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Aid to Ukraine 2022

5 months

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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; the press release came out on the same day.

The MSM - Maltese Medical Service has been appointed to lead the Maltese aid action.

After 3 months the personnel strength is still 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)





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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. Currently, the number has risen to around **3,000 people**.

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





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Scope of operations after 3 months - 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.



Scope of activities after 3 months - transport

Transports (medicines, medical equipment, food) from Chorzów, Kombornia, Nysa, Krzeszowice, Kraków, Olsztyn and Warsaw reach Ukraine, including the areas where fighting is taking place: Mariupol, Dnipro, Energodar and Zhytomyr, Sum, Drohobych, Borysław, Obrucz and the Kiev area. On the way back, cars pick up refugees.

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.

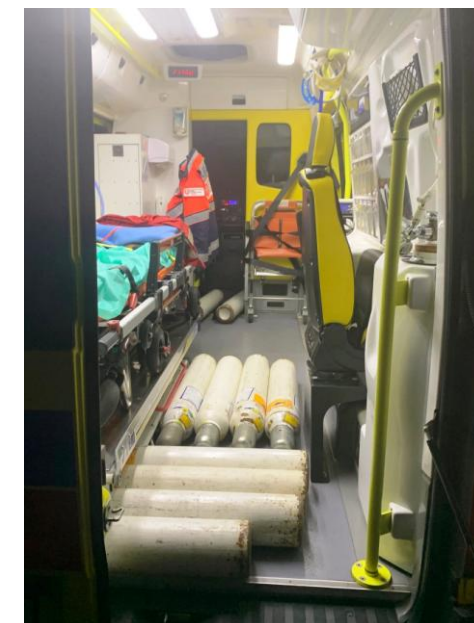


Scope of operations after 5 months – examples of major operations

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**.

BEforUA (Belgium for Ukraine), through the Maltese Medical Service, provided Ukraine with **20 ambulances filled with medical equipment** as well as with significant assistance in the form of food.

A further 5 ambulances and 2 body coolers were handed over in June this year.



