WELCOME!

Please join us by entering into our opening worship

How Can We Help the People of Ukraine?

March 20, 2022

OCMM Meeting for Learning

Meeting for Learning Overview

QUESTIONS:

- What motivates us to want to help the people of Ukraine?
- What do we seek to achieve by helping?
- What harm might we cause and how could we avoid that unintentional negative impact?
- How can we best assist in effective and impactful ways?

Ukraine

- Slightly smaller than Texas, 20-hour drive from east to west
- 44 million people – more than California
- Was part of the Union of Soviet Socialist States (USSR) 1922=1991

Ukraine Soviet Socialist Republic - Borders frequently changed over its 72-year history

POLL: CRISIS

WHEN DID THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS START IN UKRAINE?

- 2004
- 2013
- 2014
- 2021
- 2022

2004 – Orange Revolution – Viktor Yushchenko challenged the election – Supreme Court later ruled largely rigged, poisoned him, but came to power
2013 – Revolution of Dignity – Euromaidan protests after Viktor Yanukovych began moving away from an association agreement that had been in the works with the EU and chose to establish closer ties with the Russian Federation. Protests.
2014 – Russian armed intervention and invasion Crimea (Feb. 2014), separatist enclaves in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions – 34 INGOs and 9 UN agencies had a presence before this invasion – primarily concentrated in east 2 regions– Russian-backed separatists vs. Ukr military – e.g., ICRC, WFP, Save the Children, Norwegian Refugee Council helping over 1.4 million IDPs, more than 10K civilians killed or injured, more than 3 million in need before this latest crisis. Very high % of vulnerable people affected: elderly and persons with disabilities account for more than 30% of the people living in conflict-affected Ukraine, according to the UN pre-war
Feb. 24, 2022 invasion

Ukraine

Source: UK MoD / Institute for the Study of War (21:00 GMT, 18 March)

Legend:
- Russian military control
- Russian advances
- Direction of Russian advance

3+ million refugees, 1.9 million est. IDP, 12 million est. of who needs human assist if fighting continues during next 3 months, 34+ healthcare facilities damaged

POLL: HELP

IN WHICH WAYS HAVE YOU ALREADY HELPED THE UKRAINIANS SINCE THE CURRENT FIGHTING BEGAN? Check all that apply.

❑ Kept myself informed of the crisis, to some extent
❑ Reached out to Ukrainian Quakers or others
❑ Donated clothes, blankets, and/or other items
❑ Made a financial gift to a humanitarian organization
❑ Took an advocacy action, like signing a petition or calling a politician
❑ Organized opportunities for people to learn more
❑ Rented an AirBnB room from a Ukrainian
❑ Took other action
❑ Have not (yet) taken action

Discussion in pairs

- **WHY:** What motivates me to want to help the people of Ukraine? How have I helped in the past when other humanitarian crises have come to my attention?
- **HOW:** What would I like to see achieved by my helping? What personal interest do I have in helping certain populations or meeting specific needs, like healthcare or shelter?

What kind of help might be good?

FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

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What kind of help might not be so good?

- SWEDOW – Stuff We Don't Want
- Example: fur coats sent to tropical Haiti
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CHECKLIST FOR HELPING

WHEN PEOPLE OUTSIDE MY HOME COMMUNITY FACE A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

- ❌ Why do I want to help? For what purposes?
- ❌ Who decided what type of help is needed and how did they decide that?
- ❌ Does the help apply limited resources in ways that maximally address gaps?
- ❌ Does the help have any potential to cause harm?

PICKING AN ORGANIZATION TO DONATE TO

Charity Navigator and other rating organizations worth checking

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WHEN PEOPLE OUTSIDE MY HOME COMMUNITY FACE A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

☒ Does the organization already have people and partners on the ground?

☒ Does the organization routinely do this kind of humanitarian work?

☒ Does the organization have the capacity to absorb significant increases in funding?

☒ Does the organization have a close connection to direct implementation of the humanitarian response?

☒ Does the organization have professionals making market salaries?

☒ Does the organization have the capacity to monitor use of funds?