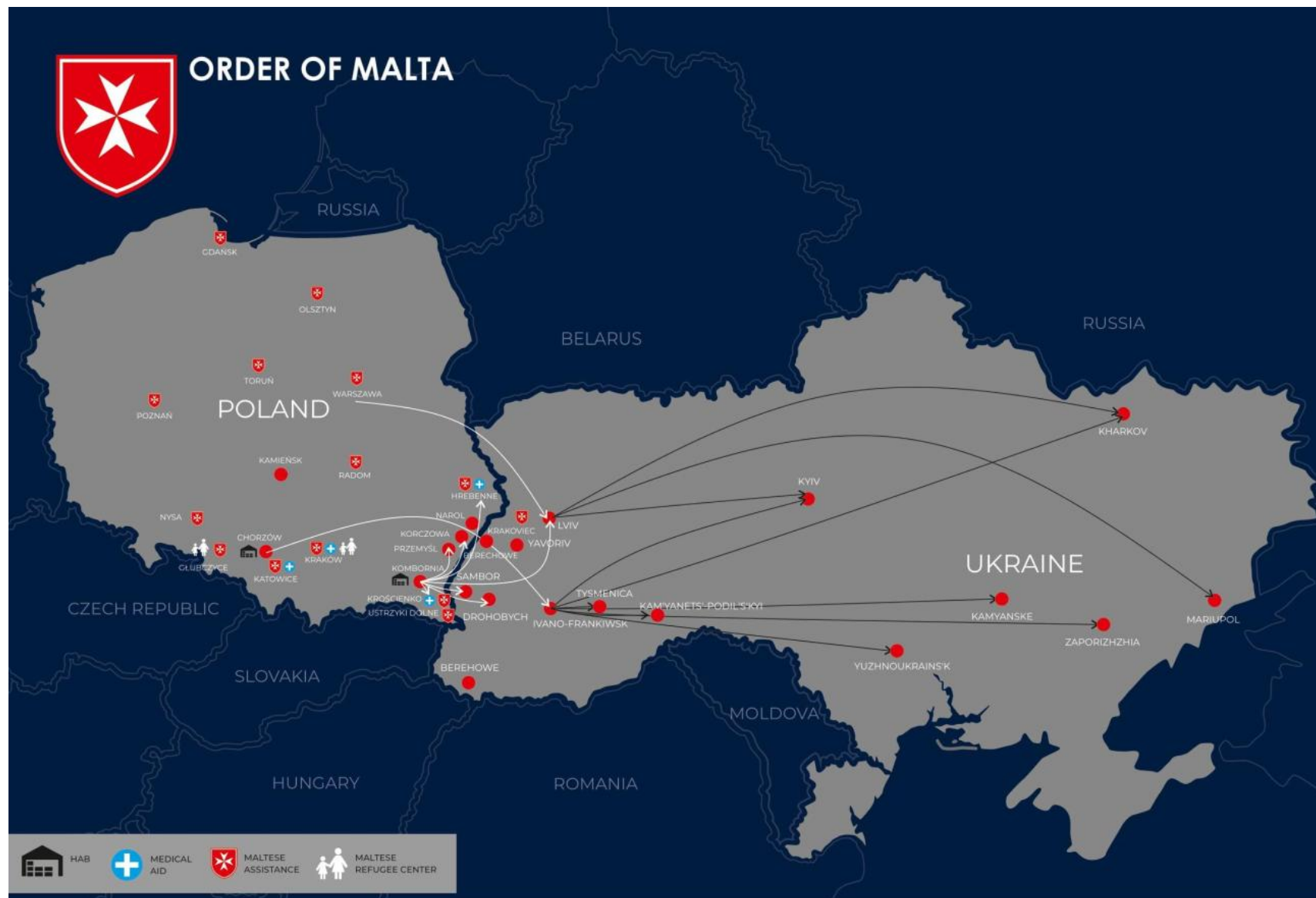
Hospitals in Silesia and the National Institute of Cardiology from Anin in cooperation with RARS (Governmental Agency for Strategic Reserves), with the active participation of the MSM donated medical equipment needed to save lives to hospitals in Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk with a total value of PLN 1 million.

The logistics center in Chorzów sent 40 TIRs (trucks/lorries) of aid (with food, medicines) to Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv (average value of cargo approx. 300,000 PLN) . Further, thanks to Maltinska Sluzba Dopomohi, the aid is distributed deep into Ukraine. The center operates in cooperation with the St. Nicholas Foundation and Malteser International. Logistics are provided by Prologis.



The Order of Malta - thanks to its international structures, can organize assistance in a precise and efficient way, also that of a large scope.

