



Christian Doctors Appeal Sends Medical Supplies to Ukraine

An appeal launched by the ICMDA* has raised £310,000 for much needed medical help in Ukraine. Shipments of medical supplies and drugs are being delivered to a warehouse run by the Christian Medical Association of Ukraine, where they are then distributed to front line Doctors.

The ICMDA appeal, launched on 25 February in response to the crisis in Ukraine, identified the urgent need for medical supplies both within in the war zone and also across the civilian population. Donations have flowed in from national Christian Medical groups affiliated to ICMDA and individual doctors, around the world. The proceeds are being used to resource and support Christian Doctors and Dentists and other healthcare professionals - who are providing medical care and aid to those affected by the war.

Medical supplies are sourced from pharmaceutical companies and wholesalers and dispatched through a newly established supply chain to the CMAU in Lviv. The appeal has also made a number of direct grants, both to support the evacuation of international medical students, to provide aid for refugees and also for Christian Medical groups to source supplies for Ukraine from Poland.

In addition, Christian Doctors and Medical staff around the UK are sourcing and sending surplus and redundant stocks of medical supplies from hospitals and healthcare providers in the UK, through the ICMDA supply chain, to the CMAU in Ukraine.

Peter Saunders, CEO of ICMDA says, "Doctors on the ground in Ukraine tell us they deal daily with many wounded and injured people, in addition to refugees fleeing with all the usual medical conditions. The response by Christian Doctors and Dentists around the world to the Ukraine Appeal has been heart-warming. Their generosity has meant that we can source much needed medical supplies and get them to where they are most needed."

The appeal is coordinated by ICMDA* and CMF*, who are working in partnership with the Christian Medical Association of Ukraine (CMAU*). The CMAU, operates under the authority of the Ukraine Ministry of Health, providing a warehouse and distribution centre to get medicines, consumables, and essential equipment to hospitals, health centres, and frontline paramedics.

Dr Rudi Migovich, President of the CMAU, says, "We have civilians with chronic health needs and hospitals in the war zone that urgently require medical supplies. There are good hospitals and good doctors and nurses here, but they need help with medical materials. What has been sent so far is making a real difference and will save lives here, but we need more. Thank you to everyone who has contributed."



Dr John Greenall, Associate CEO of the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF), has coordinated the network of volunteer Christian healthcare workers within the UK who are sourcing medical supplies as part of the appeal. He says, "We know there is a huge surplus of medical material in the UK. Every ward, theatre, and surgery has cupboards full of supplies that are no longer useful here. We are encouraging members to seek permission to send these items, through this appeal, to Ukraine. This is the moment to make something that might otherwise go to waste – make a difference and help save lives."

Details of the appeal can be found on the ICMDA website <https://icmda.net/ukraineappeal/> or email ukraine@icmda.net

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- * ICMDA – The International Christian Medical and Dental Association
- * CMF – The Christian Medical Fellowship (In the UK)
- *CMAU – The Christian medical Association of Ukraine