

March 4th – UPDATE

Dorohi,

I decided to send another quick update today, as the information is imperative to disseminate given its time sensitive matter.

We continue to work with AICM (Association Internationale de Coopération Medicine) and have wired another installment on Thursday and will send another installment today. AICM sent us a brief update yesterday, which I wanted to share with you - copy in blue below.

UCCA's President Andriy Futey and I spoke to a company that will be working with UCCA, collecting funds to purchase M-FAK kits (medical packs for frontline soldiers. M-FAK packs are compact and versatile first aid kits that contain first responders' most requested critical point-of-wounding medical equipment for treating penetrating, blast or other traumatic injuries in the line of duty). They have the ability to deliver the kits directly to Lviv!!! They are targeting their network with the link, but should you like to donate, please visit and/or share their mightycause link, as the need for M-FAKs is urgent-
<https://www.mightycause.com/story/Koacore>

We understand that many communities are purchasing vital needs for both our Ukrainian freedom fighters as well as humanitarian aid needs. UCCA has initiated a working group with other organizations who are providing humanitarian aid so that we can share information, and cover as many avenues as possible – the first meeting was held yesterday evening. We are hoping to develop a “Clearing House” of sorts where our hromada can view what each organization is providing, what is needed, etc. so that we are as effective as possible during these troubling times. I will be updating you on any imperative developments from these meetings.

*There have been requests from Ukraine's Ministry of Defense that any bulletproof vests donated should be **class 5 or above** (although heard last night that they will accept class 4). Anything lower will not protect our defenders.

Over the past few days, I have had the honor of giving presentations to several companies about UCCA and its humanitarian work to help our brethren in Ukraine. I am happy to report that these presentations have yielded significant donations to our cause. To this end, UCCA has opened a subaccount at Self Reliance (NY) FCU where businesses can wire money, rather than donate via an online platform. Should you have a donor who would like to wire money directly to UCCA please contact me – this subaccount will be used solely for humanitarian aid to Ukraine – as always UCCA does not take any funds for administrative costs from these funds (both online as well as in the bank).

I have been hearing about all the assistance our organizations and branches are doing – DYAKUYU – you are all saviors!!!! We are in for a very long process, but together we can not be beat!! Serdechno Dyakuyu for ALL the work you are doing!!!

“The situation is difficult, but the AICM is operational.

As we collected the last Ukrainian medicines from our list available in Ukraine yesterday at Dnipro, to be distributed this weekend, we spent the whole day remotely preparing medicines and trauma care components for a large sum in the Netherlands.



The NL supplier sent us a photo of our shipment this afternoon which you can share with your donors.

We still have some food and hygiene packs to buy as soon as the wholesale supermarkets reopen but we will need a lot more funds, if it is possible for you, to maintain our work and respond to the emergency which is absolutely huge. To be sure to continue, we have to order new medical components to reserve them asap. We are quite alone on the ground at the moment with the ICRC. The United Nations is in the western part. Some local NGOs are doing their best. But security is not guaranteed.

Please know that UCCA and UUARC are working hand in hand!

До Перемоги!
Tamara