

What Can I Do to Help Ukrainian Refugees?

The War against Ukraine has displaced 10 million people. It has caused mass destruction. Citizens are in need of food, housing and medical care. We make no recommendation of any specific charity, but we are trying to help you find reputable charities, if that's what you want to do to help in some way.

Below are charities that do different kinds of work. They have been checked through Charity Navigator or Charity Watch to verify they spend 80% or more on direct work (and not on overhead and fundraising).

Charity Navigator: *arranged by the type of work they do*

www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=content.view&cpid=9366

Charity Watch: *an alphabetical list of charities with what they are currently doing*

www.charitywatch.org/charity-donating-articles/top-rated-charities-providing-aid-in-ukraine

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has an Emergency Response Fund:

www.uusc.org/ukraine

Note: the money goes into the *general* Emergency Response Fund, which currently is going to Ukraine, but read the fine print.

Two Cautions:

1. Some charities have a **special procedure to donate just to the Ukraine effort**. Some have special funds set up for Ukraine, some have special procedures (like calling a specific office or phone number) and some have no procedure and place the money in a rotating fund for emergencies. Pay attention to the fine print.
2. Groups are advertising in the media/social media requesting money for Ukraine refugees. While the pictures may be compelling, research the group before giving to be sure 80% of the money given goes to The Work and not overhead. There are 3 major nonprofits that evaluate charities: www.charitynavigator.org
www.charitywatch.org
BBB's give.org

Charity Watch has 5 tips to help Identify and Avoiding Scams:

www.charitywatch.org/charity-donating-articles/5-tips-for-avoiding-charity-frauds-scams

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