Scope of operations after 4 weeks' time – operational reach





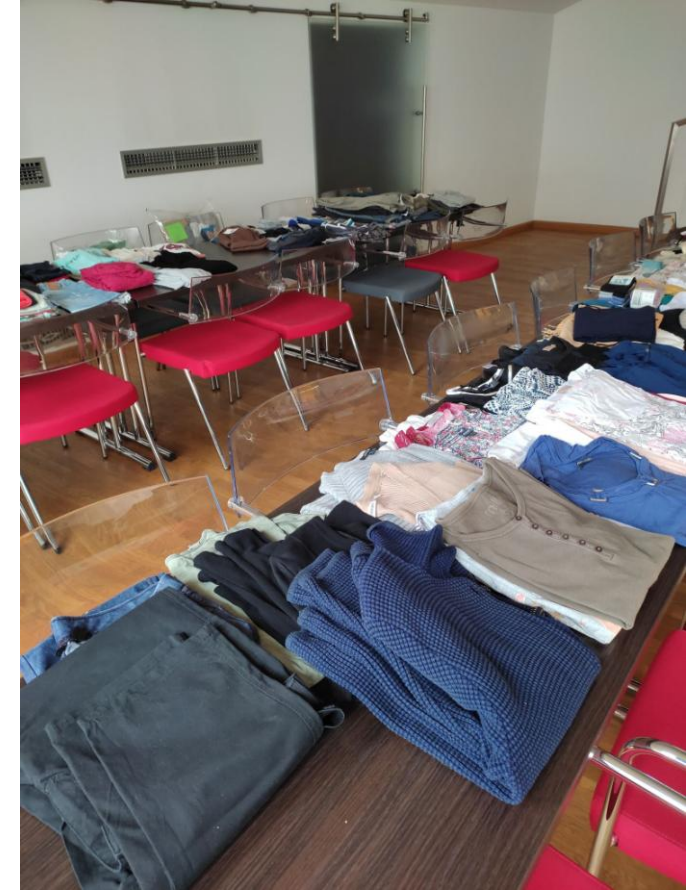
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Scope of activities after 4 weeks' time - care for hundreds of refugees

Over 3,000 people evacuated, including 600 sick - 92 children with MS plus families, 32 patients in a serious condition, 2 children under respirators;

Accommodation provided for about 250 people: in Cracow, at the center in Głubczyce, Opolskie Province, in Poznań; and for hundreds of other people - in private homes.

trips abroad - we receive declarations from foreign organizations ready to host refugees in their countries - first inquiries received from Germany, Belgium, France – 240 people.



Scope of activities after 2 weeks - international cooperation

On the appeal of the Order of Malta, paramedics from Maltese national associations from **Germany, the Czech Republic, Belgium, England, Estonia and Lithuania** as well as observers from **Malteser International** came to Poland. All of them brought gifts for the refugees, some were on duty for several days at our border posts in Krościenko and Hrebenne.

The Grand Hospitaller H.E. Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel and the Ambassador of the Order of Malta in Poland, H.E. Niels Lorijn, paid a working visit (border point, Kombornia, Cracow).

Their reports will convey **the true testimony** and emotions that take on a different dimension after contact with the Ukrainian refugee tragedy.



Estimated value of provided aid (4 weeks' time)

24,000,000 PLN ~ EUR 5,2M

PLN 11 million + PLN 13 million large operations with other partners

Fundraising:

Launched – a special account, and currency accounts,

PayPal for quick currency transfers and T-pay,

Funds are collected on the platforms - zrzutka.pl, and siePomaga.pl .

Cooperation with Maltese national organizations and Malteser

International help to organize collections in particular countries. Funds can be used to host Ukrainians outside Poland, to purchase equipment and medicine. Also, some funds can be donated to the MSM Poland, what is needed most now.



