

Preamble

On the 5th of March 2022 the Euro RGB gave their blessings for the creation of the ISKCON Relief team. The core team that then moved forward with this relief initiative was Kamala Priya dd, Mahaprabhu das, Parabhakti das, Praghosa dasa and Sukanti Radha dd. So much has happened since then that it would be difficult to include everything in this report but I will attempt to include all the key developments via this summary:

Summary of support and help given via the ISKCON Relief Team to Ukrainian Refugees

Core-Team Activities:

- Started to build the ISKCON Relief Core-Team
- Identified and established coordinators for the different European countries
- Developed a strategy for communication and cooperation between all the coordinators and the core team
- Contacted temples in Ukraine and released information about the ISKCON Relief Team and the support they can offer to refugees.
- Explained the safest route out of Ukraine, to an ISKCON community where they could take shelter
- Assisted the coordinators in making contact with the refugees
- Provided information about the possibilities available in the European countries both in the temples and congregational settings, as well as from government sources
- Facilitated weekly meetings with the coordinators in providing information and updates on the situation, as well as hearing reports from the different countries hosting refugees, as well as the coordination of refugees moving to new places
- Facilitated online seminars in support of the coordinators by Rambhoru dd.
- Compiled weekly ISKCON Relief reports with updates, relevant news, pictures and contact information, which were sent to ISKCON's news channels such as Dandavats and ISKCON News
- Initiated a Facebook and Instagram forum to keep everyone up to speed with developments
- Distributed all funds received to the various yatras hosting refugees according to need
- Arranged one onsite visit to the Czech Republic and Poland. Two members of the Core Team traveled there along with two wealthy donors

Coordinator's Activities:

- Regular communication with refugees to assist them in all possible ways
- Arranged pick-ups at stations and other transport hubs to bring the refugees to their destinations
- Assisted with officially registering refugees in their new country
- Prepared living facilities to the best of their ability
- Provided prasadam on an ongoing basis
- Distributed prasadam on the border of Ukraine, in Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic etc
- Arranged appropriate service engagements for the refugees
- Assisted with the transit of refugees from one country to another
- Assisted with locating medical care when needed
- Provided mentorship and mental help assistance
- Provided clothes, hygiene items and other necessities for the refugees
- Provided local language courses
- Assisted with the registration of children at local schools and provided translation services at local schools
- Assisted refugees with finding and securing employment
- Organised recreational events for both children, youth and adults
- Organised Russian-speaking Sunday programs

Please also find attached a chart showing the number of plates of prasadam that were distributed during this effort.

In terms of finances, here is a summary of funds raised and then distributed. We used both the ISKCON Communications account in Brussels, as well as an ISKCON account in the UK.

ISKCON Communications Europe (ICE) Financial Report

Total donations received: €56,557 (euro) from 70 individuals/yatras/organizations

Donations sent (€ euro):

Poland — 28,000
 Bulgaria — 8,500
 Slovakia — 6,600
 Germany — 4,500
 Spain — 4,000
 Hungary — 3,500

Total — €55,100

ISKCON UK Financial Report

Donations Received: £32,840.32 (stg) from 16 individuals/yatras/organizations

Donations sent (£ Stg):

Poland — 15,375.81

Hungary — 8,030.97

Czech / Slovakia — 5,093.90

Latvia — 1,714.53

Spain — 1,562.67

Other — 266.49

Total — £32,044.37