



ISKCON RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

WEEK 13

ISKCON RELIEF – FIGURES

Devotees from Europe, as well as other parts of the world, have tirelessly continued their sincere endeavour to help devotees from Ukraine to find shelter, care and support. The following figures are for week 13 of this devotee care / relief effort.

ISKCON Relief – Food Distribution, Week 13	Quantity (FFL and/or in temples and houses)
Czech Republic	2.500
Poland	3.700
Slovakia	385
Spain	390

Country	Refugees being Hosted
Czech Republic	77 (incl. 36 children)
France (New Mayapur)	3 adults
Germany	180
Hungary	50 (incl. 14 children)
Italy	18 (incl. 9 children)
Poland	120 (incl. 25 newly arrived)
Britain (excluding Northern Ireland)	29
Scotland	3
Slovakia	18 (incl. 8 children)
Spain	15 (incl. 5 children)
Sweden	32 (incl. 19 at Almvik Farm)



ISKCON RELIEF – REPORTS

Important General Message:

The following centres have now reached full capacity and cannot receive any more refugee devotees until further notice:

1. ISKCON Germany
2. ISKCON Spain

UK:

In the UK a regular stream of Ukrainian devotees are arriving from other European countries as well as from Ukraine itself. Devotees see the UK government's Humanitarian Scheme to help Ukrainian Refugees as a viable option. These are the key points of this scheme;

Individual sponsors are required to provide homes or at least a spare room that is rent free for up to a year, and for a minimum of 6 months. In return, sponsors receive £350 a month. (Welsh and Scottish governments act as a Super-host) Ukrainians arriving in the UK as part of this scheme are granted 3 years leave to remain, with an entitlement to work, as well as access to benefits and public services.

Since last week devotees have arrived in Scotland and England. We are trying to meet them in person where possible, but we also consult them on the phone advising them how to open a UK bank account, get a UK phone SIM card, apply for UK benefits and how to look for regular work. There are many work possibilities, and at the present moment in time the UK employment market is pretty vast vacancy wise.

A regular event now is many of the existing Ukrainian refugees, as well as new arrivals, are participating in our Russian speaking Sunday program. All the devotees are very excited about London's first Ratha Yatra this year, which will be held in Watford on the 11th of June.

Please contact ukraine-crisis@iskcon.london if you would like to find out more about the UK scheme, or join our group on Telegram where all the relevant information is pinned and many devotees are discussing their experiences.

<https://t.me/+KcB7S6NmDbM2Yjdk>

Latvia:

Riga's Food For Life Team, with the help of the Indo-Latvian Chamber of Commerce, is now providing hot meals to refugees from Ukraine three times a week. This is in addition to their longstanding Food For Life distribution program. The hot meals, warm milk porridge and fruits are distributed in the main refugee Reception Center in beautiful Old Riga

This program is organized by Prema Tarangini dd who herself is a refugee, arriving in Latvia in March this year where she was nicely welcomed and accommodated at the ISKCON Food For Life Riga center. Before the war Prema Tarangini dd was, for many years, a producer at The Kiev theatre. Unfortunately though, she had to leave because her home district was repeatedly attacked by Russian rockets. Prema Tarangini dd is also supplying refugees with information and guidance on how to register and get governmental support in Latvia. Speaking the same language definitely helps to better assist and guide the newly arrived refugees in Riga.

Greater Latvian society has so far accepted more than 25,000 refugees from Ukraine.

ISKCON RELIEF – PHOTOS



Last Sunday the Russian speaking Sunday program was held in one of Central London’s parks.





Ukrainian refugee Prema Tarangini dd, distributes hot meals and fruits to newly arrived refugees at the main refugee Reception Center in Old Riga.



Hrisiksha das, leader of the temple in Riga, with his team preparing Food For Life distribution.

ISKCON RELIEF WEBSITE

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<http://iskconrelief.org/>

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ISKCON RELIEF – VIDEOS

Help for Ukraine – ISKCON Poland Yatra

<https://youtu.be/tw6ce5QJ3Lo>

A Well-being-day out in Poland – ISKCON Relief supports mental health care

<https://youtu.be/e31RERZhngA>

ISKCON Food Relief – ISKCON Czech Ukraine Crisis

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

Ukraine devotees at Villa Vrindavana – ISKCON Italy

<https://youtu.be/z8LqLmNowyo>

Refugee Devotees singing the Holy Names in a church in Barcelona where they also distributed samosas

https://youtu.be/vBEgkK9_jo

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://iskconrelief.org/ukraine-crisis-resources/>

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://iskconrelief.org/ukraine-crisis-structure/>



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