



Polish Center for International Aid One year standing with Ukraine



2022 - 2023



Last year was filled with thoughtful and concrete assistance to the people of Ukraine and we are very grateful to PCPM's partners and donors for standing by our side. On a large scale, it began on the first day of the full-scale war and continues to this day, although we have been helping Ukraine since 2014. Our aid has reached hundreds of thousands of children and adults - including those with disabilities, the sick, the lonely, as well as the elderly and incapacitated. We were able to do this because you trusted us and provided us with financial support.

After 356 days of attacks, assistance is still very much needed. In many parts of there is still no access to electricity, running water and heating. The health care system is hampered, as more than a thousand health centers and hospitals have been damaged or destroyed. New "points of invincibility" - places with electricity generators, water, internet access and first aid are still being set up.

Authorities in Ukrainian cities continue to urge residents to consider resettling in smaller towns

where it is easier to survive without electricity and water. More than 6.8 million people have moved to the country's western regions in search of safety, where they are building their lives from scratch and need support. The situation for those who remained in occupied or recently recaptured areas is extremely difficult, as critical infrastructure there has been completely destroyed.

Thanks to your support throughout this year, we have been able to develop and implement projects targeting the displaced, deliver humanitarian aid to liberated villages, provide ambulances and medical equipment.

Approximately 1 million refugees have found permanent refuge in Poland. During the winter, Ukrainian authorities urged those abroad to stay in a safe place, the majority being mothers with children and the elderly.

While we still face countless challenges, this report shows that with your support they are easier to tackle. Thank you!

Wojtek Wilk PhD
CEO
PCPM Foundation



Preparations

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022, has led to a massive humanitarian crisis that represents the biggest challenge in the PCPM Foundation's 16-year history. To meet this challenge - with each passing week or month - we have expanded our activities to include other elements of assistance: from the delivery of humanitarian aid, assistance at border crossings, evacuation of civilians and medical evacuations, support for Ukrainian hospitals refugee adaptation programs, support for the education system, financial relief, and employment programs for refugees and displaced persons.

When protests broke out in Kiev's Maidan in 2014, we began providing medical and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. When the fighting in the Donbass began, we sent humanitarian aid convoys to towns near the front line. Thanks to this we gained contacts and experience which we still use today.

"Even before February 24, the PCPM Foundation prepared plans in case of war. As a result, we were ready for action within the first few hours."

Wojtek Wilk PhD, President of the PCPM Foundation

We had already been preparing an evacuation point for residents from Kharkiv and the surrounding area (near Krzemenchuk), for several weeks before the outbreak of war. We provided our local collaborators with buses needed to evacuate the civilian population. Before the full-scale Russian aggression began, we sent parcels of warm clothing, flashlights, batteries and candles to Donbass. In cooperation with local organizations, we arranged for psychologists to work in the shelters who quickly proved to be indispensable. On February 24, we launched a fundraiser to which both individual donors and businesses, corporations, as well as artists, institutions and communities responded in

solidarity. As a result, week after week, aid reached more and more people: in Poland and Ukraine.

Evacuations



We evacuated more than **1 000** patients

In late February and early March, people fled Ukrainian cities using their own means of transportation, but also public transportation or organized evacuations such as ours. There was a need for a point where refugees could rest, eat a meal, charge their phones or plan their onward journey.

Krzemenchuk became such a place - a point of assistance for those trying to get from the east to the west of the war-stricken country, as well as to Poland or other European countries. The point provided free accommodation and meals. Those who could not or did not want to go further could stay there for longer.

Back in February, we organized a hotline through which residents of Kharkiv and nearby towns could make evacuation requests. We organized both buses running inside Ukraine and coaches to Poland. In total, more than 1,200 people benefited from our evacuation assistance. Most of them reached Poland with our help.

Members of the PCPM Medical Emergency Team supported Ukrainian patients from the very beginning. They took part in the evacuation of a children's cancer hospital, including those who were sick and left on their own during the shelling of Ukrainian cities, and patients in need of specialized treatment. In total, we evacuated more than 1,000 patients to hospitals in other countries or in western Ukraine. We purchased and donated 4 fully-equipped ambulances, which are now serving the Ukrainian health service.



"The biggest challenge was to ensure that seriously ill Ukrainian patients continued their treatment. An urgent need arose to organize a professional medical evacuation. From March to September, we evacuated more than a thousand patients from Ukraine."

