



International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals

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1. SUPPLYING LIFE SAVING MEDICATIONS

Last week, with the help of the Rotary Club of Leoben (Austria), the Fellowship¹ purchased 7,110 Euros worth medications - these have already reached selected hospitals in Ukraine via Rotary network.



Photo from an Austrian Rotarian: *'Austrian Packages with children's antibiotics being sorted in AU for destinations in UA. 50% donations by IRFHP. How is this for collaboration!'*

Message from Ukrainian medical colleague

'Happy Easter everyone even in this tough times. I'm happy to announce that our delivery from Austria arrived Lviv 30min ago. The team there is already unloading and preparing for further transport!'

2. TOURNIQUETS

Tourniquets are life-saving devices to stop bleeding – the Ukrainian doctors have requested a regular supply of these devices, as the number of the wounded is increasing almost daily.

In March the Fellowship funded the purchase of 5000 tourniquets (30,600 Euros).

We've now agreed the purchase of 5000 more. We're now considering a request to supply 2000 tourniquets a week, unless the situation improves significantly.

The purchase is being coordinated by colleagues in Slovakia.

3. A TRUCK FROM SOMERSET(UK) TO POLAND

There were several pallets of medical items on the truck sent by Bridgewater Rotary Club - these pallets have been directed to frontline hospitals in Ukraine and have arrived there safely.



¹ This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.



In a message, a medical colleague from Ukraine said: 'Thank you for your support. All medicines, scalpels, and other items from your pallet have gone to a frontline mobile field hospital.... Everyone liked solar powered lamps and head lamps.'



4. PATIENTS IN UKRAINE

In March, in response to a request from colleagues in Ukraine, we sent GBP 5000 to the Rotary District account there. District Governor (2232) Volodymyr Bondarenko says: *'Thanks to your support, we helped the injured and wounded during the bombing. Mothers and babies, the aging people, the disabled and the rest could enjoy temporal relief when obtaining medicines, foods, drinks, clothes etc. purchased by your charitable money. Transportation costs for Rotarian aids delivering have also been covered.'*

5. OUR CURRENT CHALLENGES

We've received disturbing news about infants and new borns dying due to lack of medications and equipment.

We're in contact with companies in the UK and other parts of the world for essential supplies and medications.

6. FUND RAISING BY OUR CHARITY²

Our focus remains unchanged - to provide medical aid to the victims of the war in Ukraine. We work with medical colleagues in Ukraine and respond to their requests. All our supplies are coordinated by Rotarians on the frontline, supported by many Rotarians in Austria, Italy, Poland.

Thank you to all those who have supported our work so far. In this bulletin, I have mentioned the funds we have already used from your donations. In future bulletins I'll add a regular section about how your donations are being used. In the meantime, if you need any further information, please contact me.

Please do visit our website for uptodate information.

² International Rotary Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals (UK) Trust Fund is a registered Charity in England and Wales. Charity number is 1195213.

7. OUR CONNECTIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Our regular and direct contact with colleagues in Ukraine gives us first-hand knowledge about the challenges they are facing and respond to them.

With the help of Rotary network, we're able to target help to frontline hospitals in a timely way.

Our Medical Advisor and Global Transportation Coordinator Dr Shobhna Shah has been able to offer logistical support to medical convoys from other countries and organizations thus avoiding waste, backlog and accumulation of cargo. We will be happy to share our experience with anyone, who is planning medical aid to the people of Ukraine.

The medical needs of the people of Ukraine are complex – in addition to the injured, there are various groups who need support - pregnant mothers, newborns, those with chronic medical conditions, cancer patients, the disabled and the elderly.

There is also massive mental health issues affecting professionals and others – especially children.

We'll be happy to collaborate with anyone who care for the people of Ukraine.

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