

Delivering the goods

Providing life-saving medicines and equipment, **Ukraine**

Crown Agents are at the forefront of the Ukraine crisis, procuring and delivering critical, life-saving medical goods and equipment to support and protect the most vulnerable who are impacted by the conflict.

The problem

On February 24, 2023, Russia invaded Ukraine. The World Health Organization has documented attacks on healthcare and incidents which have killed and injured many civilians, as well as destroyed facilities and ambulances, disrupting access to essential health services within the country ¹. According to the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, the invasion has resulted in more than 2.5 million people fleeing Ukraine with a further 1.85 million people internally displaced ². Oxygen and medical supplies, including for the management of pregnancy complications, are running dangerously low.

The partner

Crown Agents has worked in Ukraine and been a partner of the Ukrainian Government for over 25 years. The not-for-profit international development company are embedded in the Ministry of Health, the organization knows the country's health landscape and has links to distribution networks and warehousing. Crown Agents ensures essential products reach the people who need them most in the quickest time possible.

The philanthropic solution

With experienced teams on the ground, Crown Agents provides essential aid from their offices in Ukraine and humanitarian base in Poland. When the invasion occurred, Crown Agents responded within 24 hours, ensuring goods were delivered to the most vulnerable. By utilizing existing networks, Crown Agents were able to get aid into parts of Ukraine that are difficult to reach and receive daily updates on the critical needs of the population in real-time. Crown Agents supports

humanitarian efforts on the ground by using funds towards procuring and delivering critical, life-saving medical goods and equipment.

The evidence

For decades, Crown Agents has been a go-to partner in delivering life-changing and life-saving solutions in complex and difficult environments, from reducing infant and maternal mortality rates through results-based financing in countries like Zimbabwe to coordinating a rapid emergency humanitarian response during the 2015 Nepal earthquake. Crown Agents also were called upon to respond to Ebola in Sierra Leone and to the global COVID-19 response.

The impact

This grant will support Crown Agents to procure and deliver: 200,000 Individual first aid kits; 50,000 items of protective paramedic equipment; search and rescue equipment, as well as the following items: thermal blankets, hygiene kits, dignity kits, new-born kits, medical supplies, tents, fuel, cash support, and communication devices.

How it's helping

Despite the current conflict in Ukraine, Crown Agents have continued to deliver key medicines for children who have received bone marrow transplants, as well as specialized dressings for those suffering from Epidermolysis bullosa, a rare medical condition that can be very painful for the patient.

¹ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/03/1113842>

² <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/mar/11/russia-ukraine-war-numbers-casualties-refugees-aid>

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