Adam Szyszka, medical coordinator in the Poland Emergency Medical Team PCPM



Humanitarian Aid

The war has forced millions of people to flee their homes. According to UNHCR data, by the end of January this year - 8,046,560 Ukrainian citizens made their way to Europe since the conflict began. In Poland, 1,563,386 stayed temporarily. On March 25, we opened a 24-hour Transit Center at the East Warsaw Railway Station, in cooperation with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and the City of Warsaw. Up to a thousand people daily benefited from this assistance: refugees there received accommodation, meals, a SIM card, train and plane tickets, as well as assistance in finding housing. The Transit Center welcomed 35,000 people from March to September. Volunteers were also available during the night to provide help.

Refugees from Ukraine are also being supported in Latvia. According to the UN, more than 1.5 million people have been displaced deep into Russian territory, from where many of them attempted to enter the EU via the Baltic States.

In November 2022, we partnered with the Latvian organization Tavi Draugi, and put in place infrastructure for refugees (hot meals, heating and mobile charging) at border crossings. Since this joint operation with Tavi Draugi, a total of 32,736 people in need of assistance passed through 4 border crossings (Grebneva, Terehova, Silene, Vientuli). According to the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as many as 90 percent of refugees crossing the borders of the Baltic States were headed further to Europe.





MEDEVAC HUB Jasionka

Norway, Sweden, Germany, or France - is where wounded and cancer patients from Ukraine go for treatment via a Medical Transit Center established next to the airport in Jasionka near Rzeszow. Appropriate facilities have been prepared for these patients, where the equipment is no different than that of traditional hospitals. Support is also provided by the professional staff from PCPM's Medical Emergency Team. The patients can spend up to 48 hours in this facility

"Such a person is pre-treated, secured and prepared for transport while still in Ukraine, and when they arrive here receive painkilling treatment, have time to recover and gain strength before the onward journey."

Michal Polecki, nurse in the Poland Emergency Medical Team PCPM

before flying to hospitals in other European countries.

Twenty separate spaces for patients are prepared in the "MEDEVAC HUB Jasionka". In case of emergency, we can receive 40 patients at once. From the beginning of September to February, we admitted more than 500 patients and accompanying persons.

The Medical Hub in Jasionka near Rzeszow is funded by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. It is part of a broader medical evacuation program for Ukrainian patients launched by the European Union.

The PCPM Medical Emergency Team is the first and only team in Poland and this part of Europe certified by the WHO as a so-called Type 1 Emergency Medical Team - EMT. It is one of seven in the world operating at non-governmental organizations.





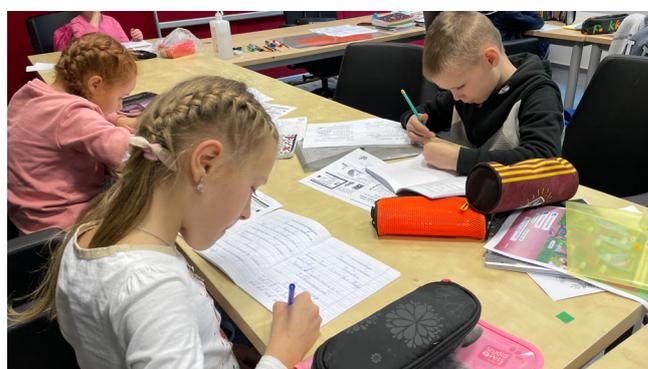
Employment

"The program, "Cash for Work" or intervention employment program has become a long-term support for local governments, education departments, educational institutions and, most importantly, refugees from Ukraine in Poland. Due to it more than 1,500 people were able to start needed and valuable work, which gave them hope for a return to normalcy."

Aleksandra Wojtaszek, coordinator of the "Cash for Work" program

We have started the process of hiring Ukrainian teachers, psychologists and speech therapists as assistants in Polish schools. The program fosters adaptation and integration of children and adults, and is a great support for Polish staff. According to data from the Ministry of Education and Science, at the end of November 2022 there were more than 191,000 students enrolled in schools who arrived in Poland after February 24, 2022. In total, there are expected to be about 400,000-500,000 of them in Poland. More than 200,000 are pursuing remote learning, which is offered by the Ukrainian ministry. The premise of the "Cash for Work" project was to relieve the burden on public institutions by seconding workers from Ukraine with specific qualifications. They provide help and support where the issue relates to a language barrier, trauma or an increased number of students. The goal of the program is also to help Ukrainians to become independent and for those who wanted to work in their profession, integrate into the labor market. Above all, however, to provide them with financial stability and independence from social assistance.