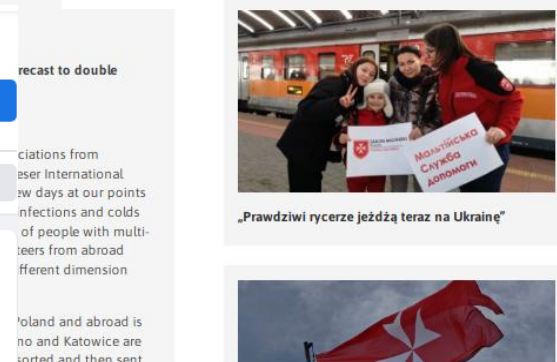
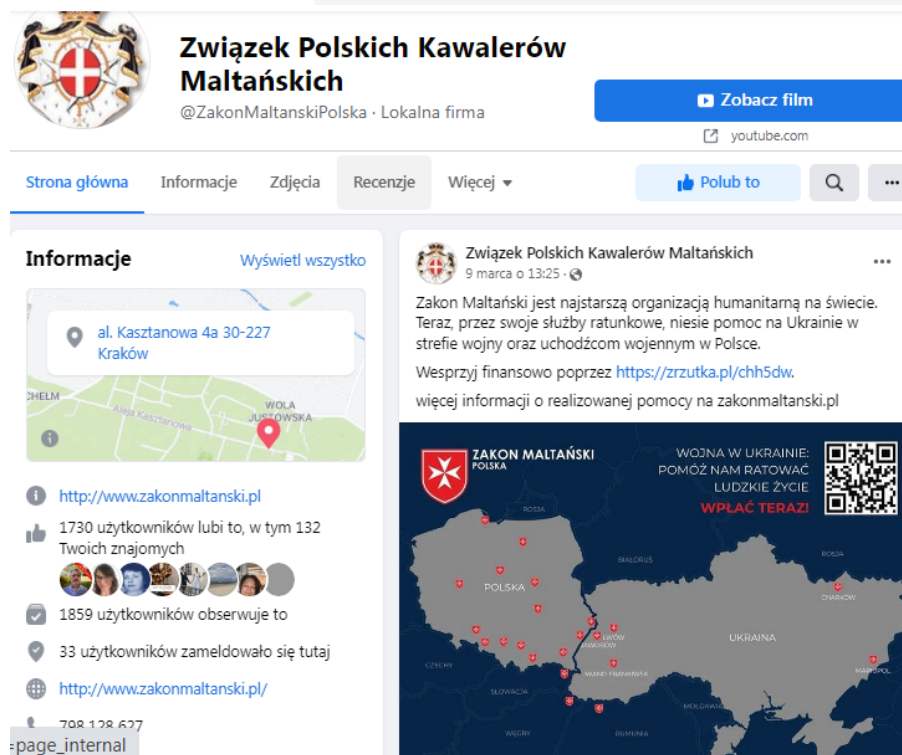
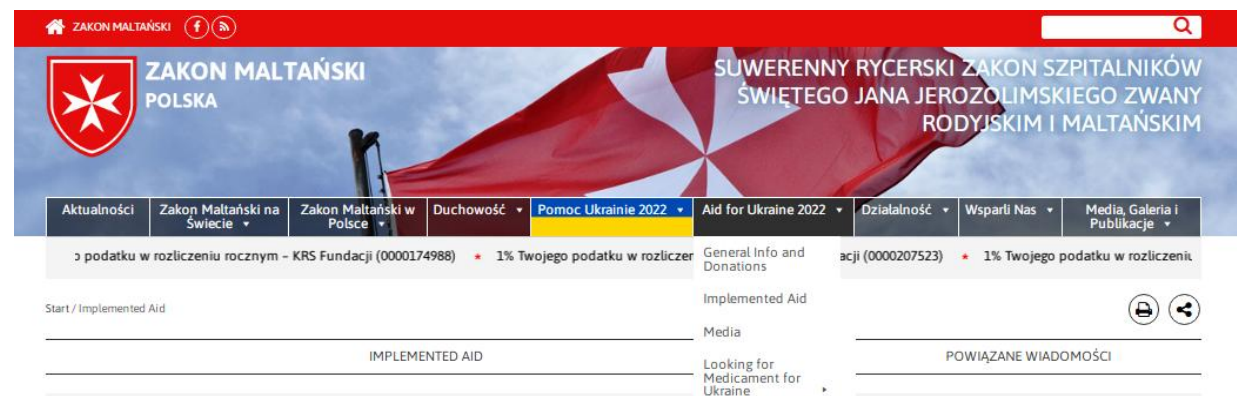
Scope of activities after 4 weeks's time - communication

-Aid activities are communicated on the website www.zakonmaltanski.pl

-along with frequent notifications appearing over FB, Instagram, Twitter interviews over Polish and foreign media Short films promoting aid and fundraising,

-discussions and **organization of visits** to Poland of high representatives of the Grand Magisterium of the Order of Malta

-an important aspect is the **organization of prayers** by the Order of Malta, also internationally



2,300,000 refugees arrived in Poland in the first 4 weeks. These include primarily women and children.

In Poland, refugees are not placed in special camps.

In case of development of military actions, estimates say even 4-5 million people will leave Ukraine, with most of them deciding to stay temporarily in Poland (closer to Ukraine).

The National Bank of Poland (NBP) estimates (due to influx of large number of people), an increase of consumer inflation – predicted annual 11% average in 2022 (impoverishment of society)

The process of assistance requires sustained financial support.



Day rooms - for mothers with children.

Many single-parent families will remain in Poland

A day-room is a place for: care for children, respite, meetings of people who fled the war, counselling.

The scale depends on organized resources. Irrespective – the Order of Malta will react to the war, the post-war situation, and will continue its existing Maltese activities.



The Sovereign Knights Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta, was founded in Jerusalem in the second half of the 11th century (about 1065). The Order has been present on Polish territory since the XII century. The Association of the Polish Knights of Malta (ZPKM) was founded in 1920, but its activity in communist Poland was not possible. In independent Poland, the Association resumed its activities in 1992.

The Order is active in charity and hospitaller work in about 120 countries. The Knights of Malta provide assistance to victims of natural and military disasters. Their devotion was particularly visible during both World Wars and other armed conflicts. The 20th century saw a dynamic expansion of the Order's hospitaller and charitable, along with religious and diplomatic activities.

The Order of Malta is the oldest humanitarian organization in the world.





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