

## The Danish Red Cross in Ukraine

Since 2014, the Danish Red Cross has worked together with the Ukraine Red Cross Society, and our cooperation is close and strong. Consequently, when the violence escalated on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, we were in the country and ready to support the civilians as soon as it was needed.

An unprecedented amount of dedication and support from the Danish people has enabled us to cover acute needs and helped us support people in the longer term.

Now, it's been a year and the conflict in Ukraine has taken an unimaginable toll on the country and its population. The critical infrastructure has been severely damaged, and in many places, people have been without food, heating, and electricity for shorter or longer periods of time. Many have lost their homes, while others take cover in ruined buildings. And both children and adults will suffer immense mental health consequences.

But as the conflict continues – and no matter how it develops – we will stay and reach even more people who are facing a battle to survive for a long time to come. We must continue covering the acute needs, while keeping focus on the long-term support, including rebuilding people's lives, homes, and everyday life in general.

The Danish Red Cross will stay in Ukraine for as long as our help is needed. As the war enters its second year, the conflict shows no signs of abating, and it is crucial that we keep working together to provide continued, fast, reliable, and life-changing aid to Ukrainians deeply affected by the situation.