In 2022 PCPM established cooperation with 21 cities, employing 1,050 people as teacher's assistants. Most of the schools we have worked with since last March are still in our program. The people hired have become part of the school community, and their help and support is invaluable.



In total, the PCPM Foundation has hired 1,527 people in 23 cities. The "Cash for Work" program is made possible through partnerships with CARE, IRC, Taiwan, Pfizer Foundation, mBank S.A and Google.org.

The program is not just about schools. As many as seventy Ukrainian artists have found employment in Warsaw's cultural institutions: theaters, museums, libraries and community centers. The project of intervention employment of refugee women and refugees from Ukraine was created thanks to the cooperation of the City of Warsaw and the International Rescue Committee (IRC).

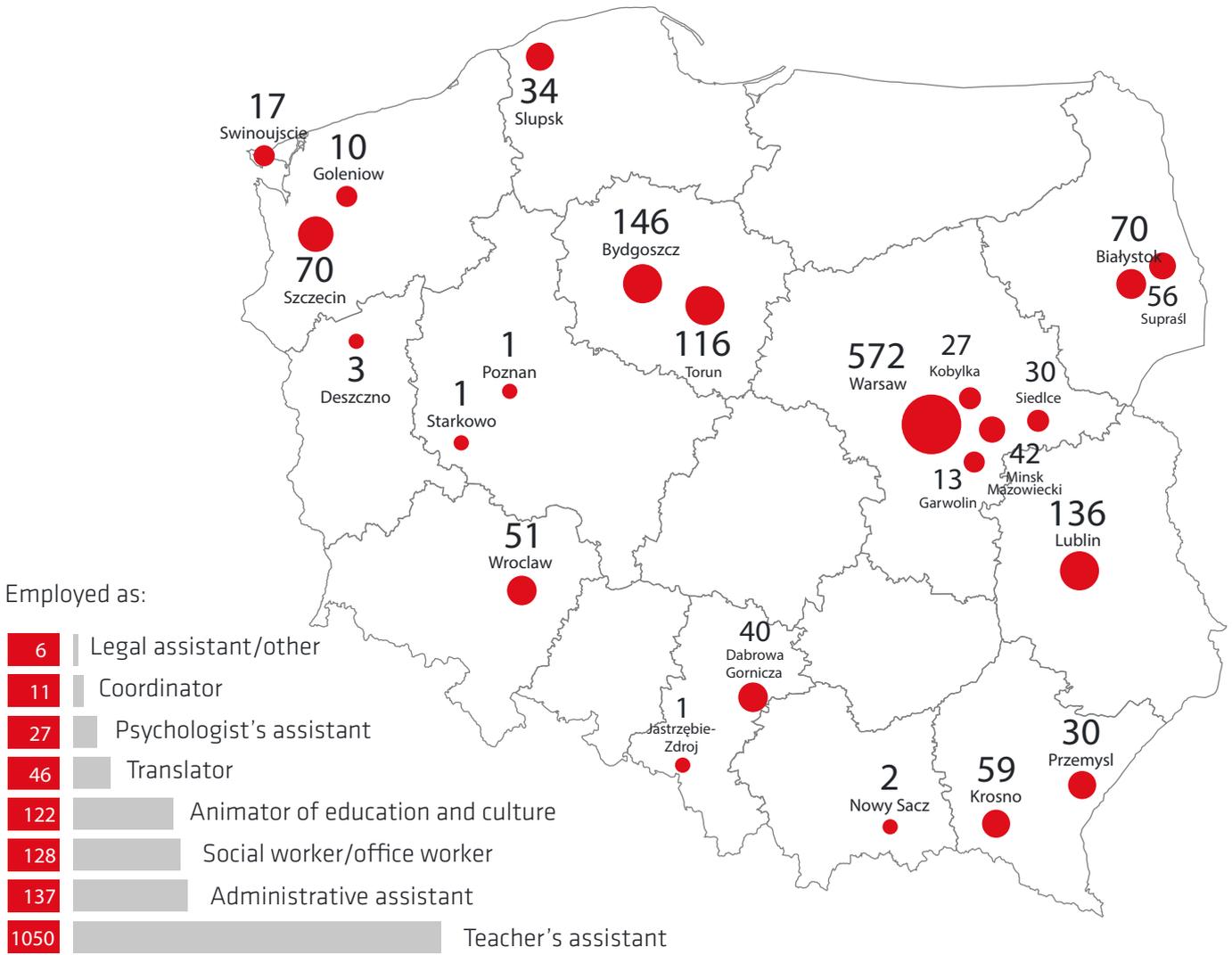
"This job is the only reason I get up every morning; I didn't even dream I could work with such creative people!"