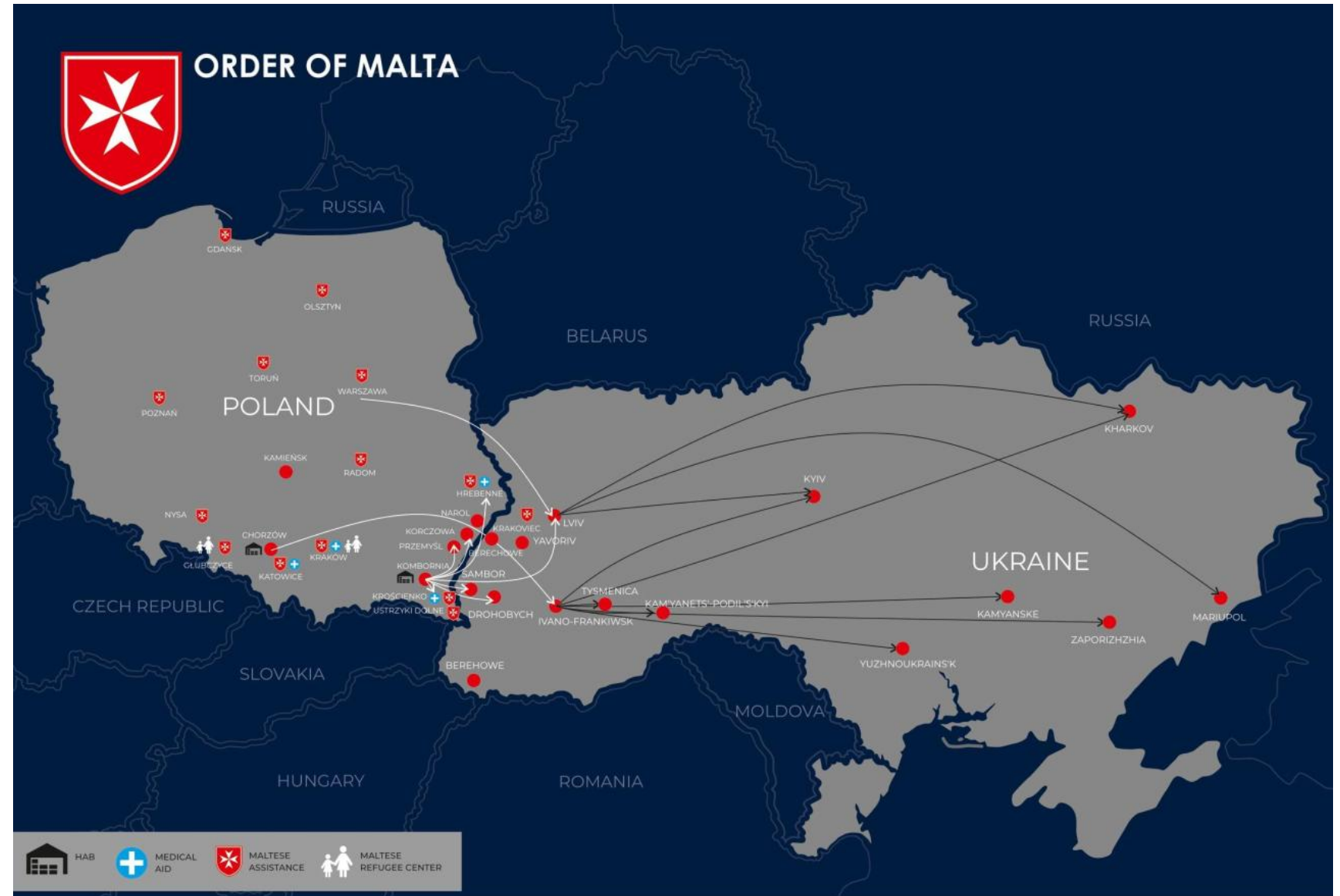


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The Order of Malta - thanks to its international structures, can organize assistance in a precise and efficient way, also that of a large scope.

Mariupol, Dnibr, Energodar, Żytomierz, Sumy, Drohobycz, Borysław, Obrucz, Berdyczów, Odessa, Użchorod, Brzeżany, Horodnia, Kyiv, Lviv .

Scope of operations after 5 months – operational reach





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Scope of activities after 3 months - 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 (3 months): in Cracow, at the center in Głubczyce, Opolskie Province, in Poznań, Warsaw; and for hundreds of other people - in private homes.

Trips to other countries - Germany, Belgium, France 249 persons.



Scope of activities after 3 months - international cooperation

On the appeal of the Order of Malta, paramedics from Maltese national associations from **Germany, France the Czech Republic, Belgium, England, Estonia, Lithuania, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Austria** 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. At the same time, they are used as a backup to evaluate the long-term assistance programs that are currently planned, and some already being implemented.





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Scope of activities after 5 months – value of works + fundraising

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](https://siepomaga.pl)-
currently (July 2022) completed.

The estimated value of the aid granted (5 months) is PLN 55,75 million
~ EURO 12,1 M



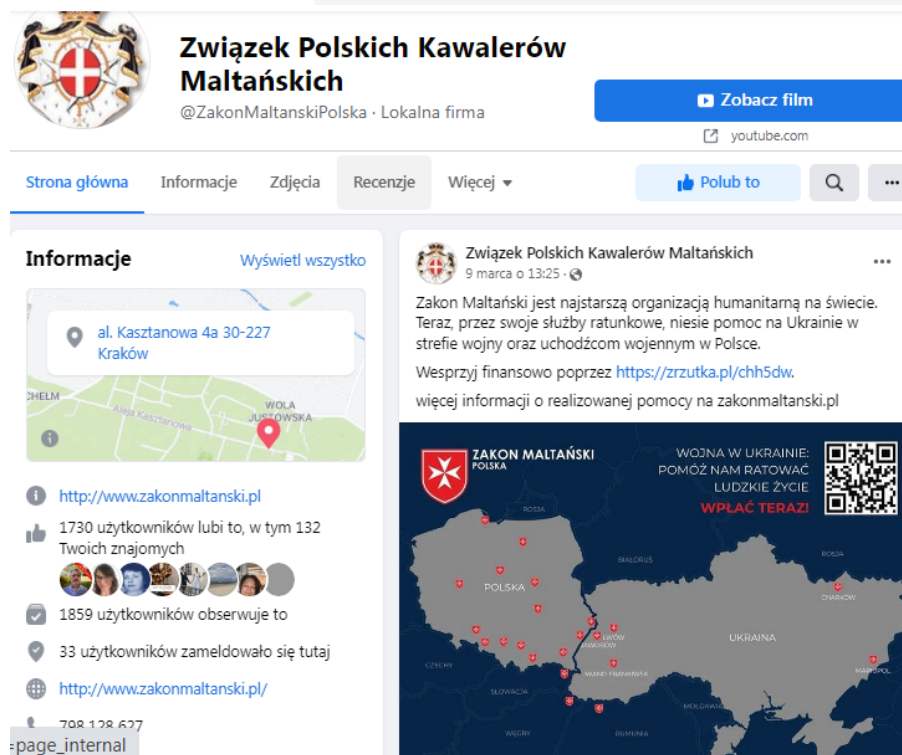
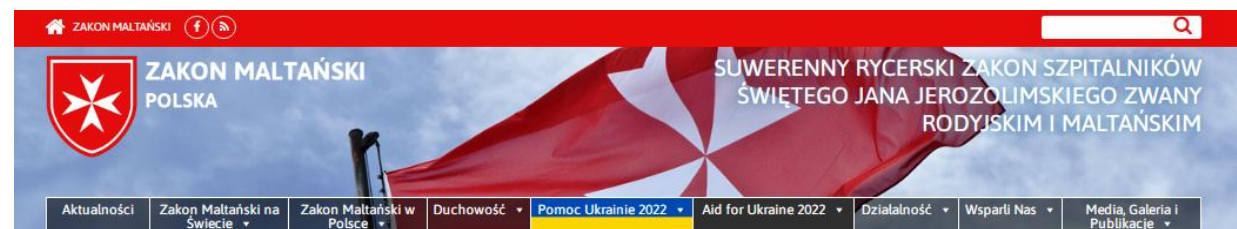
Scope of activities after 5 months - communication

