



ISKCON RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

WEEK 7

ISKCON RELIEF – FIGURES

Devotees from Europe and even other parts of the world have tirelessly continued their sincere endeavors to help devotees and refugees from Ukraine to find shelter, care and support. The following figures are from week 7.

Food For Life – Prasadam Distribution Week 7	Plates
Czech Republic	2,500 plates
Hungary	2,500 plates + bread and sweets
Poland	2,100 plates
France	100



Country	New Refugees received last week	Refugees Remaining
Bulgaria	2	42
Czech Republic	0	76 (incl. 35 children)
Croatia	0	14
Denmark	2	30 (incl. 11 children)
Hungary	0	43 (incl. 15 children)
Italy	0	17
Poland	37	Warsaw: 70 Wrocław: 25 Wałbrzych: 30
Portugal	4 are on the way	
Romania	2 transiting	0

Slovakia	0	16 (incl. 8 children)
Slovenia	0	5
Spain	4	35
Sweden	5	31 (incl. 20 at Almvik Farm)

ISKCON RELIEF – REPORTS

Devotee communities all over Europe and even in other parts of the world sincerely trying their utmost to support and help devotees and refugees from Ukraine. Not only are they supplying accommodation, food, clothes, and other facilities, but they are also helping refugees to deal with registration issues, school registration for children or finding jobs and to build up new futures and their lives again.

Poland: Last week some refugee devotees traveled to Austria and even to Japan. Additionally, a lot of paper work and documents were filled in. Also, quite a few nice jobs came along from the contacts Rasikendra got. Couple of our teenagers were admitted to the hospital with heart palpitations and difficulties with breathing, all signs of severe stress. The wonderful refugee team focused this week on organizing several fun filled activities for the refugee children which made them very happy. The Wroclaw team headed by Nama Rasana and Jahnavi took all the refugee children and their parents to a day out in the Zoo. It was an unforgettable experience. In Walbrzych Krsna Sambandha and his glorious family celebrated his birthday by cooking a huge feast for their refugee team and then took them out on hike in beautiful nearby areas. In Warsaw Rasikendra and Mathuranath took all the children to a fancy playground for the day.

Czech Republic: Food distribution in Prague has increased amazingly so that last week 2,500 plates of warm meals could be distributed to refugees.

Slovakia: Devotees are considering to rent or purchase an affordable place in Slovakia to accommodate more refugees. This would be important considering the fact that many refugees want to go back to Ukraine after the war and would therefore like to stay close to the border.

So far, there is not much interest for devotee refugees to go to the US or Canada.

Sweden: The Danish temple devotees helped one mother with two daughters to travel to the Almvik Farm in Sweden. Additionally, two more devotees from Ukraine arrived at the farm last week. Now 20 refugees are at Almvik farm and 11 at other ISKCON communities in Sweden. Devotees organize Swedish language lessons and the Ukrainian children have started to go to school. People from the nearby town Järna donated several bicycles for the kids and two shops donate almost daily surplus food.

Denmark: In order to give space to ten mothers and their children plus four male devotee refugees who have arrived during the past two weeks from Ukraine, all brahmacharies except one left the temple and stay now with their families. “We are all serving them [the refugees] to the best of our ability, providing them with a variety of tasty prasadam, giving them new beds, blankets, bedsheets and whatever clothes they need, including ordering many new

sarees, dhotis, anarkalis, gopiskrits and chaddars etc. from Vrindavan. And trying to find appropriate apartments for them to live close to the temple.” (Kesava Priya dd)

Ireland: The devotees in Ireland have accommodation in the temple for Ukrainian devotees. Please get in contact with them for more information. The temple is part of UK even though it’s located in Ireland.

Italy: 17 devotee refugees are staying at different temples in Italy. One Ukrainian devotee in Villa Vrindavana met with the leaders of a bridge association between the government and refugees. He got a lot of information regarding refugee’s stay in Italy. They will also provide the possibility of small paid jobs, Italian courses and access to clothes and materials for daily use.

The number of devotees and refugees in Italy remains low (around 80,000 total) because the government has not yet made the economic aid operational.

ISKCON RELIEF – VIDEOS

Zee News: ISKCON helping Ukrainian Refugees

<https://twitter.com/ZeeNews/status/1504290568075374595?t=IMUi9Xl6YYkYzhAONu9mfQ&s=08>

Sakshi TV: Interview with ISKCON Devotee Helping Ukrainian Refugees

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQqy0seunXE>

Sakshi TV: Ukraine ISKCON Devotees Great Words About Lord Krishna.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW2iFFiV9xI>

ISKCON RELIEF – RESOURCES

Relocation Services

The ISKCON Relocation Services is run by Loka Pavani Devi Dasi and three of her Vaishnavi colleagues. They work tirelessly to put together useful and updated information about available help which can be accessed in different European countries. Such information includes government benefits, government accommodations, relocation in temples and devotee’s homes, or a list of ISKCON centres especially equipped in helping women and children to get safe facilities. Refugees can find different options, and make informed decisions on where to go. You can find all this information at the ‘Country Specific Fact Sheets for Ukrainian Devotees’ at

<http://eurorgb.org/ukraine-crisis-resources/>.

Crisis Management Support

Compassionate Listening Circles with Rambhoru Devi Dasi.

Every Sunday 8:00 – 9:30 pm CET on Zoom.

Contact and registration: Rambhoru@gmail.com

Crisis Management Team

The Crisis Management Team has appointed local coordinators for several countries. These local coordinators offer help to refugees and the assisting devotees. Don't hesitate to contact them.

A list of the national coordinators for several countries can be found at:

<http://eurorgb.org/ukraine-crisis-structure/>



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