Masha 26, employed under the "Cash for Work" program

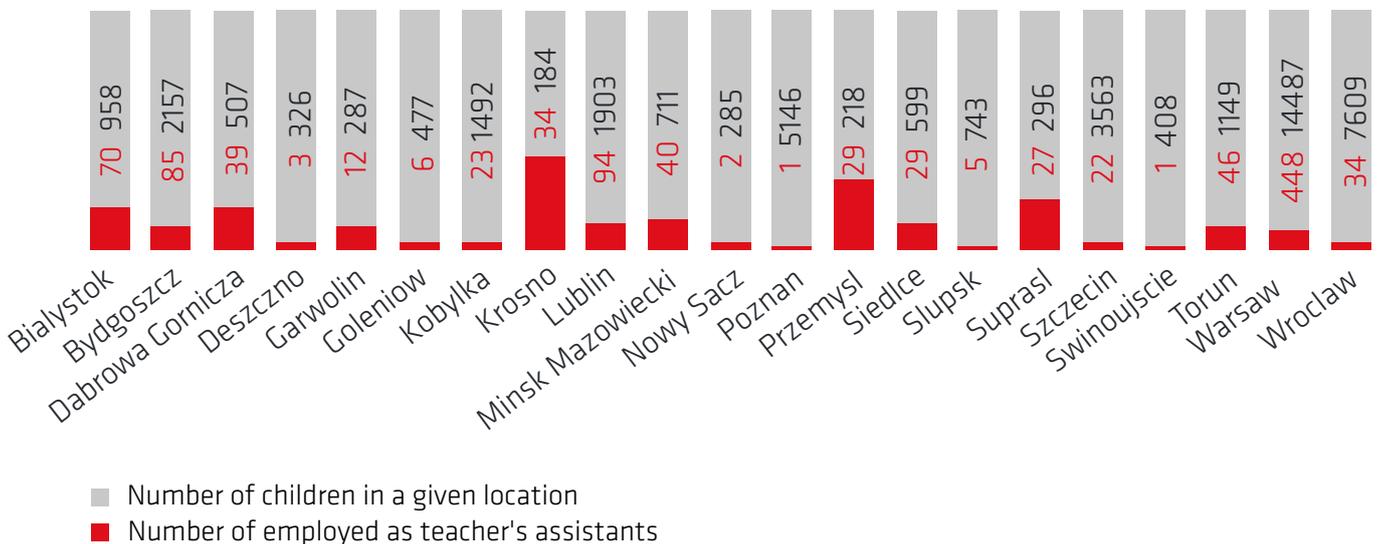


"Cash for Work" in Poland

The number of people employed by PCPM under the "Cash for Work" program in 2022
1527 people in 23 cities



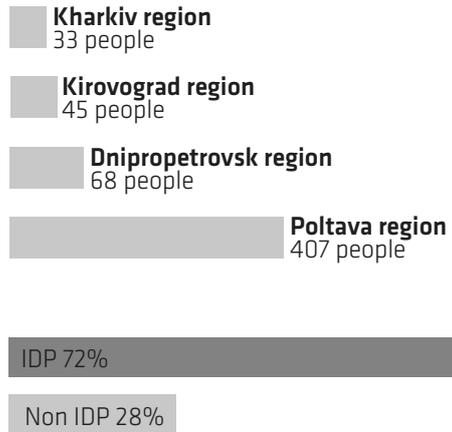
The number of teachers' assistants employed and the number of children in a given location