-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 Mastery of the Order of Malta

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



Situation after 5 months - the future - ?

Almost 5 million refugees from Ukraine have arrived in Poland, of which, according to Polish government estimates, around 1 million will stay for the long term.

These include primarily women and children.
In Poland, refugees are not placed in special camps.

The Order of Malta presents long-term assistance projects for Ukrainians who will stay in Poland for longer time. **Declarations of financial support (EUR 858 thousand) cover the needs until the end of 2022** (support for students, lunches, logistics center in Chorzow).

We are still looking for support.



During the summer, we support **holidays for children from Ukraine**, together with their tutors - at the beginning of July, 35 pupils from the *Henryk Sienkiewicz Energodarski Polish Club* came to Krakow.

Thanks to the support of the Order of Malta from France, we finance **meals for children**, both in the centre run by the Albertine Sisters in Kraków (50 people) and in state schools - at the moment we have provided 2000 meals for Ukrainian children in one of the Warsaw schools from April to June. In 29 primary schools in Katowice, we provided meals for over 600 Ukrainian children in May and June this year.





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Activities from June 2022 - ongoing and long-term assistance

The Order of the Polish Knights of Malta supports **Polish language learning and care** for Ukrainian children in centres in Poznan (124 children, lessons twice a week), Warsaw and Katowice.

Psychological support for Ukrainian adults and children was provided in these centres.

The Order of Malta, together with the Polish Ministry of Family and Social Policy, has launched **an Information and Vocational Activation Centre** for refugees in Katowice.

Rooms have been made available for 6 people to live in the Order's premises in Warsaw and more places are being prepared.

Medical assistance is being provided to two Ukrainian patients in the Maltese hospital in Barczewo and to 24 children in the Maltese centre in Krakow. There is a 24/7 Maltese medical centre at the railway station in Katowice operational.



Day care centres - for mothers with children.

Many single-parent families will remain in Poland.

A day care centre is a place: for childcare, a place of respite, a meeting place for people who fled the war, a source of advice.

The scale depends on organized resources.

In June 2022, a day care centre was launched in Poznań, and from August onwards in Warsaw and Gdańsk.

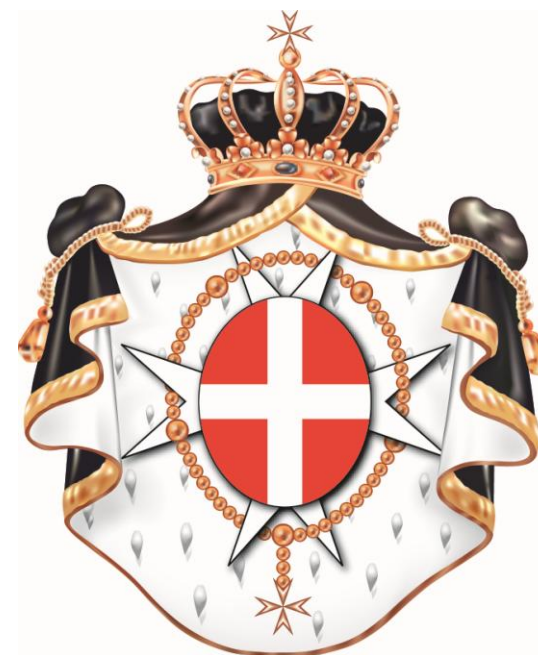
Irrespective – the Order of Malta will react to the war, the post-war situation, and will continue its existing Maltese activities.



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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