

CR4U

CATHOLIC RESPONSE FOR UKRAINE

WORKING GROUP

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In early March 2022, the representatives of major global Catholic-inspired humanitarian organizations formed a Catholic Response for Ukraine Working Group (CR4U) to coordinate their actions in the affected region (Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Moldova, and Romania).

The guiding principle for the coordination efforts is based on cultivating dialogue with the first-line actors as well as global level organizations.

MEMBERS

International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

Msgr. Robert Vitillo - Secretary General
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Fr. Alberto Ares, SJ - Regional Director
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The Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE)

José Luis Bazán - Secretary of the COMECE
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The Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE)

Fr. Luis Okulik - Secretary of the Commission
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MEMBERS

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Dr. Ivo Graziani - Chief of Cabinet to the
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Yuriy Tykhovlis - Regional Coordinator - Eastern Europe, Central Asia

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THE SHARED STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUSED ON FIVE MAJOR AREAS

Data gathering and analysis

collecting data from all sources and preparing regular and frequent updates for all the members of the working group.

1

Advocacy

monitoring the political scenario and fostering dialogue with the national governments and European Union (EU), other European institutions, and other multilateral organizations, such as the United Nations-related bodies.

3

Communications

elaborating and implementing a communication strategy for all the members of the working group

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Humanitarian assistance

coordinating the range of services to various categories of people of concern and ensuring the necessary funds. Two particular areas of need reported were capacity-building in protection (especially child protection) and mental health and psychosocial services.

2

Spiritual care

ensuring the presence of pastoral agents (priests, religious and lay people) to cater to the displaced

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WEEKLY UPDATES

The Working Group produces weekly updates on the situation in Ukraine and surrounding countries, featuring responses by the UN and other multi-lateral organizations as well as that of Working Group members, other Catholic-inspired, faith-based, and non-governmental organizations and other pertinent networking information and resource materials.

Convenings of the Working Group are held bi-weekly and include presentations by various resource persons as well as updates by the Members and by officials of the Roman Curia and first-responders at field level.



ONE PROPOSAL

Jesuit support to Ukraine Crisis

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