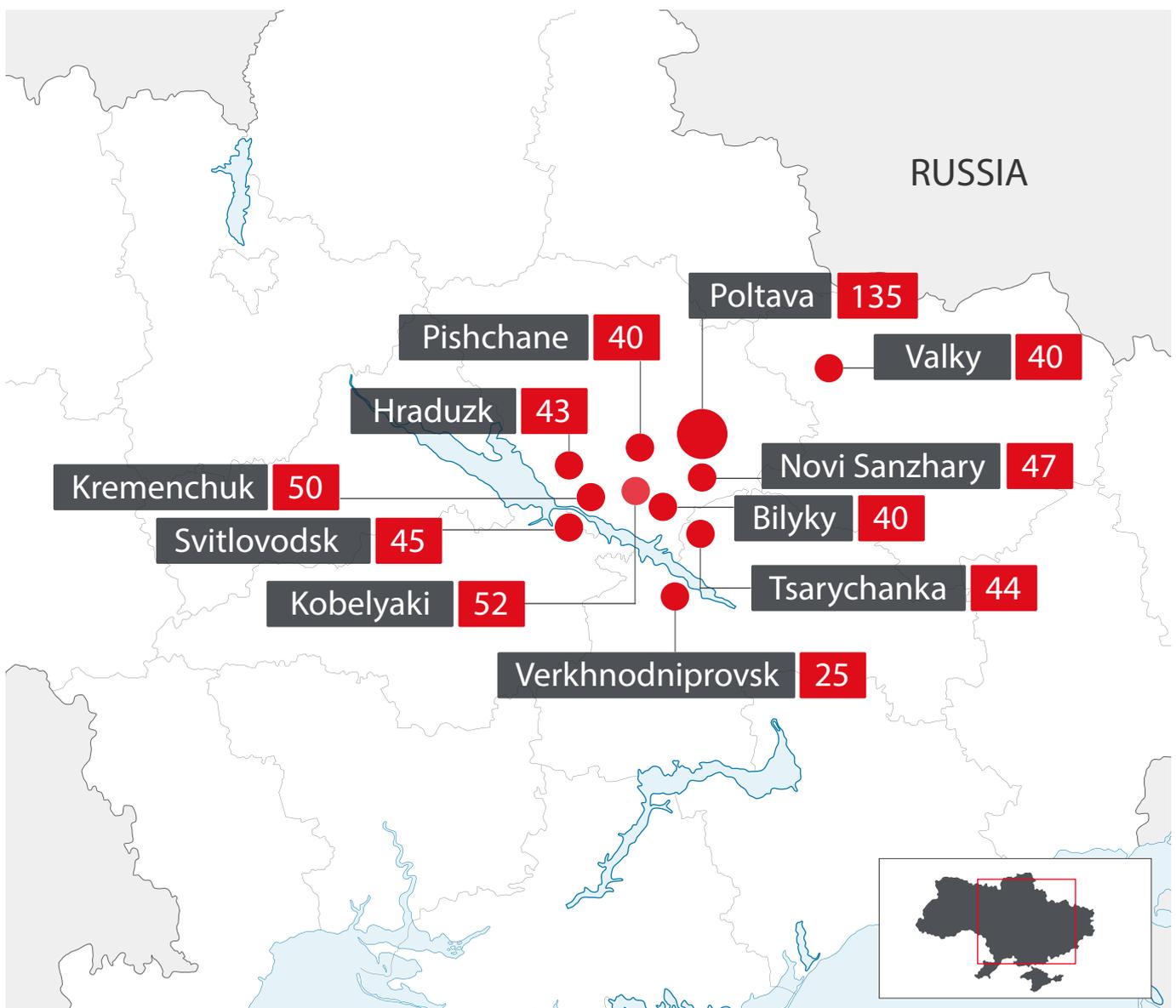


"Cash for Work" in Ukraine

In the towns of Tsarychanka, Svitlovodsk, Krzemenchuk, Novi Sanzhar, Kobeliaki, Hradysk, or Biliki, which are in the Kharkiv, Poltava, Dniprovsk and Kirovohrad regions, we employed 554 people in 2022. This is important support for the employed and local governments, as in some localities in western Ukraine the population has increased by up to 90% as a result of internal migration. 74% of those employed are people who had to flee the eastern part of the country from the war. The work is being coordinated by local governments.



