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# **PRESS RELEASE**

# Emergency Humanitarian Aid Organization Japan Platform Launching "Response to Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis 2022" Accepting donations now

Public-private partnership providing aid that meets that needs of people in distress

Japan Platform (JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) – an emergency humanitarian aid organization established in 2000 in partnership among NGOs, the government, and the business community – decided to provide humanitarian assistance in Ukraine where Russia's military invasion has created over 1.5 million refugees. We have also begun to call for donations, looking ahead to the possibilities of responding to a prolonged crisis.

JPF calls for an immediate ceasefire to the conflict. United with civil society in Ukraine and around the world, we are committed to providing assistance that maximizes Japan's public-private partnerships.

## **Response to Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis 2022**

- Term: 6 months (Initial Response Period)
- Budget: 600 million yen (expected)
- Locations: Ukraine, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, etc.
- Content: Food, Shelter/NFI, WASH, Health, Education, Protection
- \*Term, budget, and locations subject to change based on future developments.

#### Overview

- Since the Russian military invasion on February 24, a ceasefire agreement has yet to be reached. UN agencies estimate that 18 million people in Ukraine will be affected in the coming months, 6.7 million of whom will be internally displaced\*1, while the number of those who have become refugees in neighboring countries, which has already surpassed 1.5 million\*2, may exceed 4 million\*3. They also claim that \$1.7 billion (around 19.5 billion yen) will be needed to provide humanitarian aid\*4.
- ❖ On February 25, JPF decided that its member NGOs conduct an initial assessment, ascertaining aid needs and procurement of supplies in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Within Ukraine in particular, while the injured are in need of medical treatment, problems have been identified such as water and electricity outages due to the destruction of infrastructure, and shortages of medical supplies due to stagnant distribution. In addition, we have identified possible support needs for food, NFIs, temporary housing, water and sanitation, medical care, and mental health care for the internally displaced persons and refugees who have fled to neighboring countries.
- Due to the ban on adult males (between ages 18 and 60) leaving the country, most refugees are women, children, and the elderly. In times of conflict, it is essential to provide protection and considerations for those who are more vulnerable, and in providing assistance, special attention should be paid to the more vulnerable persons as well as careful considerations for Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH).
- ❖ JPF member NGOs will provide assistance in Ukraine and neighboring countries such as Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Moldova, and Romania, where there is concern for further influx of refugees. In full cooperation and coordination with relevant authorities and partners, we will respond flexibly to any deterioration or prolongation of the situation and provide assistance with the highest priority given to the human rights and protection of those facing difficult circumstances in this crisis. Updates will be posted on the JPF website and social media.

<sup>\*</sup>Assistance within Ukraine will be provided on condition that safety and freedom of movement of the staff are ensured.



- \*1 OCHA, Ukraine: Humanitarian Impact Situation Report (6 March 2022)
- \*2 UNHCR, Ukraine Refugee Situation
- \*3 UNHCR, Ukraine Situation: Regional Refugee Response Plan (1 March 2022)
- \*4 UN seeks \$1.7 billion as humanitarian needs soar in Ukraine and neighbouring countries (1 March 2022)

#### Donationg to JPF Response to Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis 2022

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If you would like to contribute to the funding for emergency initial assessments of potential future disasters and conflicts, please support us by making a general donation. \*Donations to this account will go towards JPF activities in generall, not to specific programs such as the "Response to Ukrainian Humanitarian Crisis 2022".

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#### **♦**About Japan Platform (JPF)

JPF is Japan's emergency humanitarian assistance mechanism that was established in 2000 as an equal partnership among the NGOs, the business community, and the government. During both emergency and non-emergency times, it functions as a platform where the three parties and diverse people can collaborate by leveraging their strengths and resources. Through JPF, Japanese assistance is delivered quickly and effectively to people affected by natural disasters within and outside of Japan, as well as to refugees and internally displaced persons due to conflicts. To date, JPF has provided humanitarian assistance to more than 50 countries and regions, with a total of over 72 billion yen through more than 1,800 projects. While supporting over 40 member NGOs, each with its own specialties, in various ways and sharing information with them, JPF implements programs that are rooted in the needs of those who require assistance as a professional provider of emergency humanitarian assistance.



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