



# ISKCON RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

## WEEK 15

### 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 15 of this devotee care / relief effort.

ISKCON Relief – Food Distribution, Week 15	Quantity (FFL and/or in temples and houses)
Hungary	190 Raw food delivered to Ukraine, worth 3.500 €
<b>Poland</b>	3.500

Country	Refugees being Hosted
<b>Britain (excluding Northern Ireland)</b>	36 (1 arrived last week)
<b>Bulgaria</b>	37 (incl. 18 children)
<b>Czech Republic</b>	77 (36 children)
<b>France (New Mayapur)</b>	3

<b>Ireland</b>	15 (incl. 4 children)
Hungary	38 (incl. 10 children)
<b>Poland</b>	125 Plus 16 transiting
<b>Slovakia</b>	18 (incl. 8 children)
<b>Sweden</b>	30 (incl. 17 at Almvik Farm)
<b>Switzerland</b>	62



## **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

### **Belgium:**

The facilities at Radhadesh are at this point all full. There are also no other accommodation facilities available in the Radhadesh area.

### **Italy:**

Villa Vrindavana near Firenze and Prabhupada Dham in Genova are full and cannot host more refugees at this point. However there are still a few places at Villaggio Hare Krishna near Milano and also at Prabhupada Dham in the Venice area. These temples are though requesting that it is important to make expectations clear from both sides (the temples and refugees) before arrival. If you are interested to go to one of these two temples then please get in contact with Parabhakti das through the ISKCON Relief website.

<http://iskconrelief.org/contact/>

### **Latvia:**

Last Friday, June 10, the food distribution was especially dynamic, as many people already know the devotees and are waiting for them to start distributing. Hrishikesha das recalls: I was very touched by the fact that one very elderly mother SPECIFICALLY came to the Riga Support Center for Ukrainian Refugees to taste our prasadam, she said: "This is the most delicious porridge in the world!"

Hrishikesha das would like to express special gratitude to their Indian partners and friends for providing bananas, oranges and bread, which are very much appreciated at the main

distribution center of their Ukrainian program. Even Indian sweets from a team of students led by Professor of Medicine Mrs. Shantala. A big thank you also to Balabhadra who prepared the amazingly delicious porridge, and Paramamrita for the transport. One of the young children, with great joy and wearing a big smile after receiving a banana in one hand and a fragrant orange in the other. What could be more valuable than a child's smile?

### **Scotland:**

The Vaishnava community “Karuna Bhavan” in Scotland invites TWO Vaishnavas who want to live at the temple in a separate apartment. A married couple, with or without children, or two prabhush/matajis.

The community provides accommodation in a 2-room apartment 5 minutes from the temple, pays utilities and food (prasadam). The temple is located in a beautiful suburb of Glasgow, surrounded by nature and the community has a vegetable and alpaca farm. If you wish to be an active part of the yatra and engage in service six days a week then please contact us. Preference is for brahmins, at least one out of the two devotees, or those who are ready to receive a second initiation for Deity worship.

In addition to living in the community, you will receive an allowance from the UK government under their program for Ukrainians. Assistance in applying for a visa and processing documents upon arrival will be given by us.

For more details, please call +380635156808

### **Spain:**

All facilities for refugee devotees coming to Spain are full and there is hardly any support from the Spanish government for Ukrainian refugees. Indeed some refugees want to leave and are looking for alternative places where they can take shelter. If your yatra has some places left, please contact Sukanti Radha devi dasi through the ISKCON Relief website.

<http://iskconrelief.org/contact/>

### **ISKCON RELIEF WEBSITE**

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<http://iskconrelief.org/>

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## ISKCON RELIEF TEAM



### ***MEET THE TEAM - Members of the ISKCON Relief Team***

In this part of our ‘*Meet The Team*’ series we would like to introduce you to the Refugee Coordinator for Poland – **Gaurangi devi dasi**

#### **Gaurangi devi dasi – ISKCON Relief Refugee Coordinator Poland**

Gaurangi devi dasi is a disciple of Indradyumna Swami and is originally from Poland. She is now living with her family in UK. She joined at the age 14 and became one of the first members of the Polish festival tour while continuing her education. She was one of the festival interpreters, a service that she continued for years and which later on helped her in getting qualification to become an official interpreter for the NHS, the Police and other public institutions in her current work in the UK.

Gaurangi is also actively involved at various services at Bhaktivedanta Manor where she mainly works with ISKCON Educational Services. This department just celebrated 30 years of hosting hundreds of primary and secondary schools in the UK who visit the temple as part of their religious education. It's a very unique program where many young minds are eager to learn about Krsna's culture and philosophy.

Furthermore Gaurangi also serves as a safeguarding governor at the local Gurukula.

Since the beginning of the war, Gaurangi has regularly been writing weekly reports about the refugee aid which is given by the devotees in Poland.

Gaurangi is known for her steady, excellent and dedicated service, and she is always ready to serve and assist the devotees.





**ISKCON RELIEF – PHOTOS**



*Prasadam distribution in Poland*



*Refugee devotees in the UK*



## **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](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/>

# **Alert**

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All ISKCON Europe - Ukraine Crisis Management

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