The number of people employed by PCPM under the "Cash for Work" program in Ukraine in 2022
554 people in 11 cities





Financial Aid

In total we supported 26,215 people in two programs:



18 721 people
Cash for basic needs



7 656 people
Targeted Cash Assistance Programme

Refugees from Ukraine often arrive in Poland with only small baggage and minimal financial resources. That's why among our programs we offer financial aid or support with renting apartments. We provided financial aid to 26,215 people. Depending on the program the family or individual received support for 3 or 6 months.

In total, we allocated more than PLN 50,000,000 to this program. Together with UNHCR, we allocated an additional PLN 6,400,000 for the program. These sums were possible thanks to the financial support of international organizations: Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), CARE international, International Rescue Committee (IRC), UNHCR, Helpage International and the Taiwanese government.

Financial aid was paid under two programs - "Cash for basic needs" and "Targeted Cash Assistance Program." They were based on transferring financial aid to refugee families via a pre-paid ATM card and were later available to Polish bank accounts of refugees. Assistance was offered primarily to families meeting criteria related to special needs and experiencing difficulties in accessing the labor market. Under "Cash for basic needs" assistance was provided for three months and was based on the number of people in the family. A one-person family received PLN 710 per month, a two-person family PLN 1320, a three-person family PLN 1930 a four-person family or more PLN 2540. Program partners are: NRC, CARE International, UNHCR. The total amount provided was PLN 29,500,000 and was received by 18,721 people.

Within the framework of the "Targeted Cash Assistance Program" we offered financial assistance for 6 months, in the amount of monthly benefits amounted to PLN 710 per person. In total, thanks to IRC, CARE International, HelpAge International and the Taiwanese government, we provided PLN 32,500,000 to 7,656 people.



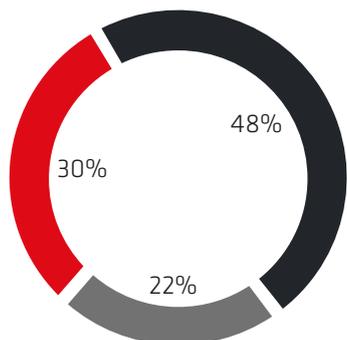


The number of people registered for the cash assistance program in 2022

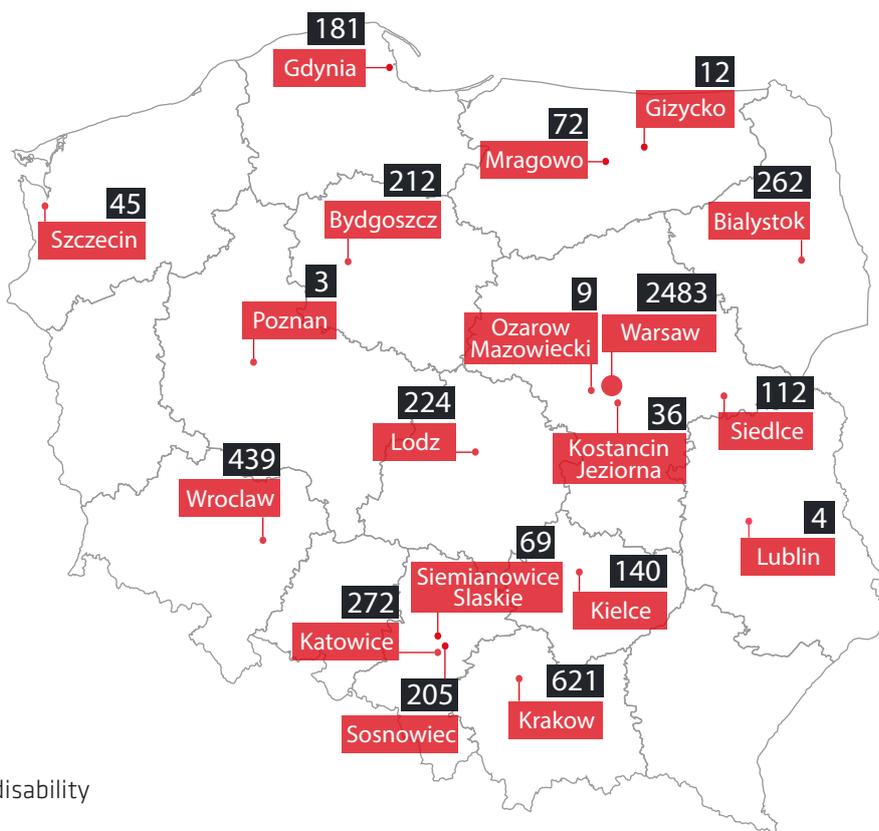


7, 656

5 401 households



- people over 60-years-old
- person(s) with disabilities
- legal caretakers of person(s) with a disability





Educational Institutions

"We allocated a total of USD 18 million for education-related assistance in Poland."

Wojtek Wilk PhD,
President of the PCPM Foundation

In Warsaw, we opened 2 facilities for children from Ukraine

The Center for Education and Creativity was established in cooperation with mBank. Children, adolescents and single mothers in Poland can benefit from a range of artistic and therapeutic activities, including free assistance from a psychologist, speech therapist and defectologist. Approximately 4,000 people visited the facility every month. In order for the children to get a sense of normality, we organized a youth camp "Summer in Poland with PCPM" for 3,000 refugee children during the summer. The camp was held in 10 Polish cities.

In cooperation with UNICEF, we set up a special hotline for parents to obtain information about their children's education in Poland.

"In September, an Education Center was established. It is used daily by 220 children from Ukraine, who in 11 classes study in the Ukrainian education system."

Kinga Gromala,
Director of PCPM Education Center

In response to the needs of Ukrainian parents, The PCPM Foundation concluded that an educational facility was needed. Thus, with the financial support of mBank, the Pfizer Foundation and CAF America (Charities Aid Foundation America), we opened the Education Center in the "Zebra Tower" office building in Warsaw.

As part of our educational activities, we funded 25 scholarships for talented music academy students from Ukraine from cities such as Kharkiv, Mariupol, Kherson and Odessa. The Education Center provides quality learning, which is ensured by teachers selected through a meticulous recruitment process.





Logistical Assistance

"The biggest problem was finding a carrier that would agree to deliver the aid we wanted to provide. As time went by, more and more companies started going to Ukraine and we managed to solve this problem."

Roman Havrylyuk, PCPM Logistician

Since the beginning of the war, PCPM has delivered more than 4,000 tons of supplies. Among them were necessities including food, hygiene products, blankets, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and thermal clothing. We provided

significant support to hospitals, where we supplied ultrasounds, ECG machines, defibrillators, infusion pumps, blood pressure monitors, first aid kits and personal protective equipment.

We would like to recognize the companies that have supported us in providing vehicles for our aid projects. Thanks to them we delivered aid to the border and our staff was able to reach refuges in the various cities where they were staying. The vehicles made available to us also served in the Transit Center at the Warszawa East Railway Station and in the MEDEVAC HUB Jasionka.

The van donated to us by Holding 1 regularly travels to Ukraine to provide humanitarian aid.





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Google and its employees donated 10 million PLN as a part of their commitment to humanitarian efforts for Ukraine. Those funds are donations from employees matched by Google.org. The amount of support still rises. These funds help us to develop the "Cash for Work" program and hire assistants who help Ukrainian children attending Polish schools.



With the support from Pfizer Foundation we are developing employment program of Ukrainian refugees as teaching assistants in schools, kindergartens and educational institutions throughout Poland. Teachers assistants play an important role in the everyday creation of a friendly and safe learning environment for more than 25,000 children. Pfizer Foundation funds also allow us to respond to Latvia's largest refugee crisis to date, we have provided assistance to more than 32,000 refugees from Ukraine at Latvia-Russia border crossings.



It was already in the first days of the war when mBank came up with a unique fundraising tool addressed to customers of various banks through the Paynow payment gateway. mBank also encouraged its customers to support us through the transaction service and mobile application. Together we also opened the Center for Education and Creativity and the Education Center, which operates in the space that mBank shared with us. We use funds collected thanks to mBank to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

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Allegro encouraged its customers to contribute to the fundraiser while doing everyday shopping. Every customer could add a contribution worth 10, 20, 50 and 100 PLN to their shopping cart. Thousands of Allegro customers turned out to be big-hearted people. The funds collected thanks to Allegro allow us to continuously supply humanitarian aid and develop aid projects in Poland and Ukraine.



The war in Ukraine forced millions of people to leave their houses, and airbnb.org helped us to find for them temporary housing in Poland.

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